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

Updates – May 2020



Côte d'Ivoire adopts quality of care standards for maternal, newborn, child & adolescent health



Côte d'Ivoire just adopted [standards and indicators for the quality of care for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health](#).

The document validated by Côte d'Ivoire includes three components:

- Eight national standards and indicators for maternal and newborn health, listing what quality of care requires, how to achieve it and measure it.
- Eight national norms for quality adolescent health services to support decision-makers in developing policies, and health leaders in planning health services that take into account the specific health and well-being needs of adolescents.
- Eight national standards for quality of care for children and young people. These standards focus on facility-based care and stress that care provided to adolescents and children should be evidence-based, safe, effective, timely, cost-effective, equitable and adapted to their age and their development stage.

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[of maternal and newborn care in health facilities](#) and [Standards for improving quality of care for children and young adolescents in health facilities](#).

Towards a standardized approach of effective coverage for maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition (MNCAHN)



The Lancet Global Health published the Effective Coverage Think Tank Group article on '[Effective coverage measurement in maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition: progress, future prospects, and implications for quality health systems measures of effective coverage](#)'.

The Effective Coverage Think Tank Group proposes standardised definitions and measurement approaches for effective coverage.

It initiates discussions on effective coverage indicators for MNCAHN and suggests priorities for future research on effective coverage. The proposed effective coverage measures and care cascade steps can be applied to further develop effective coverage measures across a broad range of MNCAHN services.

The group, convened by WHO and UNICEF, brings together nearly 100 quality of care and measurement experts from over 45 institutions.

[Access the article](#) and check the [World Health Organization's data portal](#) to find global data on coverage of key interventions for pregnancy, delivery, child and adolescent health.

Photo: A nurse at Tokora Health Centre III in Nakapiripirit district, Uganda, attends to a pregnant woman who came for an antenatal visit in October 2019. ©UNICEF/UNI239938/Jimmy Adriko.

REMINDER: Webinar - Digital tools to improve quality of care: Maternity Foundation's lessons from implementing the Safe Delivery App in Ethiopia Thursday 21 May, 8 am GMT

 A webinar banner featuring a woman in a white lab coat and a patterned headscarf holding a baby. The text on the banner includes:

- Quality, Equity, Dignity
- A Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Digital tools to improve quality of care - Lessons from implementing the Maternity Foundation's Safe Delivery App in Ethiopia
- Webinar - 21 May 2020@8 am GMT
- Learn more & register: bit.ly/SDAEthiopia1
- Part of the quality of care for maternal health webinar series

The Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health is organizing a webinar on how Ethiopia adapted and adopted the Safe Delivery App for pre-service, in-service and on-the job training of midwives. The app, developed by the Maternity Foundation and used in over 40 countries, provides skilled birth attendants with direct and instant access to evidence-

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spread of COVID-19.

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Presenters:

- Zenebe Akale Tilaye, (Msc), Maternal Health Coordinator at the Federal Ministry of Health, Ethiopia, will present how the Safe Delivery App has been adapted to fit into the country's efforts to improve quality of maternal care.
- Hiwot Wubshet, Country Director for Maternity Foundation Ethiopia, will explain how the Safe Delivery App is used to build the capacity of birth attendants to handle the most common childbirth complications.
- Maurice Bucagu, Medical Officer at the World Health Organization's Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, and Ageing Department will address the need to maintain quality essential health services, including for maternal and newborn care, during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The presentations will be followed by a Q & A session.

[Read more and access resources for this webinar](#)

See all [previous Quality of Care Network's webinars](#)

Second webinar in a series on 'Transforming care for small and sick newborns'

Organized by the World Health Organization and UNICEF, in collaboration with the Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



What the numbers say

Webinar- 20 May 2020

SESSION 1

8 am GMT, 11 am EAT, 1.30 pm IST duration: 1 hour.
REGISTER: bit.ly/20MayS1

With Prof. Joy Lawn, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Dr. Ashish K.C, University of Uppsala, Dr. Uduak Okomo, MRC Gambia, and Dr. Ornella Lincetto, WHO.

SESSION 2

11 am GMT, 2 pm EAT, 4.30 pm IST duration: 1 hour
REGISTER: bit.ly/20MayS2

With Prof. Joy Lawn, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Prof. Khalid Yunis, American University of Beirut, Prof. Pablo Duran, WHO's Latin American Center for Perinatology and Dr. Ornella Lincetto, WHO.



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SESSION 1

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SESSION 2

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In this webinar series which will run until August 2020, experts on neonatal health will present the findings of the [Survive and Thrive: transforming care for every small and sick newborn report](#),

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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. 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: Mothers wait outside Washe Faka Health Post with their children in Mareko Woreda (district) in the SNNP Region, Ethiopia, in February 2016. ©UNICEF/UN022131/Ayene.

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