

Call the Midwife



UNFPA / ICM Midwifery Programme

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Midwives deliver health in Communities

- Midwives are key to accomplish the unfinished MDG agenda and the post 2015 SDGs
- Midwifery central to UNFPA SRH Mandate
- UNFPA/ICM Programme launched in 2008 – now in Second Phase with Focus on West Africa



- Midwives can help avert 2/3rds of maternal and newborn deaths
- Midwifery – more cost effective intervention than physician led care
- Help achieve universal access to SRH

State of the World's Midwifery Report 2014

45 countries - directly or indirectly benefit from the UNFPA/ICM programme

TA - 21 country midwife advisors; UNFPA Technical Experts and partners –ICM, Jhpiego and others

Programme Goals

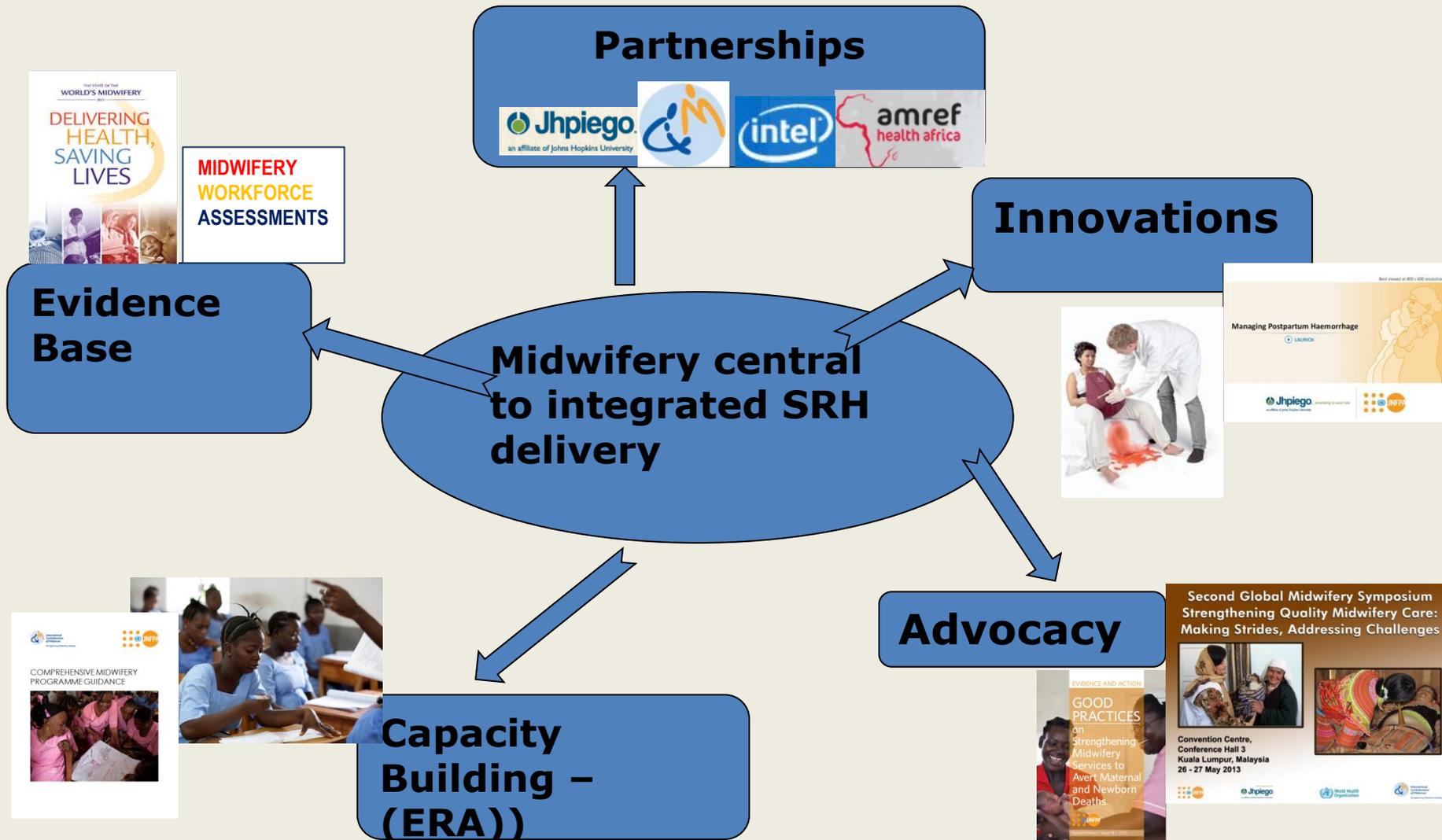
- Education
- Regulation
- Associations
- Policy Advocacy



- Focus: better midwifery skills and competencies; Quality of Care; evidence based advocacy on midwifery for increased national investments

Midwifery Programme - Strategies

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Results



GLOBAL VISIBILITY

**Symposium on Strengthening Midwifery:
Saving Lives and Promoting Health of
Women and Newborns**



Washington Convention Center
Washington, D.C.
5 - 6 June 2010



**Second Global Midwifery Symposium
Strengthening Quality Midwifery Care:
Making Strides, Addressing Challenges**



Convention Centre,
Conference Hall 3
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 27 May 2013



CARMMA

**Global Call to Action –
2010 (signed by 8
partners)**

**Joint Declaration of
Commitment (signed by
by 29 partners)**



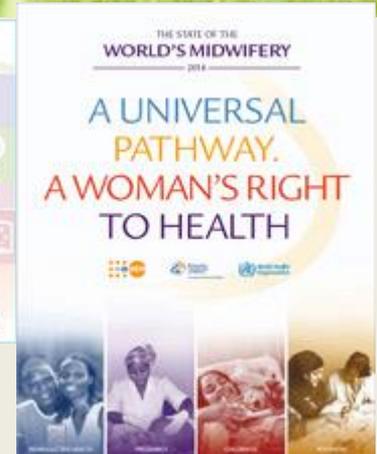
International Day of the Midwife



**EVERY WOMAN
EVERY CHILD**

Examples of national commitments:

- Afghanistan will increase the proportion of deliveries assisted by a skilled professional from 24% to 75% through strategies such as increasing the number of midwives from 2400 to 4556
- Ethiopia will increase the number of midwives from 2050 to 8635



Select Highlights:



Education

- Globally promoting ICM Standards
- 250 midwifery schools; new schools set up in Haiti, Ethiopia, Somalia, S. Sudan
- Over 20,000 midwives trained – pre and in-service
- approx 8000+ tutors trained (upgrading of skills)
- Global launch of innovative e-learning modules on life saving skills
- BSc programmes: Cambodia, Sudan, Liberia, Ghana, Pakistan and MSc programme in Uganda

Association:

- 45 national and sub-national Midwifery Associations established;
- New associations for example: S. Sudan, Guyana, Nepal, Djibouti etc

Regulation

Supported councils in Zambia, Afghanistan, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire etc

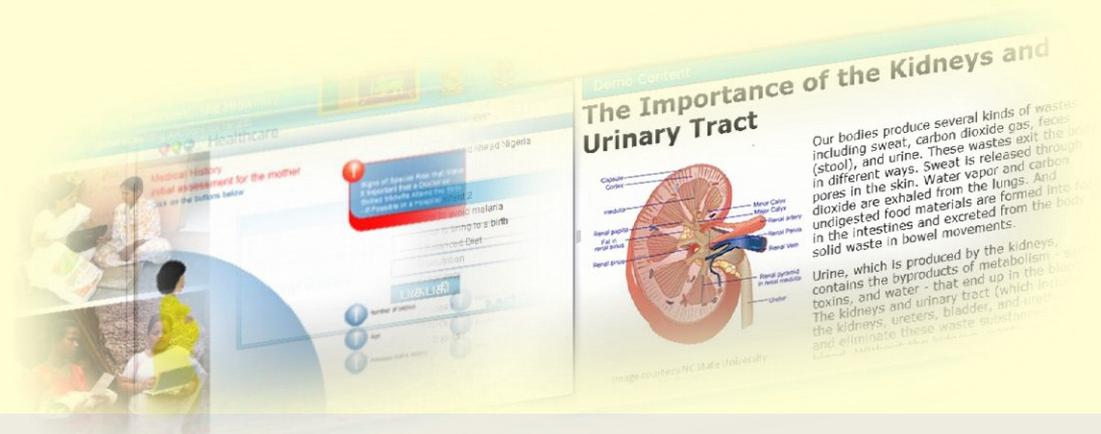


Innovation and Technology



UNFPA/Intel Partnership with Jhpiego and WHO

- **More about this later this afternoon from Geeta**



Danger Signs in Pregnancy

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Best viewed at 800 x 600 resolution

Managing Postpartum Haemorrhage

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Going Forward...



Challenges

- Lack of competent trained midwives with good clinical skills;
- Lack of tutors
- Midwifery – not an autonomous profession in many countries
- Issues of quality of care; deployment; retention; regulation

Plans

- Evidence based advocacy for investment scale up: State of the World's Midwifery 2014
- Continue to address quality midwifery training, regulations and strengthening associations
- Improve access and quality through E-learning and **innovations**
- Expand Alliances, Partnerships and coordination with donors
- Ebola Crisis – Mano River Project

Thank you...
Merci Beaucoup! Shukran!

