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

Updates – September 2020

**REMINDER: 3 September webinar: Health workers' perspectives on delivering quality essential maternal, newborn and child health services during COVID-19**

Thursday 3 September, 2020, 1 pm CEST

[Register](#)Watch live on YouTube: bit.ly/QuoCLive[Request to join](#) the Quality of Care for MNCH
Community of Practice

How does COVID-19 affect the ability of health workers to maintain quality maternal, newborn and child health services, and how have they adapted the way they deliver care? This webinar will share the perspectives of health workers striving to deliver essential, quality MNCH services during the pandemic.

The speakers will share the findings of the recent '[Voices from the frontline](#)' survey (1) documenting experiences of frontline maternal and newborn healthcare providers during COVID-19. A representative from the Malawi Ministry of Health will share the challenges that midwives are facing and the solutions they have come up with to provide quality care during COVID-19. An expert from Nepal will also present the experience of health workers delivering obstetric care in a hospital in Kathmandu with a dedicated

Speakers:

- Dr. Lenka Benova, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium
- Dr. Andrew Likaka, Director of Quality Management and Digital Health Department, Ministry of Health and Population, Malawi
- Dr. Abha Shrestha, Consultant Obstetrician/Gynecologist at Dhulikhel hospital, and professor at Kathmandu University, Nepal

[Learn more](#)

This is the fifth webinar in a series on 'Delivering quality essential maternal, newborn and child health services during COVID-19', co-hosted by the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the QoC subgroup of the Child Health Task Force, with the support of UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

See the whole series and register: <http://bit.ly/QoCduringCOVIDseries>

Photo: Rina Dayra giving early breastfeeding to her newborn in Baria District Hospital, Gujarat, India, in June 2020. ©UNICEF/UNI341101/Vinay Panjwani

[1] Voices from the frontline: findings from a thematic analysis of a rapid online global survey of maternal and newborn health professionals facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Launch of Every Newborn coverage targets and milestones to 2025

3 September 2020, 2:00-4:00 pm CEST

[Register](#)

Watch live on YouTube: bit.ly/QoCLive

The 2025 targets and milestones will be launched by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General and Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF.

Global actions now will determine the course of maternal and newborn health for the next decade and the health and lives of future generations.

Essential health services, including high-quality maternal and newborn health care must be sustained and further strengthened to withstand shocks like COVID-19, in order to protect the lives and health of women and children and progress towards our global commitments to women and children.

This launch webinar, organized by the Every Newborn Partnership, will:

- Present new Every Newborn Coverage Targets to 2025 and corresponding Milestones by 2025
- Hear from Ministries of Health and partners on what is needed to support countries to achieve the 9 critical milestones and 4 Coverage targets

INVITATION
EVERY NEWBORN LAUNCH
 2020 - 2025 COVERAGE TARGETS AND MILESTONES

WHO and UNICEF, and the Every Newborn Management Team, are delighted to welcome you to launch the Every Newborn Coverage Targets and Milestones (2020 to 2025)

SPEAKERS

- DR TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS**
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO
- HENRIETTA FORE**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNICEF

TECHNICAL TALKS

- DR ANSHU BANERJEE**
DIRECTOR, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND AGEING DEPARTMENT
- PROFESSOR JOY LAWN**
PROFESSOR OF MATERNAL, REPRODUCTIVE & CHILD HEALTH & DIRECTOR OF MARCH CENTER, LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE
- DR ALLISYN MORAN**
UNIT HEAD, MATERNAL HEALTH, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND AGEING DEPARTMENT
- DR LUWEI PEARSON**
CHIEF OF HEALTH ACTION, UNICEF

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION

- DR MARTINA BAYE**
COORDINATOR OF THE MATERNAL PROGRAM TO COMBAT MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD MORTALITY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, CAMEROON
- DR CHARLES MWANSAMBO**
CHIEF OF HEALTH SERVICES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND POPULATION, MALAWI
- DR ISABELLA SAGOE-MOSES**
ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY HEALTH DIVISION OF THE GHANA HEALTH SERVICE
- PROF. MOHAMMAD SHANIDULLAH**
CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWBORN BIDDING COMMITTEE, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, BANGLADESH
- FEMI OKE**
MODERATOR

DETAILS

DATE:
SEPTEMBER 3 2020

TIME:
14:00-16:00 CET

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS WEBINAR:

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THE WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES' MIDWIFERY NETWORK WEBINAR SERIES 2020-2021 PRESENTS:

Developments In Midwifery Research

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
14:00-15:00 CEST

REGISTER ON ZOOM:
<https://huson.zoom.us/j/71691WscleZyAWsQ>

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PRESENTATION TOPIC:
CONDUCTING COVID-19 MIDWIFERY RESEARCH

PRESENTATION TOPIC:
COVID-19: UK PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP/ROYAL COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES RAPID SCOPING REVIEWS

PRESENTATION TOPIC:
QUALITY MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE RESEARCH ALLIANCE: AIMS AND PROGRESS

WEBINAR: Developments in midwifery research

The WHO Collaborating Centre's Midwifery Network is organizing a webinar on 'Developments in midwifery research', with a focus on COVID-19.

23 September 2020, 3:00-4:00 pm CEST

[Register](#)

This is the first webinar in a series on midwifery seeking to build knowledge, capacity and leadership among midwives and to share their experiences.

The series will look into research, education, midwife-led care implementation, midwifery for quality of care, and leadership. [See the details of the series.](#)

Sepsis, pandemics, and antimicrobial resistance – Global health threats of the 21st Century

9 September 2020, 10:30 am to 6.30 pm CEST

[Register](#)

The World Health Organization and the Global Sepsis Alliance (GSA), are co-organising the online World Sepsis Congress Spotlight: Sepsis, Pandemics, and Antimicrobial Resistance – Global Health Threats of the 21st Century (WSC Spotlight).

The event will review achievements, challenges, and potential solutions to combat the threat of sepsis worldwide.

The congress will be co-chaired by Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance, and Prof. Konrad Reinhart, President GSA.

An estimated 48.7 million people were affected by sepsis and 11 million lost their live to sepsis in 2017, according to the 2017 Global Burden of Disease Report. In addition, the steadily growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) contributes considerably to the enormous human, medical, and economic burden of infectious diseases.

Over the course of 6 distinctive sessions, the WSC Spotlight will:

- Provide an overview of lessons and challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and recent Ebola outbreaks in the global fight against sepsis and AMR
- Describe the current global epidemiology and burden of sepsis and AMR as well as explore a future research agenda
- Explore innovative, novel, and cost-effective approaches to preventing and combating sepsis and AMR

On the same day, the WHO will launch the first Global report on the epidemiology and burden of sepsis.

See the [programme](#) and learn more: <http://www.wscspotlight.org>

WSC SPOTLIGHT:
SEPSIS, PANDEMIC, AND ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE – GLOBAL HEALTH THREATS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

A Free Online Congress by the World Health Organization and the Global Sepsis Alliance

To be held completely online on 9 September 2020

Information and free registration:
wscspotlight.org

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Program Chairs:
Hanan Balkhy, Assistant Director-General, WHO
Konrad Reinhart, President, Global Sepsis Alliance

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A study recently published in the Lancet Global Health on 'Effect of COVID-19 pandemic response on intrapartum care, stillbirth and neonatal mortality outcomes in Nepal' documents the service reduction during COVID-19. It underlines the urgent need to protect access to high quality intrapartum care and prevent excess deaths for the most vulnerable health system users during the pandemic.

The study assessed the number of institutional births, their outcomes, and quality of intrapartum care before and during the national COVID-19 lockdown in Nepal. It finds that institutional childbirth reduced by more than half during lockdown, with increases in institutional stillbirth rate and neonatal mortality, and decreases in quality of care. At the same time, some behaviours improved, notably hand hygiene and keeping the baby skin-to-skin with their mother.

[Read the study](#)

Photo: Deba Karki brings her baby in for a check-up within the first month of the baby's life at the Nwali Health post Birthing Centre, Baitadi District, Nepal, in March 2015. ©UNICEF/UN0288930

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 Quality of Care 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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Top photo: Alice Tisie with her 1-week-old twins at the Moussadougou health centre, in the Southwest of Côte d'Ivoire, in May 2020. © UNICEF/UNI350314/ Frank Dejongh

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