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

Updates – December 2020



Lesson #2 from improving quality of care during COVID-19: Adapt and innovate to support quality improvement teams in India and Bangladesh

Thursday 10 December at 10 am GMT, 3.30 pm IST

Second webinar in a series on Lessons from improving quality of care during COVID-19

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Speakers:

- Dr. Rajesh Mehta, Regional Adviser - Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, World Health Organization
- Dr. Deepthi Agrawal, National Professional Officer, World Health Organization, New Delhi office
- Dr. Vikram Datta, President, Nationwide Quality of Care Network, India
- Dr. Samia Kaiser, District Coach, National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) Bangladesh

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Maintaining quality essential health services during COVID-19: Learning from country experiences

3 December 2020, noon to 2pm GMT

Hosted jointly by the WHO COVID-19 Health Services Learning Hub (HLH) and the WHO Global Learning Laboratory (GLL) for Quality UHC.

This learning event will bring together policymakers, health professionals and technical partners to identify and solve common challenges in maintaining quality care during COVID-19.

Speakers in this event will:

1. Explore strategies undertaken by countries to integrate quality into the maintenance of essential health services during COVID-19;
2. Identify common barriers and solutions in maintaining quality care during COVID-19;
3. Recognise common learning themes and technical assistance needs from countries.

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Photo: Every month, 300 babies are delivered in the Mbeya Regional Referral Hospital, Tanzania. © UNICEF/Reinier van Oorsouw, in July 2017.



Share your insights on respectful maternal care

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and related efforts, and seeks to identify opportunities for innovations in this field.

[Take the survey](#)

See the [live updates on the survey results](#) and [more resources](#) on respectful maternal care

Photo: Midwife Tenin Zie Diarra with Aissata Kone, who just gave birth to her eighth child at the Mopti reference health center, Mali, in May 2020.

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: Portrait of Lucy Atikoru playing with her baby at her home in Omugo Village Arua District, Uganda, in December 2019. © UNICEF/UNI313216/Abdul

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