

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

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for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



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# QUALITY MATTERS!

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

Quality domain	Illustrative implications
<b>Effectiveness</b>	Guidelines may not be available to account for altered ways of working
<b>Safety</b>	Enhanced IPC needs; challenges with staffing levels to maintain patient safety
<b>People-centredness</b>	Potential fear about using health services; visitors & family not allowed in hospital
<b>Timeliness</b>	Increased waiting times due to staff re-deployment; postponement of “non-essential” care
<b>Equity</b>	Covid-19 control measures may limit access for specific population groups
<b>Integration</b>	Disruption to usual systems will challenge coordination and referral mechanisms
<b>Efficiency</b>	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 – 4<sup>th</sup> WEBINAR IN THIS SERIES

## Oxygen therapy for newborns and children

Facilitated by: Dr. Anne Detjen (UNICEF) and Dr. Pavani Ram (USAID)

- Opportunities to sustain and improve oxygen systems for children in the time of COVID-19
  - Overview by Dr Hamish Graham, Melbourne Children's Global Health
  - Experience from Nigeria on policies, strategies and implementation for increased access to oxygen therapy – Prof. Adegoke Falade, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan
- Experience from Rwanda on the country's strategy to increase access to medical oxygen as part of health systems strengthening and resilience building, and how it impacted the COVID-19 response - M. Donatien Baiyanama, Clinical and Public Health Services General Directorate in the Ministry of Health, Rwanda and Ms. Annick Ishimwe, Rwanda Biomedical Center
- Ask the experts session