Scaling Up Midwifery Education and Life Saving Skills through E-learning

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Key Challenges…

- Women, newborns dying needlessly

- Acute shortage of trained health workers and midwives

- Lack of institutions, tutors, clinical skills training

- Poor quality of training

- Retention, deployment and distribution

Issues of numbers, quality of care, equity and access
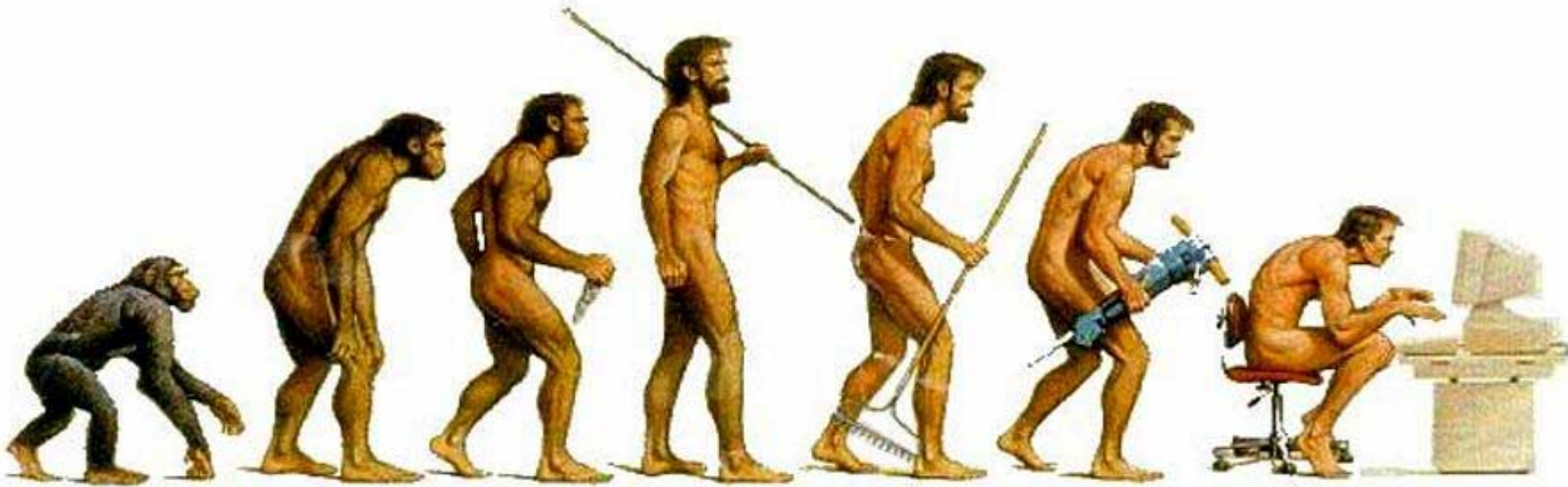
Innovative Solutions are needed !!

The FACT Is…

By end 2014:

- 2.9 billion users (40% of world's population) –will be online

- 6.9 billion mobile subscriptions, three quarters (over 5 billion) are in the developing world (ITU, 2014)

- Rapidly increasing broadband access

- Each day – Falling costs of netbooks and laptops

- Cost of one laptop is less than the cost of midwifery books

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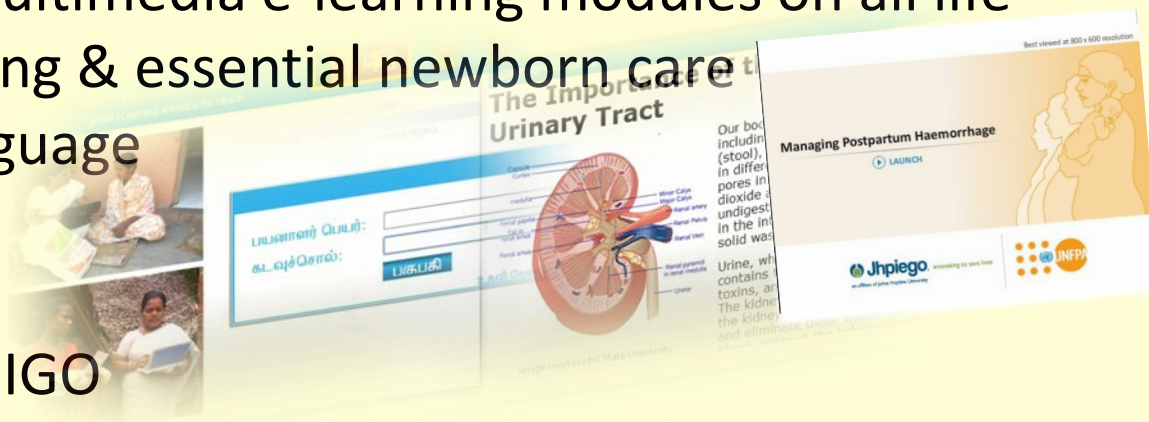
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WE HAVE CERTAINLY EVOLVED!!!

Technology can help:

UNFPA/Intel Partnership with Jhpiego and WHO

- High quality interactive multimedia e-learning modules on all life saving skills, family planning & essential newborn care
- Offline capability, any language
- Built in assessments
- Customizable
- Endorsed by – ICM, ICN, FIGO
- Data Tracking/recording

Advantages
(a) Training
- Quality of care
- Coverage and access
- Accountability
- Licensing and re-licensing

(b) Data Tracking
- Patient tracking- data registration/transfer/referral
- Patient visits (ANC, PNC, Delivery)
- Patient records

Workforce Education & Training – Intel Platform

- 9 e- modules
  - Midwives - PE/E, PPH, Sepsis, Post Abortion Care, Prolonged Obstructed Labour, essential newborn care
  - Other lower cadres – Danger signs in pregnancy, family planning counseling and short term methods, bleeding after birth
  - Content creation toolkit
  - PC basics course
- SKOOOL platform – offline access
- Delivers various multimedia content
- Training assessments
- Can be converted into any language

Status:
- ✓ 9 Modules on life saving skills – www.skooolhe.com or http://reprolineplus.org/learning-opportunities

2 pilots - Ghana, Bangladesh