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for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



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**GHANA'S NATIONAL  
LEARNING FORUM 2021**

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Ghana's National Learning Forum was held from 15th-17th September 2021. The forum was held within the 3rd National Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality Conference.

The forum featured projects from quality improvement teams in learning facilities, districts and regions.

The conference demonstrated these works in oral and poster presentations, panel discussions, as well as photo contests.

In the meeting were health sector stakeholders to discuss emerging issues from point of care projects.



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"Patient safety generally and maternal and newborn safety in particular is of great concern to the Ghana Health Service" .

**DR. PATRICK KUMA-ABOAGYE**

Director General, Ghana Health Service



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"...investments in reducing patient harm can lead to significant financial savings, improved system efficiency, and more importantly better patient outcomes"

**DR FRANCIS CHISAKA KASOLO**

WHO Representative, Ghana

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There was participation by leadership of all levels of the health system

Left to Right: Dr Paul Dsane-Aidoo (Technical Officer, Quality of Care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, WHO), Dr Francis Kasolo (WHO Country Representative), Dr Patrick Kuma-Agyemang (Director General, GHS), Dr. Kofi Issah, Director, Family Health Division, GHS), Dr Roseline Doe (Maternal and Child Health Officer, WHO), Dr Kofi Amo-Kodieh (Bono Regional Director), Dr Priscilla Wobil (Health Specialist, UNICEF), Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng (Bono-East Regional Director)





WHO-Ghana Health Service and Systems Team supported the planning and organization of the 2021 National Learning Forum. Left to Right: Dr George Kwesi Hedidor (Technical Officer, Antimicrobial Resistance), Dr Angela A. Ackon (National Professional Officer, Essential Drugs and Medicines) Dr Appiah-Korang Labi (Technical Officer, Antimicrobial Resistance ), Dr Roseline Doe (Maternal and Child Health Officer), Dr Paul Dsane-Aidoo (Technical Officer, Quality of Care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health)



Dr Charlyne Kilba (middle) from Pediatric Society of Ghana made an oral presentation on "Quality newborn care- a vision and mission to reduce mortality". She advocated for the establishment of well-furnished newborn care units for the reduction of newborn deaths.

**Quality Improvement (QI) Teams made presentations of projects from health facilities under the following themes**

- 1. QI innovations for safety at the point of care**
- 2. Community participation in advancing Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child**
- 3. Accountability for improving experience of care**

**Other research works were presented by participants from academia, donor partners and healthcare policy actors.**





Adansi North District Director of Health making a poster presentation demonstrating the role of the district's implementation of Ghana's Community Score Card as a tool for resource mobilization for health facilities.



Dr Baba Abubakari Braimah is the Northern Regional Director of Health. He made an oral presentation on "Improving rural healthcare: community-led construction of staff accommodation in rural Northern Ghana"



Dr Sylvia Deganus (extreme left) chaired a session that demonstrated point of care quality improvement works from learning facilities.

Dr Francis Wuobar (Eastern Regional Hospital) presented on the implementation of the Obstetric Triage Package at the obstetric emergency

Ms Janet Bolsong (Physician Assistant and QI team lead, Mognori Health Center) presented a project on "Reducing Newborn Death from enema use for newborns in the community"

Veronica Adoma (Midwife and QI team lead, Kintampo Municipal Hospital) presented on "Improving oxytocin administration within one minute after SVD for the reduction of PPH at Kintampo Municipal Hospital"



Happiness Martey is a midwife who works in a hard-to-reach area and through innovations is helping pregnant mothers receive quality of care. She presented the work of her team on "Improving maternal services in Bornikope using Satellite and mobile clinic approach"



**Dr Anthony Ofosu**  
(Deputy Director General, GHS)

Participated in addressing emerging issues in maternal and newborn care during the panel discussions



**Dr Isabella Sagoe-Moses,**  
Deputy Director, Family Health Division, GHS



**Dr Priscilla Wobil,**  
Health Specialist, UNICEF



**Dr Mary Ashinyo,**  
Deputy Director, Quality Assurance, GHS



**“It is becoming increasingly clear that our clients are taking more interest in defining, and ensuring adherence to the standards of care that they wish to receive from managers and service providers”**

**Hon. Kwaku Agyemang Manu**  
**Minister of Health**



**Dr Akosua Agyeiwa Owusu-Sarpong,**  
Central Regional Health Director



**Dr Ernest Asiedu**  
Head of Quality Management Unit, MOH  
Highlighted the functionality of Ghana's Healthcare Quality Strategy and called for support of partners to review the document as it nears its end in 2021



**Dr Rita Larssen-Reindorf,**  
Deputy Director of Clinical Care,  
Ashanti Region



**Dr Fred Adomako-Boateng,**  
Bono-East Regional Director  
He shared findings from a research in his region on "Why are healthcare workers getting infected with SARS-COV-2? A case control study in Bono East Region"



## Dr Mary Ashinyo

(Deputy Director, Quality Assurance, GHS)

Presenting the ultimate prize for the photo contest to the Bono East Regional Director. In the middle is Mr Eric Asaana, the Bono East Regional Health Information Officer and the photographer who represented his region with photos that won the first, second, and third places.



## THE WINNING PHOTO

Medical Doctors examining sick newborn at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Holy Family Hospital -Techiman





## 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACED PHOTO

Queen mother Techiman Municipal endorsing "Start Right, Feed Right" for healthy growth of Babies and Infants at the Bono East Regional Launch Campaign.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACED PHOTO

Dr receives and cares for a Preterm Baby at the Holy Family Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.







This art work by Azasime Kwame Lanto won the 4th place during the Photo contest

Title of Art Work: **COVID-19 Physical Distancing**

It captures a male figure attempting to hug a female figure who refuses to hug because she knows she is infected with the virus. This piece seeks to educate the general public on the need to observe the safety protocols and be each others keeper.

Medium: Discarded eggshells, fabric swatches and print on local rafia mat







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