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

Updates - November 2021

Upcoming webinar in November 2021

A special focus on perinatal death reviews in MPDSR

Tuesday, 30 November 2021
7.30pm New Delhi, 3pm Geneva, 9am New York

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Register:
hls.ly/PSRNov30

Introduction: Ms. Francesca Palencia, WHO Geneva

Part 1: MPDSR with specific focus on perinatal death reviews: Experience and lessons learned from the WHO Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) region
Dr. Andres de Francisco, Director of the Department of Family, Health Promotion & Life Course, PAHO

Part 2: Questions & Answers panel discussion

- Dr. Andrea Reyes-Cabrera, Co. Health Team, Dr. Jennifer Arriola-Aguirre Morales and Dr. Elizabeth de Wanda Urzua, Deputy Director, General Directorate of Strategic Interventions in Public Health, Ministry of Health, Peru
- Dr. Ingrid Hurtado, National committee representative, Guatemala
- Dr. Haidée Sobón, Researcher, George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, Jammett's Lane, St. Michael, The University of the West Indies, Barbados

Facilitated by Dr. Pablo Duran, Regional Advisor in Perinatal Health, PAHO

Closing remarks: Ms. Francesca Palencia, WHO Geneva

The role of MPDSR in delivering quality care for MNH
Country experience and launch of WHO Knowledge Brief on QoC and MPDSR

Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 1pm Geneva, 1pm Lagos

This webinar will launch the Knowledge Brief 'Implementation of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response as part of Quality of Care efforts for Maternal and Newborn Health: Considerations for synergy and alignment'.

The webinar will include a presentation on the content of the new Knowledge Brief presenting MPDSR as a key intervention to support the delivery of quality care to strengthen national healthcare systems. The Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria will present their experience in implementing the MPDSR system as part of the quality improvement process and on how integration has been created with the maternal and perinatal death review and response system at national and local level.

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Register at:
bilibili.org/cmpdsr

Introduction: Ms Francesca Palotta, Technical Officer, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO Geneva

Part 1: Nigeria's experience in integrating MPDSR and QoC:
Dr Samuel Oyeleye, Head, Data Methodology Branch, Head, IMR/CADHR Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Reproductive Health Division, Department of Family Health, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria

Questions & Answers Facilitated by:
Dr Nana Francis Mwangi, Medical Officer, Reproductive and Women's Health, WHO Regional Office for Africa/Multicountry Assistance Teams
Dr Hilda Kibuka, Health Systems Specialist, UNFPA Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office
Fatima Gohar, Maternal and Newborn Health Specialist, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office

Part 2: Introduction and launch of WHO's Knowledge Brief on Implementation of MPDSR as a strategy to improve Quality of Care for Maternal and Newborn Health: Considerations for synergy and alignment
Dr Hilda Kibuka, Health Systems Specialist, UNFPA Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office
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Questions & Answers Facilitated by: Dr Nancy Kidula, Dr Nurva Abdullah and Fatima Gohar

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Upcoming launch event in December 2021

Launch of the Inequality Monitoring in SRMNCAH: A Step-by-Step Manual

Monday, 13 December 2021

6.30pm New Delhi, 2pm Geneva, 8am New York

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The Inequality Monitoring in SRMNCAH: A Step-by-Step Manual will serve as a practical, introductory-level guide to strengthen and build capacity for inequality monitoring in SRMNCAH. It will encourage and assist regions, countries, districts and other jurisdictions to regularly monitor SRMNCAH inequalities and will promote the integration of the results of monitoring as an evidence base for equity-oriented national and subnational programming.

Interpretation will be available in French, English and Spanish.

This webinar is organized by the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, and the Department of Data and Analytics, WHO Geneva and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

New Publications



LAUNCH OF THE INEQUALITY MONITORING IN SRMNCAH: A STEP-BY-STEP MANUAL
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Hosts: Ms Emily Che

Moderators: Dr Zuzanna Jakob, Deputy Director General, WHO Geneva

SRMNCAH Inequality Monitoring:

- Dr Christian Kibuka, Director, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research Department, WHO Geneva
- Dr Thomas Dale, Lead, Inequalities, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing Department, WHO Geneva

Invited Speakers to SRMNCAH: A Step-by-Step Manual:

Dr Nancy Kidula, Director, Lead, Health Equity Monitoring, Department of Data and Analytics, WHO Geneva

Panel Members on the Impact of SRMNCAH on Health Inequities:

- Prof Paul Dlamini, School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Centre for Social Geriatrics in Health, University of California, San Francisco, USA
- Prof Asha George, School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- Dr Ana Paula Belbin, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
- Dr Oscar J. Mejias, Regional Advisor, Social Epidemiology & Health Equity, Department of Biostatistics and Intelligence for Action (BIAS), PAHO
- Dr Stephanie Berni Shrestha, Regional Advisor, Unit of Healthy Life Course, PAHO

Closing remarks: Dr Stephen Mac Intyre, Director, Data and Analytics Department, WHO Geneva

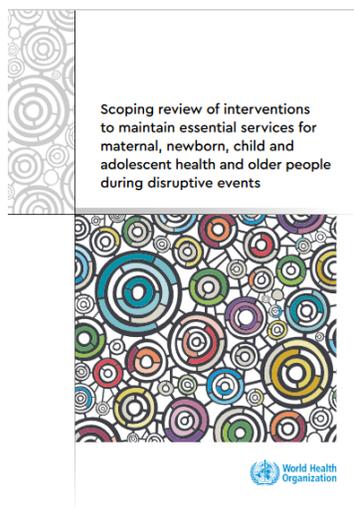
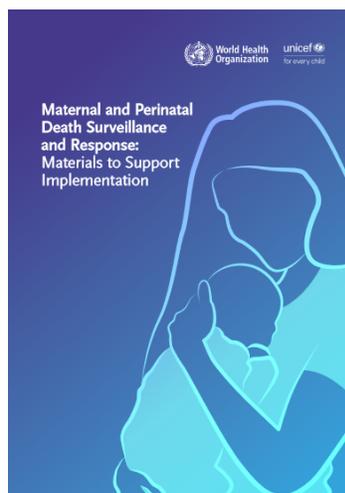
Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR): Materials to support implementation

The World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing launched on September 2nd, 2021 the operational guide “Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR): materials to support implementation”. The purpose of this new WHO document is to provide a roadmap for conducting MPDSR in clinical and policy settings.

This operational guide has a broad target audience, which may include: clinicians and all participants in clinical care for women and babies, and the maternal and perinatal death review processes as well as public health officials and public health leadership and other stakeholders in maternal and perinatal death reduction, such as planners and managers, in-service trainers, epidemiologists, demographers, policy-makers and professionals working with vital registration systems.

This document is a practical step by step guidance, relevant to establish a framework to assess the burden of maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths, including trends in numbers and causes of death and on how to link maternal and perinatal death reviews. It is important to generate information about modifiable factors contributing to preventable death, and to use the information to guide action in order to prevent similar deaths in the future. The document promotes confidentiality and a “blame free” culture fostering accountability for results and compelling decision-making.

Access the new MPDSR materials at: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240036666>



Scoping review of interventions to maintain essential services for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and older people during disruptive events

In November 2021, a *Scoping review of interventions to maintain essential services for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and older people during disruptive events* was published by the World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing. This review of published and grey literature aims to identify interventions implemented to maintain the provision and use of essential services for MNCAH during disruptive events and to summarize lessons learned during these interventions.

You can access the report on: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240038318>

Network November webinars in review

All recordings and presentations from the Network webinars are available on the Network website at [this link](#). Our recent webinars in November 2021 are available by clicking the link:

- [Global event: Maintaining essential MNCH services during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons from 19 countries](#)
- [Ghana: Lessons from the National Learning Forum for quality of care for maternal and newborn health](#)
- [Nigeria: Lessons from engaging the private sector in delivering quality MNH services](#)

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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