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for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

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Launch of the
MPDSR
materials to support
implementation

Every maternal and
perinatal death matters

2 September 2021 | 2pm CET / 1h 30m

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Launch of the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) materials to support implementation

Thursday 2 September 2021 (90 minutes)

08.00 to 09.30 New York, 14.00 to 15.30 Geneva, 17.30 to 19.00 New Delhi

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Join us to launch the '**Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response: Materials to support implementation**'. This webinar is hosted by the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing (MCA), WHO and by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in collaboration with UNICEF and the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) Technical Working Group. Language interpretation will be available in **Spanish, French and English**.

The new materials for healthcare professionals, facility managers and policy makers will be presented and

country experiences will be shared on how the new resources can be used to strengthen MPDSR implementation.

- Côte d'Ivoire will present their experience of the pilot testing of the new materials, giving insights on how details on maternal and perinatal deaths were better captured using the new materials and improving MPDSR implementation especially in establishing the review committee and monitoring of suggested recommendations;
- The Ministries of Health from Burkina Faso and Sri Lanka, academia in Zimbabwe, professional associations and further stakeholders will share their plans to use the new materials to strengthen MPDSR implementation.

Part 1:

14h00: The essential need for robust MPDSR systems

Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing (MCA), WHO Geneva

14h10: Introductory remarks

Ms Susan Clapham, Health International Development Adviser, Department of Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

14h15: MPDSR materials to support implementation: What's new?

Dr Allisyn Moran, Maternal Health Unit Head, WHO Geneva

14h25: Côte d'Ivoire's experience in strengthening MPDSR

Dr Didier- Eric N'Dri, Technical Officer, WHO Country Office, Côte d'Ivoire

14h45: Questions & Answers

Facilitated by Dr Tedbabe Degeffie Hailegebriel, Senior Advisor Maternal and Newborn Health, UNICEF NY

Part 2:

14h55: Using the MPDSR Materials to support implementation

Facilitated by Dr Willibald Zeck, Global Maternal and Newborn Thematic Fund Coordinator, UNFPA NY

- Dr Kapila Jayaratne, National Programme Manager, Maternal & Child Morbidity & Mortality, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
- Dr Moussa Dadjoari, Program Manager of Safe Motherhood, Family Health Department, Ministry of Health, Burkina Faso,
- Professor Stephen Munjanja, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Zimbabwe,
- Professor Ank de Jonge, International Confederation of Midwives
- Dr Bremen de Mucio, Regional Maternal Health Advisor, Pan American Health Organization
- Dr Kusum Thapa, Senior Advisor, Jhpiego/ MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership

15h15: Questions & Answers

Facilitated by Dr Willibald Zeck, UNFPA NY

15h25: Closing remarks

Dr Tedbabe Degeffie Hailegebriel, UNICEF NY

Nurturing care for every newborn: ensuring every newborn survives and thrives

Coming soon!

Join us for the launch of our Thematic Brief *Nurturing Care for Every Newborn*. Hear the update knowledge and country experiences from implementing policies and programmes to ensure nurturing care for every newborn. The new brief summarizes why nurturing care is essential for every newborn and how maternal and newborn health services can enable a nurturing environment & outlines the five components of nurturing care and contains examples of practical actions to create and strengthen nurturing environments for newborns, including those who are born too soon, small or sick.

This webinar is co-hosted by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the Early Childhood Development Action Network, with the support of UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

TRANSFORMING CARE FOR SMALL AND SICK NEWBORNS: NURTURING CARE FOR EVERY NEWBORN: ENSURING EVERY NEWBORN SURVIVES AND THRIVES

This webinar is co-hosted by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the Early Childhood Development Action Network, with the support of UNICEF and WHO.

Join us for the launch of our Thematic Brief *Nurturing care for every newborn*.

This brief summarizes why nurturing care is essential for every newborn and how maternal and newborn health services can enable a nurturing environment. It outlines the five components of nurturing care and contains examples of practical actions to create and strengthen nurturing environments for newborns, including those who are born too soon, small or sick.

Welcome and objectives: Bernadette Daelmans (WHO)

Part 1: What is nurturing care for every newborn

- Introduction to the Thematic Brief: Ornella Lincetto (WHO)
- Infant and family centered developmental care explained: Louise Tina Day (LSHTM)
- A parent perspective: Silke Mader (EFCNI)

Part 2: Creating nurturing environments for newborns:

- Country experiences facilitated by Bernadette Daelmans
- Influencing national policy and standards: India
 - Care for child development in newborn services: Lebanon
 - Making NICU's infant and family-friendly: Sweden
 - Integrating developmentally supportive newborn care in the national health benefit package: The Philippines
 - Sustaining kangaroo mother care during COVID-19 pandemic: Colombia

Part 3: Questions and Answers facilitated by Louise Tina Day

Part 4: Reflections from partners

- USAID
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- UNICEF
- Global Financing Facility
- USAID Momentum

Closing remarks: Ornella Lincetto



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PARTNER CONSULTATION

Maternal Mental Health Technical Consultation

Giving Voice to the Silent Burden: Maternal Mental Health Technical Consultation

Tuesday 7 September – Thursday 9 September 2021

7.30 am - 11.00 am EDT, 1.30pm - 5pm CET

[Register now](#) to join on Tuesday, September 7 - Thursday, September 9 for a Maternal Mental Health (MMH) Technical Consultation hosted by USAID's MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership, in collaboration with World Health Organization and United Nations Population Fund, and facilitated by global and country level MMH experts.

Despite evidence that effective psychosocial and health promotion interventions exist, MMH remains a silent burden that has not yet received the political and programmatic attention it warrants from the global health community. This three-day technical consultation will bring together members of the maternal, newborn, child health, nutrition, and mental health communities to collaborate and inform the path forward for MMH to ensure that pregnant and postpartum women receive the respectful and nurturing care they need and deserve. This consultation will inform the efforts to strengthen the MMH research agenda, implementation approaches, and integration within health programs and services.

Join sessions through this link: <https://mmhtechcon.conference.tc/>



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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