Improving Quality of Care for maternal, newborn and child health

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Every mother and newborn receives quality care throughout the pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal periods
Definition of Quality of Care

Quality of care is defined as the extent to which health services provided to individuals and populations improve desired health outcomes. In order to achieve this, health care needs to be safe, effective, timely, efficient, equitable, and people-centred.
Conceptual framework

Health system

Quality of Care

PROVISION OF CARE
1. Evidence based practices for routine care and management of complications
2. Actionable information systems
3. Functional referral systems

EXPERIENCE OF CARE
4. Effective communication
5. Respect and preservation of dignity
6. Emotional support
7. Competent, motivated human resources
8. Essential physical resources available

Individual and facility-level outcomes
Coverage of key practices
People-centred outcomes
Health outcomes
QoC Network Strategic Objectives

• **LEADERSHIP**: Build and strengthen national institutions and mechanisms for improving quality of care in the health sector

• **ACTION**: Accelerate and sustain implementation of quality of care improvements for mothers and newborns

• **LEARNING**: Facilitate learning, share knowledge and generate evidence on quality of care

• **ACCOUNTABILITY**: Develop, strengthen and sustain institutions and mechanisms for accountability for quality of care
Implementation framework

- Establish national policy, strategy and structures
- Build a broad coalition of stakeholders
- Conduct a landscape analysis and review data from health facilities
- Develop an operational plan and assign responsibility
- Adapt and adopt quality of care standards
- Agree indicators and monitoring framework
- Build capability for quality improvement interventions

Plan

Act

Do

Study

Implement interventions

Monitor progress and Learn

Refine or adapt interventions