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A Network for Improving Quality of Care  
for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

**Updates- June 2021**

## **NEW COUNTRY RESOURCES**

### **Ethiopia National Quality and Safety Summit 2021 Proceedings Report**

The Federal Ministry of Health, Ethiopia hosted a National Quality and Safety Summit on 6 & 7 May 2021 with the theme: *“People centered and integrated health services: the pathway for better clinical outcomes and confidence in the system”*. The aim of the summit was to share the learnings from MNH Quality Improvement initiatives and other key quality improvement programs in Ethiopia. A proceedings report drafted by the FMOH, is now made available on [the QoC Network website](#) to share the experience and learning in Ethiopia. In September 2021, the outcomes and next steps will be presented as part of the Network’s National Forum webinar series.

### **Nigeria’s Maternal and Perinatal Database for Quality, Equity, Dignity (MPD-4-QED)**

The Maternal and Perinatal Database for Quality, Equity and Dignity (MPD-4-QED) works across a network of 54 public and private referral level facilities in Nigeria. MPD-4-QED uses a nationwide electronic system to collect data on maternal and perinatal events during labour, childbirth and the early neonatal period. Data is routinely extracted from the hospital records of every pregnant woman and uploaded to a web-based DHIS2 dashboard by designated trained medical records officers. For maternal or perinatal deaths, the designated hospital coordinators conduct audits to determine the primary causes of deaths and the contributing factors. See [October 2020](#), [January 2021](#), [April 2021](#) and <https://www.afro.who.int/news/who-collaborates-ministry-health-tackle-maternal-and-perinatal-mortality>

## **UPCOMING NETWORK WEBINARS IN JULY 2021**

## The Network National Forum webinar series

In 2021 and 2022, the participating countries in the Network for Improving the Quality of Care of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health are hosting National Forums to discuss progress and share examples and experiences of implementing Quality Care for MNCH. The lessons and learning discussed in the national forums will be documented and shared in a series of webinars. This series will commence in July 2021.

### Sierra Leone National Forum webinar

**Thursday 8 July 2021 at 8am New York/ 12pm**

**Freetown/ 2pm Geneva/ 17.30 New Delhi**

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#### Speaker:

- Dr. Margaret Mannah, Program Manager, Quality of Care Program, Ministry of Health Sierra Leone

#### Facilitators:

- Martin Dohlsten, Department of maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, WHO HQ
- Olive Cocoman, Department of maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, WHO HQ

This webinar will document and share the challenges, practical solutions and lessons learned by Sierra Leone in implementing and scaling up quality of care for MNH. This session will provide an opportunity for exchange between policy makers, managers and providers at national level, as well as among Network countries and with broader partners.

*First webinar in the 'Network National Forum' series, hosted by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, with the support of the World Health Organization.*



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**SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL FORUM**  
LESSONS FROM IMPLEMENTING AND SCALING  
UP QUALITY OF CARE FOR MATERNAL AND  
NEWBORN HEALTH

**Wednesday 8 July at 8am EDT, 12pm GMT, 2pm CEST**

**REGISTER** and add to your calendar: [bit.ly/SierraLeoneNF1](https://bit.ly/SierraLeoneNF1)  
**REQUEST** to join the QoC for MNCH CoP: [bit.ly/JoinCoP](https://bit.ly/JoinCoP)

In March 2021, Sierra Leone hosted a National Forum to discuss progress and share examples and experiences of implementing Quality Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. This webinar will document and share the challenges, practical solutions and lessons learned by Sierra Leone in implementing and scaling up quality of care for MNH. This session will provide an opportunity for exchange between policy makers, managers and providers at national level, as well as among Network countries and with broader partners.

**Speaker:**

- Dr. Margaret Mannah, Program Manager, Quality of Care Program, Ministry of Health Sierra Leone

**Facilitator:**

- Olive Cocoman, Department of maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, WHO HQ

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 **World Health Organization**



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**New evidence of Kangaroo Mother Care**  
Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 2pm CEST

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This webinar will share new evidence on Kangaroo Mother Care and the impact of initiating KMC as soon as possible after birth compared with current recommendation of initiating continuous KMC only after clinical stabilization.

This webinar is part of a series on 'Transforming care for small and sick newborns', organized by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and ENAP, with the support of WHO and UNICEF.

**Part 1: Presentation**

- Dr Rajiv Bahl, Unit Head Newborn Health, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO HQ

**Panel discussion:**

- Dr. Harish Chellani, Professor of Pediatrics, Safdarjung Hospital And Vardhan Mahavir Medical College, India
- Dr Helga Naburi, Pediatrician, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied science, Tanzania
- Dr Gyikua Plange Rhule, Senior Lecturer, Department of Child Health, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Ghana
- Dr Kondwani Kawaza, Pediatrician & Lecturer, University of Malawi, College of Medicine, Malawi
- Dr Ebuloluwa Adejuyigbe, Professor of Paediatrics at Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
- Dr Nils Bergman, Researcher, Department of Women's and Children's Health, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

**Part 2: Q&A**

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## New Evidence on Kangaroo Mother Care

**Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 8am New York/  
2pm Geneva/ 17.30 New Delhi**

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Join us to hear an international panel discuss the impact of initiating Kangaroo Mother Care as soon as possible after birth compared with current recommendation of initiating continuous KMC only after clinical stabilization.

### Speakers:

- Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Unit Head Newborn Health & Head of Research, Department of Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO Geneva
- Dr. Harish Chellani, Professor of Pediatrics, Safdarjung Hospital & Vardhan Mahavir Medical College, India
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*Third webinar in the 'Transforming Care for Small and Sick Newborns' series.*

## UPCOMING PARTNER EVENTS

### Self-Care Learning and Discovery Series by White Ribbon Alliance

The Self-Care Learning and Discovery Series, hosted by White Ribbon Alliance on behalf of the Self-Care Trailblazer Group, will bring together self-care stakeholders through 16 virtual sessions to exchange and incubate ideas, experiences, and solutions on a variety of topics.

Register: <https://discoverselfcare.community.tc/>



**SELF-CARE LEARNING AND DISCOVERY SERIES**  
24 JUNE - 27 AUGUST 2021

 

## JUNE WEBINARS IN REVIEW

The recordings and presentations from our webinars in June are available by clicking the link:

- Improving Health Worker Performance: Lessons from a global review of programs & Malawi's experience and learning
- Quality of Care Assessment Tool for maternal and newborn care in hospitals: Learning experience from 25 countries & 133 hospitals across 5 regions
- Lessons from engaging the private sector in delivering quality maternal and newborn health services in Ghana

- [Transforming care for small and sick newborns: Expanding human resources for the care of small and sick newborns, Kenya's experience](#)

The Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (Quality of Care Network) works to ensure that every pregnant woman and newborn receives good quality care throughout pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period, with the ambitious goal to halve maternal and newborn deaths and stillbirths in health facilities within five years in the participating countries.

The Network is led by countries that are already taking leadership to improve quality of care in health services: Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Uganda. More countries are expected to join the Network. It is backed by the World Health Organization, UNICEF and UNFPA, and supported by a growing partnership of development organisations, NGOs, professional associations and universities.

It is underpinned by the values of quality, equity and dignity and contributes to achieving the targets of the *Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health*.

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