Combating the Three Delays

1st Delay
Deciding to Seek Medical Care

2nd Delay
Reaching Medical Care

3rd Delay
Receiving Timely, Appropriate Care
First Delay

1. Promote community engagement and empowerment for improved maternal and newborn health

2. Increase birth preparedness, demand for facility delivery, and use of preventive health care services

3. Decrease financial and logistic barriers to accessing facility delivery care.
The First Delay Strategies: Examples

Village Health Team

SMAG meeting

Mama Ambassadors

Community Birth Preparedness

Transport Voucher
Second Delay

1. Decrease distance to skilled birth attendance by increasing the number of Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) facilities
2. Improve the accessibility of EMONC facilities
The Second Delay Strategies: Examples

- District Ambulance
- "Boda for mothers"
- Maternity waiting home
- New surgical ward at Kibiito HCIV
The Third Delay Strategies

Third Delay

1. Ensure that facilities have adequate infrastructure to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care
2. Ensure sufficient medical supplies, equipment, and medications
3. Ensure sufficient trained health care providers at facilities
4. Improve quality of care and ensure care is evidence-based
5. Ensure referral capacity exists to support transfers to higher level care
6. Support effective maternal, birth, and perinatal surveillance and response
The Third Delay Strategies: Examples

- Surgical equipment
- Training and mentoring
- Drug availability
- National guidelines
- New blood bank

Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response Guidelines
THANK YOU