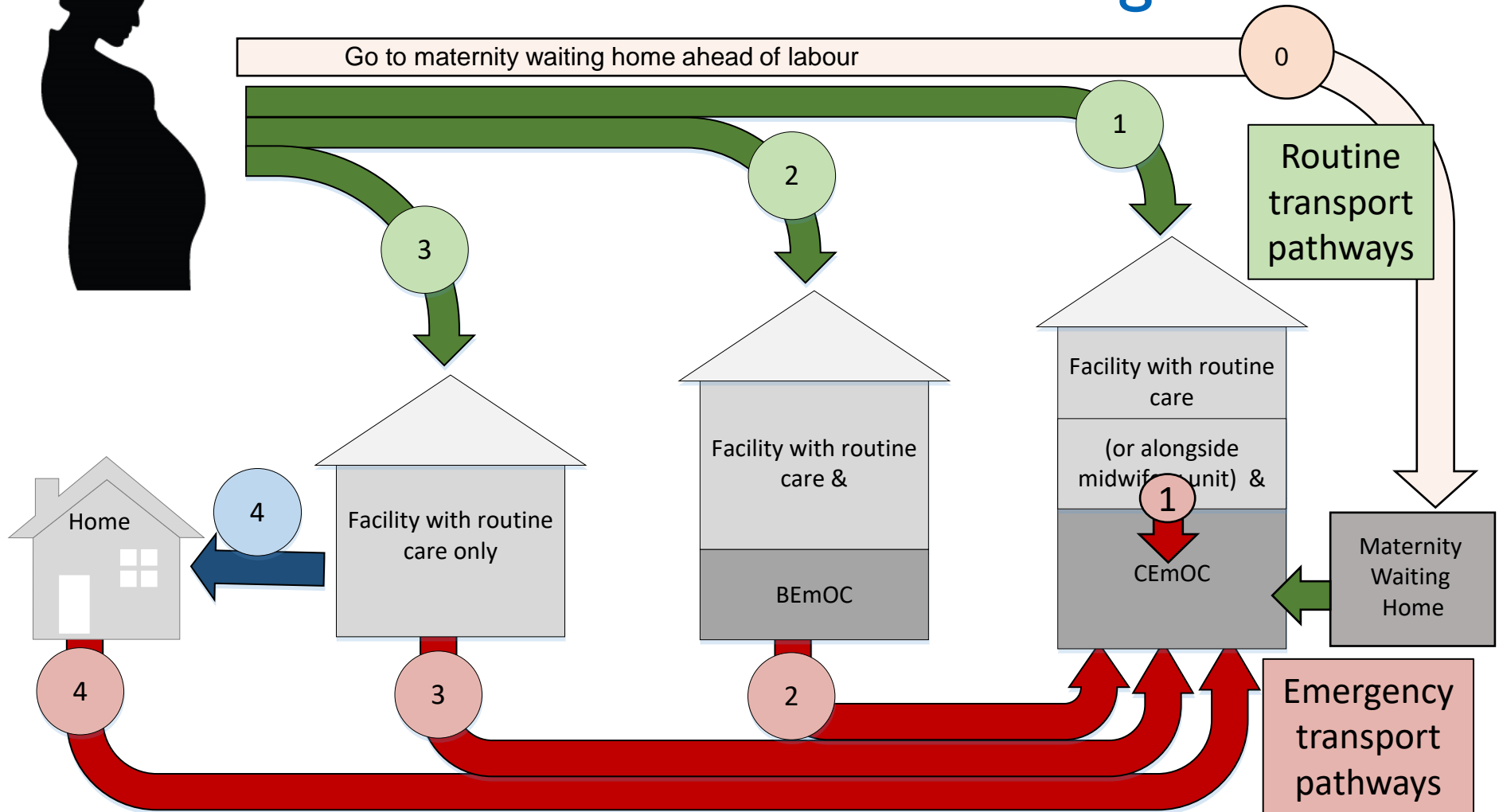


# Skilled birth attendant strategies



# Challenges

- Women reluctant to access services/particular facilities due to fear of contracting Covid-19
- Public and private transport severely limited
- Ambulance services overwhelmed & not prioritized for access to PPE
- Not all facilities providing their usual services - women and families uncertain where to go and providers not always certain where to refer women
- Problems not picked up in ANC/develop during home delivery – meaning women arrive in facilities very sick

# National/Local Responses

- Policies on allowing pregnant women and newborns to travel during lockdowns
- Increased use of telephone/telemedicine/ digital platforms
- Efforts to produce up to date information on what services are being provided where (for women, families and health workers)/ whats app
- Mobilising community responses (CHW/Private sector)
- Provision of PPE
- Careful attention to screening and separating patients & utilization of schools and other facilities services – flow of patients
- Sending midwives to women's homes