

QUALITY OF CARE IN MIDWIFERY

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Background
- Selected MNH parameters
- QoC for Malawi
- The role of Midwives in MNH QoC
- Challenges
- Way forward

MALAWI

- ▶ It covers an area of 118,484 square km
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- ▶ Population: 17, million
- ▶ Eight-four (84%) of the population is in the rural area
- ▶ Eighty (80%) of the agriculture is done by women and children



BACKGROUND



	2010 MDHS	2015/16 MDHS
Total population	14 million	17 million
Skilled Birth Attendance	71%	90
MMR (per 100,000 live births	675	439
Total Fertility Rate	5.7	4.4
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate	46%	58%
Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	31	27
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	66	42
Unmet need for Family Planning	26%	19%
Teenage Child Bearing	26%	29%

MNH PARAMETERS

- Women of child bearing age: 4,267,788
- Total number of bedside nurses/midwives: 4000
- Ratio of nurse/midwives against population: 1/1067
- Expected pregnancies per year: 850,000

ISSUES AND SOME PROGRESS



- Maternal and newborn deaths remains high despite increased rate of skilled birth attendance (due to poor quality of care)
- QMD
 - National QM policy
 - National QM strategy
- The MNH QOC network launch
 - Framework for MNH QI
 - MNH QI Road map

QUALITY OF CARE AND MIDWIVES

Midwives and nurses provide the majority of MNH services and constitute more than 50% of the health workforce in Malawi

- Caring for mothers (ANC, FP, cervical cancer screening etc) and children;
- Giving lifesaving immunizations and health advice;
- Looking after older people and generally meeting everyday essential health needs.
- They are often, the first and only point of care in many facilities and in their communities
- **NO MIDWIFE, NO QUALITY MNH SERVICES**

CHALLENGES

- Shortage of midwives
- Covid 19 pandemic exacerbated the situation as many health workers including midwives were repurposed to the Covid 19 response
- Shortage of resources to provide quality health services
- Rapid population growth against meagre resource to train, recruit and retain midwives
- Little or lack of motivation

PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

- Train more midwives to be able to provide good quality MNH services
- Build strong partnerships with all relevant stakeholders to support midwives
- Engage communities to have a common understanding on the role of midwives in MNH QOC
- Come up with programs to appreciate midwives

NO MIDWIFE NO QUALITY

THANK YOU