

Quality, Equity, Dignity

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





GHANA'S NATIONAL LEARNING FORUM 2020









Ghana's National Learning Forum was held from 15th-17th September 2021. The forum was held within the 3rd National Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality Conference.

The forum featured projects from quality improvement teams in learning facilities, districts and regions.

The conference demonstrated these works in oral and poster presentations, panel discussions, as well as photo contests.

In the meeting were health sector stakeholders to discuss emerging issues from point of care projects.





DR. PATRICK KUMA-ABOAGYE

Director General, Ghana Health Service



DR FRANCIS CHISAKA KASOLO

WHO Representative, Ghana



There was participation by leadership of all levels of the health system

Left to Right: Dr Paul Dsane-Aidoo (Technical Officer, Quality of Care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, WHO), Dr Francis

Kasolo (WHO Country Representative), Dr Patrick Kuma-Agyemang (Director General, GHS), Dr. Kofi Issah, Director, Family Health

Division, GHS), Dr Roseline Doe (Maternal and Child Health Officer, WHO), Dr Kofi Amo-Kodieh (Bono Regional Director), Dr

Priscilla Wobil (Health Specialist, UNICEF), Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng (Bono-East Regional Director)





WHO-Ghana Health Service and Systems Team supported the planning and organization of the 2021 National Learning Forum. Left to Right: Dr George Kwesi Hedidor (Technical Officer, Antimicrobial Resistance), Dr Angela A. Ackon (National Professional Officer, Essential Drugs and Medicines)Dr Appiah-Korang Labi (Technical Officer, Antimicrobial Resistance), Dr Roseline Doe (Maternal and Child Health Officer), Dr Paul Dsane-Aidoo (Technical Officer, Quality of Care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health)

Dr Charlyne Kilba (middle) from Pediatric Society of Ghana made an oral presentation on "Quality newborn care- a vision and mission to reduce mortality".

She advocated for the establishment of well-furnished newborn care units for the reduction of newborn deaths.

Quality Improvement (QI) Teams made presentations of projects from health facilities under the following themes

- 1. QI innovations for safety at the point of care
- 2. Community participation in advancing Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child
- 3. Accountability for improving experience of care

Other research works were presented by participants from academia, donor partners and healthcare policy actors.





Adansi North District Director of Health making a poster presentation demonstrating the role of the district's implementation of Ghana's Community Score Card as a tool for resource mobilization for health facilities.

Dr Baba Abubakari Braimah is the Northern Regional Director of Health. He made an oral presentation on "Improving rural healthcare: community-led construction of staff accommodation in rural Northern Ghana"





Dr Sylvia Deganus (extreme left) chaired a session that demonstrated point of care quality improvement works from learning facilities.

Dr Francis Wuobar (Eastern Regional Hospital) presented on the implementation of the Obstetric Triage Package at the obstetric emergency

Ms Janet Bolsong (Physiscian Assistant and QI team lead, Mognori Health Center) presented a project on "Reducing Newborn Death from enema use for newborns in the community"

Veronica Adoma (Midwife and QI team lead, Kintampo Municipal Hospital) presented on "Improving oxytocin administration within one minute after SVD for the reduction of PPH at Kintampo Municipal Hospital"

Happiness Martey is a midwife who works in a hard-to-reach area and through innovations is helping pregnant mothers receive quality of care. She presented the work of her team on "Improving maternal services in Bornikope using Satellite and mobile clinic approach"



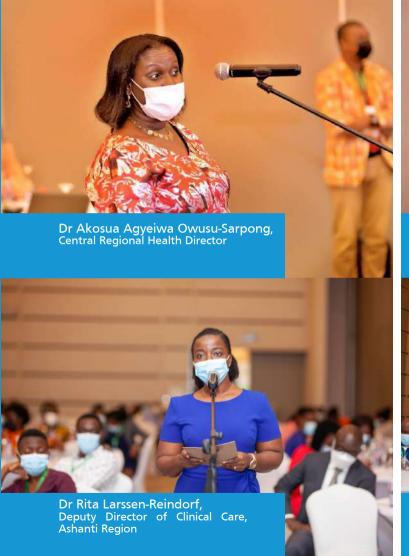






"It is becoming increasingly clear that our clients are taking more interest in defining, and ensuring adherence to the standards of care that they wish to receive from managers and service providers"

Hon. Kweku Agyemang Manu Minister of Health





Dr Ernest Asiedu

Head of Quality Management Unit, MOH
Highlighted the functionality of Ghana's Healthcare Quality Strategy and called
for support of partners to review the document as it nears its end in 2021



Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng,

Bono-East Regional Director
He shared findings from a research in his region on "Why are healthcare workers getting infected with SARS-COV-2?- A case control study in Bono East Region"





Dr Mary Ashinyo

(Deputy Director, Quality Assurance, GHS)

Presenting the ultimate prize for the photo contest to the Bono East Regional Director. In the middle is Mr Eric Asaana, the Bono East Regional Health Information Officer and the photographer who represented his region with photos that won the first, second, and third places.

THE WINNING PHOTO

Medical Doctors examining sick newborn at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Holy Family Hospital -Techiman











