

KEY THEMES 4-6 (English)

Key Themes – for discussion

Coverage and Equity

- **Action:** Fill critical gaps in numbers **and distribution** of skilled personnel, in particular midwifery personnel, for maternal and newborn health through accelerated production, retention, and motivation approaches
- **Action:** Define **and make available** the delivery of the **priority** interventions packages by level of health service provision, at community, primary and referral levels **with the-** appropriate skills mix **(and based on evidence)**

(Consider this point in relation to other themes: where interventions are prioritized (theme 1) and quality theme.

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Coverage and Equity

- **Action:** Reduce **financial barriers** ~~out-of-pocket payments~~ for maternal and newborn health services and institute financial protection mechanisms (for example: reduce out of pocket...)
- **Action:** Reduce inequities in coverage of effective interventions, **giving special attention to social determinants of health** (including hard to reach, vulnerable popns). Also discussed male power dynamic)
- **Action:** Give special attention to adolescent girls and implement approaches to help prevent early and unwanted pregnancies (we discussed use of the term 'early' given different country definitions of adolescents)

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Count every newborn

- **Action:** Define newborn indicators and bench-marks of service delivery and strengthen the health information system, to track progress
- **Action:** Institutionalize VITAL registration
- **Action:** Implement maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response (**ensure consistency as quality of care theme mentions death 'review'**)
- **Action:** Conduct periodic household surveys in order to obtain objective and verifiable data on mortality and intervention **and demand** coverage

Harness power of parents, families and communities

- **Action:** Foster community leadership **and accountability and** develop local champions
- **Action:** Consider **strategies to generate and sustain demand for services using community owned actions (e.g. incentives, such as conditional cash transfers, **sanctions, insurance, transport)****
- **Action:** ~~Create awareness and~~ increase optimal **household** practices including care seeking
- **Action:** Empower communities to solve practical problems such as transport **and incentive for CHWs**

Group also discussed defining the roles of different community levels:

- parents: define roles
- families: define roles

different levels of community structures.....

ALSO SUGGEST: adding another theme which is crosscutting: harnessing use of appropriate technologies (e.g. mobile phones)

Roles – for discussion

Governments:

- **Action:** Address newborn health in the national health sector strategy, develop specific scale-up plans to meet the targets, and allocate resources based on impact and cost analysis
- **Action:** Adopt policies to improve access, quality, demand and coverage of newborn health services
- **Action:** Strengthen capacity of district health managers to plan evidence-based newborn interventions and allocate adequate resources for service delivery at the district level

Roles – for discussion

Governments (continued):

- **Action:** Conduct annual reviews of progress involving all relevant stakeholders and take remedial actions
- **Action:** Define implementation bottlenecks and foster research to find solutions
- **Action:** Assign a responsible person or unit to coordinate implementation of newborn activities at national and/or district levels

Roles – other constituencies

- UN and other multi-lateral organizations
- Donors, philanthropic institutions, bilateral agencies
- Business community
- Academic and research institutions
- Professional associations
- Civil society including NGOs and parents groups



Thank you

