



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

Updates - February 2022

Meeting on Strengthening quality of care for mothers, newborns & children by engaging the private sector

On February 1 and 2 2022, the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing and the Quality of Care Network hosted a meeting on *Strengthening quality of care for mothers, newborns & children by engaging the private sector*. This meeting aimed to share WHO guidance and tools and to build awareness on how to include and optimize engagement of the private sector to improve the quality of maternal, newborn and child health care. Participants were also familiarized on the WHO strategy '[Engaging the private health service delivery sector through governance in mixed health systems](#)'.

The meeting was attended by more than 180 participants, including representatives from Ministries of Health from the 10 Network countries and beyond, WHO regional offices, UN agencies, development and funding partners, professional associations and academia.

The meeting agreed that the engagement of the private sector in delivering quality MNCH services was crucial and the effort to engage *now* is timely given the growing action needed to improve quality care for MNCH to reach SDG goals by 2030. This meeting provided a venue for sharing country experiences, progress and challenges faced and initiated discussions across countries, regions and partners on how to take this work forward. The WHO guidance and tools, as well as other tools and approaches developed by partners in the field, will be useful in shaping the way forward.

Access the workshop report [here](#).

Upcoming webinars in March 2022

Addressing inequalities through the MPDSR system: Lessons learned from Sierra Leone

Tuesday, 8 March 2022

6:30pm New Delhi, 2pm Geneva, 1pm Freetown

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Speakers will share their experiences, and actions taken in order to have a functioning MPDSR system also serving as a monitoring tool to lower inequalities. A panel comprised of representatives from Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone will discuss the challenges faced, solutions sought and future opportunities for MPDSR to improve maternal and neonatal health outcomes.

This webinar is hosted by the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO Geneva and the Network for Improving the Quality of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

Upcoming in April: Network in AlignMNH 2022 Collective



Save the Date: Monday, April 4 - Wednesday, April 6

You are invited to join the AlignMNH 2022 global virtual conference to share, review and discuss themes and experiences on *tracking progress for MNH, respectful care & maternity care* and *Quality of Care*. This conference comes in preparation for **the International Maternal and Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC)** that is taking place in May 2023.

Don't miss out on the Quality of Care Network's session on **Implementing Quality of Care for Impact!** which is scheduled for April 6 2022 at 2pm Geneva. More details and registration link will be shared later.

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New Publication

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Register at:
bit.ly/SierraLeoneMPDSR

Introduction: Ms Francesca Palestra, Technical Officer, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO Geneva

Part 1: Sierra Leone's experience in implementing the MPDSR system:
Dr Francis Moses, Programme Manager, Reproductive Health and Family Planning Programme, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone

Part 2: Panel Discussion:

- Malini Margaret Manneh, Programme Manager, National Quality Management Programme, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone
- Dr Muhammad Yaqub, Director Health Security and Emergencies, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone

Questions & Answers

Closing remarks: Ms Francesca Palestra, WHO Geneva

World Health Organization

WHO standards-based tool to measure women's views on the quality of care around the time of childbirth at facility level in the WHO European region: development and validation in Italy

This paper, recently published by BMJ Open, describes the development and validation in Italy of a comprehensive WHO standards-based tool to measure women's perceived quality of maternal and newborn care (QMNC) in health facilities.

Read the paper on: <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/12/2/e048195>

Network February webinars in review

The recordings and presentations from the Network webinars in February 2022 are available by clicking the link:

- [Launch of WHO's Step-by-Step Manual on Inequality Monitoring in sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health](#)
- [Overcoming the blame culture in Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response](#)

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 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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