A Promising Future

Midwifery Symposium

Call the Midwife:
A Conversation About The Rising Global Midwifery Movement

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ICM vision...

...a world where every childbearing woman (girl) has access to a midwife’s care for herself and her newborn
Why call the midwife?

- Appropriate
- Accessible
- Cost effective
- Deliver 87% essential interventions
The Midwife Effect...

Maternal mortality in Sweden in relation to proportion of midwife-assisted home-birth 1861-99 – Uuf Hogberg

Maternal Mortality since the 1960s in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand

Van Lerberghe & De Brouwere
ICM reaches out ... wherever women are found

where midwives work...

wherever women are found
Critical Foundations

**ICM Core Competencies**

- **Education**
- **Regulation**
- **Association**

**Midwifery**

**Critical Foundations**

A midwife is educated and skilled in the essential competency domains for basic midwifery practice. Each domain includes basic and additional competencies encompassing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to provide high-quality, lifesaving care.

**Competency #1**

- **Social, epidemiologic, and cultural context of maternal and newborn care**
  - Midwives have a requisite knowledge and skills in obstetrics, neonatology, the social sciences, public health, and ethics that form the basis of high-quality, culturally relevant, appropriate care for women, newborns, and families.

**Competency #2**

- **Pre-pregnancy care and family planning**
  - Midwives provide high-quality, culturally sensitive health education and services to all in the community in order to promote healthy family life, planned pregnancies, and positive parenting.

**Competency #3**

- **Care during pregnancy**
  - Midwives provide high-quality antenatal care to maximize health during pregnancy, including early detection and treatment or referral of selected complications.

**Competency #4**

- **Care during labor and birth**
  - Midwives provide high-quality, culturally sensitive care during labor, conduct a clean and safe birth, and manage emergency situations to maximize the health of women and their newborns.

**Competency #5**

- **Care for women during the postpartum period**
  - Midwives provide comprehensive, high-quality, culturally sensitive postpartum care for women.

**Competency #6**

- **Postnatal care of the newborn**
  - Midwives provide high-quality, comprehensive care for healthy infants from birth to two months of age.

**Competency #7**

- **Facilitation of abortion-related care**
  - Midwives provide a range of individualized, culturally sensitive abortion-related services for women requiring or experiencing pregnancy termination or loss that are consistent with applicable laws and regulations and with national protocols.

As a midwife, I can provide all BEmONC signals functions:
- Parenteral antibiotics
- Intravenous fluids
- Laxatives and enemas
- Anticoagulants for pre-eclampsia/ eclampsia (MgSO4)
- Manual removal of the placenta
- Removal of retained products (RPA)
- Assisted vaginal delivery
- Basic mental resuscitation

Childbearing women and their newborns deserve access to care from a competent midwife.

Read what every midwife should know at http://www.internationalmidwives.org/core-documents

ICM outreach materials designed in collaboration with...
Programmes

• ICM/UNFPA Francophone
• Gap analysis workshops

Resources ...

2010-2013
✓ Essential Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice
✓ Global Standards for Midwifery Education
✓ Model Curriculum Outlines for Professional Midwifery Education
✓ Global Standards for Midwifery Regulation
✓ Member Association Capacity Assessment Tool (MACAT)
✓ Standard Equipment List for Competency-Based Skills Training

2015
❖ Regulation toolkit
❖ Midwifery Services Framework

Zambia
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Thank you

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