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

Updates – March 2020



Recording from the webinar on WASH for quality of care in Kenyan hospitals

The Quality of Care Network organized a webinar on drivers and challenges to avert antimicrobial resistance and improve quality of care in Kenyan hospitals. Dr. Michuki Maina, Paediatrician and Public Health Consultant presented the key findings of a [study assessing water, hygiene and sanitation \(WASH\) in 14 public hospitals in Kenya](#) and how it impacts patient safety and quality of care.

Dr. Pauline Kamau, Senior Pharmacist at the Nyeri County referral hospital unpacked what these findings mean in a setting where health is devolved, and what steps the hospital has taken to improve access to WASH, patient safety and quality of care.

Listen to the [webinar recording](#) and access all the [webinar materials](#)

Photo: A Senior Nurse Officer assists Linnet Daniel to breastfeed her newborn baby in Mukuru Health Centre, Kenya, September 2016. © UNICEF/Noorani

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Please note that we have had to postpone this webinar. We will share the new date and log in details in these monthly updates and on the www.qualityofcarenetwork.org website as soon as possible.

Still on: course on improving the health of women, children, and adolescents

The Massive Open Online Course on Improving the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents put together by the Maternal, Adolescent, Reproductive, and Child Health Centre at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is open, free of charge, for the second round of participants. The course started on 9th March 2019 and will run for 6 weeks. Participants can join at any time in the 6 weeks.



Six flexible modules cover health throughout the lifecycle including:

- adolescence
- reproductive
- maternal,
- newborns and stillbirths,
- children, and
- putting it all together, including cross cutting issues such as climate change and humanitarian crisis

Leading experts from all over the world use multi-media approaches to share the latest data, progress to SDGs, evidence, debates and research gaps.

Read more and [join the course](#)

Photo: Animata Diallo is cuddling her newborn baby in the PMI health center of Odienné, in the Northeast of Côte d'Ivoire, in February 2020. ©UNICEF/UNI288582/Frank Dejongh

4th International QI Forum & Digital Health Course

Registrations are still open for the upcoming 4th International Quality Improvement Forum. With the current crisis, the discussion on the role of digital solutions in patient safety is now more current than ever. We are thus switching to a virtual format in order to keep the date for both the forum and the Digital Transformation and Health Course.



International QI Forum & Digital Health Course

The 4th International QI Forum will take place virtually on 11-12 June 2020 under the theme 'Do digital solutions and Artificial Intelligence (AI) improve quality of care and Patient Safety'?

The Forum will be hosted by evaplan GmbH at the University Hospital Heidelberg, together with the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua), the aQua Institute for Applied Quality Improvement – Göttingen and the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH) of Heidelberg University.

The QI Forum is an integral part of an accredited course on 'Digital Transformation and Health', which will also be held online from 8th to 12th June 2020. The course aims to equip a global audience to reflect on the overall impact of digitalization on health and healthcare systems.

[Register](#) for the forum and/or course.

See the full range of [accredited short courses on social protection and quality](#)

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COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE FUND FOR WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) is leading and coordinating the global effort supporting countries to prevent, detect, and respond to the pandemic.

No one country can fight the COVID-19 pandemic alone. It will require everyone, including all industries and sectors, working together to help respond to this global outbreak.

This challenge has inspired an incredible outpouring of global solidarity and support: people and organizations want to help fight the pandemic. Now you can donate to the response at

www.COVID19ResponseFund.org



The COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund for WHO is the only way companies, organizations, and people everywhere can donate to WHO's COVID-19 response efforts. Your donation will go into a fund to support:

- Tracking and understanding the spread of the virus;
- Ensuring patients get the care they need, and frontline workers get essential supplies and information;
- Accelerating efforts to develop vaccines, tests and treatments.

The COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund is powered by the United Nations Foundation and Swiss Philanthropy Foundation.

[Learn more](#)

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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. 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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