

DELIVERING QUALITY ESSENTIAL MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19

WEBINAR SERIES

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Maintenance of essential health services in COVID-19 context: Implications across quality domains

Quality domain	Illustrative implications
Effectiveness	Guidelines may not be available to account for altered ways of working
Safety	Enhanced IPC needs; challenges with staffing levels to maintain patient safety
People-centredness	Potential fear about using health services; visitors & family not allowed in hospital
Timeliness	Increased waiting times due to staff re-deployment; postponement of “non-essential” care
Equity	Covid-19 control measures may limit access for specific population groups
Integration	Disruption to usual systems will challenge coordination and referral mechanisms
Efficiency	Control measures (e.g. distancing) require adaptations to provide services efficiently



OBJECTIVES OF THE SERIES

- To highlight the need for and opportunities to maintain and strengthen maternal, newborn and pediatric quality of care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- To share global guidance and learn from countries on approaches to maintain quality essential MNCH services



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AGENDA – 3rd WEBINAR IN THIS SERIES

Referrals and maternal complications

Facilitated by: Dr. Blerta Maliqi (WHO), Dr. Tedbabde Degeffie Hailegebriel (UNICEF), with inputs by Dr. Isabella Segoe- Moses (Ghana Health Service) and Dr. Roseline Dansowaa Doe (World Health Organization in Ghana)

- Overview of measures taken by countries to provide quality care around the time of childbirth during COVID-19 – especially when it comes to referrals and maternal complications – **Dr. Loveday Penn-Kekana, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**
- Experience from Ghana on referrals and transport strategies for maternal services in the time of COVID-19 – **Dr. Chris Opoku Fofie, Ghana Health Service**
- Experience from Uganda on supporting care seeking by the urban poor and provision of quality maternal care – **Dr. Yvonne Kidza Mugerwa, Kampala Slum Maternal and Newborn Health Project (MaNe project)**
- Ask the experts session