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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ANC	Antenatal Care
AOR	Agreement Officer's Representative
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
BEmONC	Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
BHU	Basic Health Unit
CEmONC	Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
CHW	Community Health Worker
CHX	Chlorhexidine
CMW	Community Midwife
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative
CSG	Community Support Group
DHQ	District Headquarters
DO	Development Objective
DoH	Department of Health
EmONC	Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunization
FP	Family Planning
FP/RH	Family Planning and Reproductive Health
GRD	Government Rural Dispensary
HBB	Helping Babies Breathe
HSS	Health Systems Strengthening
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IFA	Iron/Folic Acid
IPC	Interpersonal Communication
IR	Intermediate Result
IUCD	Intrauterine Contraceptive Device
JHUCCP	John Hopkins University Center for Communication Program
JSI	John Snow Incorporated
KMC	Kangaroo Mother Care
LHS	Lady Health Supervisor
LHV	Lady Health Visitor
LHW	Lady Health Worker
LTFP	Long-Term Family Planning

LUMHS	Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCHIP	Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program
Miso	Misoprostol
MNCH	Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
OB/GYN	Obstetrics and Gynecology
OJC	On-the-Job Coaching
OJT	On-the-Job Training
OPD	Outpatient Department
OT	Operating Theater
PAC	Post-Abortion Care
PATH	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
PCPNC	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Postpartum, and Newborn Care
PDQ	Partnership Defined Quality
PMDC	Pakistan Medical and Dental Council
PMP	Performance Management Plan
PNC	Postnatal Care
PPH	Postpartum Hemorrhage
PPHI	People's Primary Healthcare Initiative
PPIUCD	Postpartum Intrauterine Contraceptive Device
PWD	Population Welfare Department
QIPS	Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
QIT	Quality Improvement Team
QOC	Quality of Care
RFA	Request for Application
RHCs	Rural Health Centers
RSPN	Rural Support Program Network
SBA	Skilled Birth Attendant
SOW	Scope of Work
STTA	Short-Term Technical Associate
TB	Tuberculosis
THQ	Tehsil Headquarters

TOT	Training of Trainers
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WSG	Women's Support Group

PROJECT SUMMARY

Table I summarizes basic information about the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP).¹

TABLE I: PROJECT SUMMARY

Title/Field	Project/Activity Information
Contract/agreement numbers	AID-391-LA-13-00001
Contracting/Agreement Officer's Representative (COR/AOR)	
Start date	January 2013
Completion date	September 2017
Location	16 districts of Sindh Province
Implementing partner(s)	A consortium of Jhpiego, Save the Children, and John Hopkin University Center for Communication Program (JHUCCP)
USAID/Pakistan Mission Strategic Framework objectives addressed	DO5: Improved MCH outcomes in target areas IR5.1: Increased access to integrated family planning and maternal and child health services
Budget	

¹ The Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) is a consortium of three organizations (Jhpiego, Save the Children, and JHUCCP) that implements the USAID/Pakistan Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH) Services project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Evaluation Purpose and Questions

The mid-term performance evaluation of the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH) Services Project examined the project's effectiveness, with attention to opportunities to improve effectiveness in the remaining years of the project and on identifying innovations, best practices, and high-impact interventions. Recommendations will help USAID/Pakistan and the implementing partner improve effectiveness and impact during the remainder of the project and contribute to future programming in maternal and child health service delivery. The evaluation focused on answering three questions:

1. To what extent has the project been effective in meeting its major goal and objectives?
2. What changes could be made to increase effectiveness in the remaining years of the project?
3. What best practices, innovations, and lessons learned can be applied to existing or future MNCH service delivery programs?

Project Background

The MNCH project worked closely with the Sindh Department of Health (DoH) and the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI), the public-private partnership that manages primary healthcare facilities for the DoH in Sindh. It worked with DoH and PPHI facilities in 16 districts to 1) improve access to integrated family planning (FP) and MNCH services; 2) increase the capacity of health workers to deliver high quality FP and MNCH services; and 3) improve the referral network. Activities designed to address the first objective focused on strengthening health-related community mobilization structures and healthcare facilities. The project emphasized training to achieve the second objective of increasing the capacity of workers and trained transporters and established a referral system to address the third objective.

Key Findings and Conclusions

Overall, the implementing partners employed their technical expertise to introduce high-quality and effective interventions that substantially increased the capacities of skilled birth attendants (SBAs) and substantially increased access to MNCH services in rural areas. However, the project's limited use of the vast amount of data it collected to inform decision-making represents a missed opportunity to improve performance. In 2016, Jhpiego transitioned interventions in PPHI-managed facilities to PPHI, and as a result, 442 health facilities were no longer involved the project.

The project's activities to increase the capacity of health workers were particularly effective, and the facilities and healthcare providers the project worked with overwhelmingly identified training as the most effective project activity. On-the-job coaching (OJC) and training (OJT) and facilitating community midwives' (CMWs') access to hands-on experience and mentoring were especially effective interventions. The fact that PPHI liked the training approach so well that it has adopted it in all of its facilities is a good indicator of its effectiveness and a key project achievement, especially in the context of sustainability.

Activities geared to improving access to FP and MNCH services were particularly effective in training lady health workers (LHWs) and revitalizing the women's support groups (WSGs) through which the LHWs work. This provided a platform for the project to distribute two evidence-based treatments

(chlorhexidine [CHX] for umbilical cord care and misoprostol [miso] to prevent postpartum hemorrhage) proven to reduce neonatal and maternal mortality, respectively. Building the capacities of CMWs to improve clinics in rural areas was also a key intervention for improving access to services in remote, rural areas. Infection prevention techniques and helping babies breathe (HBB) were also high-impact practices that the project successfully promoted.

The project's efforts to train transporters and establish a referral network have met with mixed success. The trained transporters have gained new skills in handling clients and they are confident that they can continue providing the service. However, clients note that the cost of the transporters is higher than other available alternatives, especially in urban and peri-urban areas. Neither the clients nor the transporters were using the referral slips the project needs to track referrals.

Changes to Improve Effectiveness

Some of the more important changes that could improve project effectiveness include:

- Train training institute staff as master trainers to build facility capacity and promote sustainability.
- Advocate with the DoH to find the resources to hire additional staff at basic emergency obstetric and newborn care (BEmONC) and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC) facilities so they are capable of offering the full range of required services around the clock.
- Work with the LHW program to scale up distribution of CHX/miso throughout Sindh. The distribution model leverages the reputation of the LHW program and its deep connections in rural communities to distribute an important treatment in a cost-effective manner.
- HBB has undoubtedly resulted in fewer newborn deaths. In its remaining years, the project should scale up HBB within the 15 project districts. Future projects could scale it up throughout Sindh.

Best Practices, Innovations, and Lessons Learned

1. The project demonstrated how targeted assistance and relatively simple interventions (e.g., providing equipment and supplies or facilitating a mobility allowance for vaccinators) can contribute significantly to improving access to and the quality of MNCH services.
2. Engaging with the established and trusted LHW program with its strong connections in rural communities was a best practice and helped the program distribute new, lifesaving treatments broadly within its target communities.
3. Assisting CMWs to establish and develop their own clinics is another best practice. The project has learned valuable lessons in helping CMWs become effective SBAs and MNCH service providers who are currently assisting the national MNCH program and could continue in the future.
4. Placing CMW coordinators in the training hospitals to facilitate training and mentoring was an important intervention that substantially improved the effectiveness of the CMW schools in building the skills of SBAs.

5. The project's emphasis on quality of care and introducing a culture of quality is a best practice and was appreciated by health providers. Assessing service quality, potentially using the quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) assessment tool, can be a valuable tool to monitor quality of care and deliver targeted refresher training or coaching to address deficiencies.

EVALUATION QUESTIONS AND METHODS

Evaluation Purpose and Questions

The mid-term performance evaluation of the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH) Services Project examined the project's effectiveness from February 2013 through March 31, 2016, with attention to identifying innovations, best practices, high-impact interventions, and activities that are contributing to achieving results. The evaluation provides lessons learned and recommendations that can help USAID/Pakistan and Jhpiego improve effectiveness and impact during the remainder of the project and contribute to future programming in maternal and child health service delivery.

The evaluation scope of work (SOW) (Annex 1) specified three key questions:

1. To what extent has the project been effective in meeting its major goal and objectives?
2. What changes could be made to increase effectiveness in the remaining years of the project?
3. What best practices, innovations, and lessons learned can be applied to existing or future MNCH service delivery programs?

Data Collection and Analysis

The evaluation team used a mixed methods approach employing qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques from primary and secondary sources. The evaluation team participated in a planning workshop to design a systematic and rigorous evaluation approach. The team met with USAID/Pakistan representatives, project staff, and other stakeholders to gain a thorough understanding of project objectives, implementation mechanisms, evaluation purpose, and context.

The project rolled out implementation in phases starting with five (phase A) districts in 2013. It added the remaining ten districts (two phase B and two phase C) in 2015. To examine differences in outcomes by implementation phase, the evaluation purposively selected two districts from phase A (because these districts implemented pilot interventions and had the longest exposure to interventions introduced by the project), one district from phase B, and one from phase C. The team then randomly selected a cross section of 16 public and private health facilities, and associated community structures, for field visits.

The team collected data from 185 individual respondents and 32 group interview participants from the 16 selected health facilities in the 4 districts (Table 2). Secondary data came from available project performance data, progress reports, research studies, and other sources. (Annex 5 contains a complete list of documents the evaluation team reviewed.)

TABLE 2: DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY BY STAKEHOLDER AND METHOD

Data Source	Data Collection Method				Total by Data Source
	Client Exit Interviews	Group Interview Participants	In-depth Interviews	Observation	
Community/WSGs	37	22	17	-	76
Government	-	-	15	-	15
Healthcare providers	-	-	38	6	44
Health facility	-	-	-	10	10
MCHIP consortium	-	-	2	-	2
MCHIP implementing partners	-	0	6	-	6
MCHIP team	-	0	40	-	40
PPHI	-	-	4	-	4
QITs	-	10	-	-	10
Training institutes	-	-	6	-	6
USAID	-	-	2	-	2
USAID implementing partners	-	-	1	-	1
Working groups / meetings	-	-	1	0	1
Total by data collection method	37	32	132	16	217

The evaluation employed rigorous methods to analyze qualitative and quantitative data. Quantitative data provided evidence of what happened while qualitative data provided evidence of how and why the project functioned and produced, or failed to produce, results and whether it generated unanticipated results. The evaluation used thematic analysis and coding techniques to identify key themes in the qualitative data and used quantitative analysis (e.g., descriptive statistics and cross-tabulation) methods to identify patterns in the qualitative data and to explore relationships between the quantitative and qualitative findings.

Limitations

The evaluation methods facilitated a multi-tiered triangulation process, including both primary and secondary data sources, to ensure a reliable final set of findings and corresponding conclusions and recommendations. However, the practical considerations of conducting an evaluation introduced some limitations.

- Due to issues beyond the evaluation team's control, it was not possible to visit the People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) facilities. This substantially limited the sample universe for field data collection since PPHI manages all of the project-supported Basic Health Units (BHUs) which comprised 48 percent of the facilities with which the project worked. Additionally,

community structures and health workers such as women's support groups (WSGs), quality improvement teams (QITs), and lady health workers (LHWs) are based at the BHUs. To mitigate this limitation, to the extent possible, the evaluation team visited more non-PPHI facilities than planned. The evaluation team also interviewed staff at the PPHI head office in Karachi and service providers and district managers in sampled districts to get their perspective. Due to this limitation, the evaluation findings are not generalizable to all cadres of project-supported facilities.

- The project modified its implementation approach several times without updating its performance management plan (PMP). The lack of updated targets and inconsistent data on indicators limited the evaluation team's ability to assess progress against targets to those indicators for which updated targets and consistent performance data existed.
- The evaluation intended to rely on periodic population-based randomized household surveys to measure some results indicators. It conducted the baseline survey in 2013 and a follow-up survey in 2014. The summary report focused on selected indicators and showed no statistically significant changes. Changes in government registration requirements for field data collection prevented the project from conducting the scheduled survey in 2015 which was not done at the time of the evaluation. The evaluation team assessed project monitoring data but it had not been aggregated at the project level. The evaluators were unable to quantitatively estimate trends in MCHIP performance indicators from the year I PMP.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Sindh MNCH Health Services Situation

Healthcare services in Sindh are provided by the Department of Health (DoH) and a variety of private providers. The DoH is the main provider of preventive care throughout the province and the major provider of curative services in most rural areas. In the public sector, health services are provided through a tiered referral system of healthcare facilities, with increasing levels of complexity and coverage from primary, to secondary, to tertiary health facilities. Primary care facilities include BHUs, rural health centers (RHCs), government rural dispensaries (GRDs), maternal and child health (MCH) centers, and tuberculosis (TB) centers. These facilities provide outpatient department (OPD) services eight hours a day/six days a week for preventive and a limited number of curative services, although RHCs provide a broader range of curative services, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Primary care facilities also provide outreach preventive services to communities through vaccinators, sanitary inspectors, and a sanitary patrol. At the community level, services are provided through facility-based outreach health workers, lady health workers (LHWs), and community midwives (CMWs). The LHW program is the flagship program of the Department of Health (DoH) for community interventions but covers only 20 to 43 percent of the communities in certain districts, and technical knowledge and supervision overall is weak.² Tehsil headquarters (THQ) hospitals and 17 district headquarters (DHQ) hospitals comprise the secondary tier and provide increasingly specialized secondary healthcare, while teaching hospitals form the tertiary level tier.

Health indicators in the rural areas of Sindh are particularly poor, falling below the average for rural Pakistan. Coverage of maternal and child health services, contraception, vaccination, and communicable disease control is uneven due to poorly functioning basic and emergency services. Only 27 percent of

² Sindh Health Sector Strategy, 2012-2020. Accessed from: <http://www.trfpakistan.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=IEyZSVfIMkg%3D&tabid=2618>

deliveries take place in health facilities, merely 70 percent of children under one year of age are immunized for measles, and 11 percent of childbearing age couples practice contraception. Only 22 percent of Sindh's population choose to use public health facilities, opting instead to visit private facilities. This is lower than the national average of 29 percent and reflects the relatively poor quality of public health services.³

MNCH Project Design

The MNCH project is one component of USAID/Pakistan's integrated five-component maternal and child health (MCH) program (Table 3). Each project in the portfolio is responsible for specific activities and deliverables, but all partners are supposed to work in close coordination to achieve the same goal: improved health outcomes for newborns, children, and women. The MNCH project is implemented by a consortium of three organizations that includes Jhpiego, Save the Children, and JHUCCP. This consortium is commonly known as the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), but this report refers to the project as the MNCH project.

TABLE 3: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Component	Description	Implementing Partners
1: Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP/RH)	Delivers FP/RH services and improves the quality of care in the public and private health sectors.	Marie Stopes Society; Health and Nutrition Development Society; Creative Social Marketing; Marie Stopes International
2: Maternal Newborn Child Health (MNCH)	Increases access to high-quality MNCH.	Jhpiego; Save the Children; JHUCCP
3: Behavior Change Communication (BCC)	Employs commercial marketing techniques and behavior change communications to promote healthy behaviors.	JHUCCP
4: Health Commodities and Supply Chain	Ensures the procurement and distribution of critical contraceptive and health commodities.	John Snow, Inc.(JSI)/DELIVER; Chemonics
5: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)	Provides technical assistance to reform and improve service delivery in a post-devolution operating environment.	JSI

The MNCH project aims to prevent maternal, newborn, and child deaths by increasing access to high-quality MNCH services. Its technical approach focuses on: i) increasing demand for high-quality services at the community level, ii) increasing the supply of high-quality skilled health providers at the facility level, and iii) strengthening the referral system.

The primary strategies through which the project pursued these goals include: i) supporting all cadres of SBAs including doctors, lady health visitors (LHVs), and CMWs to ensure a full range of high-quality MNCH services at both public and private health facilities; ii) developing transport and communication systems to improve referral and transport in the event of complications; iii) mobilizing communities to create and sustain demand for high-quality MNCH services; iv) implementing specific technical interventions to reduce postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) and reduce birth asphyxia by providing SBAs

³ Sindh Health Sector Strategy, 2012-2020. Accessed from: <http://www.trfpakistan.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1EyZSVfIMkg%3D&tabid=2618>

with helping babies breathe (HBB) training and resuscitation equipment; and v) addressing bottlenecks and improving the functioning of the market system for MNCH services.⁴

In its first year, the project focused on improving the performance of CMWs by providing technical and business skills training, infrastructure, and equipment and supplies. In the second year, the project shifted its emphasis to improving the quality of care at public (DoH) facilities including those managed by PPHI, the semi-public entity contracted by the DoH to manage its facilities, as well as private facilities. By the third year of the project, it had significantly extended technical support to SBAs working at the facility and community levels. In 2016, Jhpiego transitioned interventions in PPHI-managed facilities to PPHI, and as a result, 442 health facilities were no longer involved in the project. However, the project works directly with the LHW program so it still maintains a working relationship with the LHWs and lady health supervisors (LHSs) and their associated community mobilization structures (WSGs).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

This section presents findings for evaluation question 1—the extent to which the project has met its major goal and objectives. Questions 2 and 3 ask for best practices and lessons learned and recommendations, respectively, and the report addresses these in the conclusions and recommendations sections. This section presents findings and (when appropriate) conclusions by the three project objectives: 1) improving access to integrated FP and MNCH services; 2) increasing the capacity of health workers to deliver high-quality FP and MNCH services; and 3) improving the referral network, including community mobilization activities designed to increase health-seeking behaviors and demand.

Objective 1: Access to Family Planning and MNCH Services

To improve access to FP and MNCH services, the project worked to build the capacities of community service providers—LHWs and community health workers (CHWs)—and strengthen health facilities by refurbishing, supplying, and equipping CMW clinics and facilities providing basic emergency obstetric and newborn care (BEmONC) and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC) services. Specific interventions included providing specialized training to strengthen CMWs, blood banks, and long-term family planning (LTFP), and revitalizing QITs to improve access to and quality of healthcare services. The section also presents findings on special and pilot interventions the SOW specified that the evaluation address. These include chlorhexidine (CHX)/misoprostol (miso), HBB, kangaroo mother care (KMC), nutrition, and immunization.

CMW Clinics

The project collaborated with the Sindh MNCH program to identify 186 CMWs in the project districts and build their capacities to become sustainable, business-oriented service providers. The project trained the CMWs to refresh existing skills and taught them new ones. It also provided training in business management and refurbished—when necessary—and equipped the CMWs' clinics with specific instruments and supplies required for effective infection prevention practices and HBB. Project staff also provided follow-up on-the-job coaching (OJC) and on-the-job training (OJT) when necessary.

The evaluation team interviewed two CMWs in each district (six in total) and observed their clinical set-up. They also interviewed beneficiary women in the CMWs' catchment communities. The six CMWs the

⁴ MNCH contract agreement and annual work plans

evaluation team interviewed reported receiving training in nine topics and, except for training in diarrhea/pneumonia where two-thirds of trainees found the training useful, 100 percent said they found the training useful.⁵ All six CMWs reported receiving specialized business training and said that the training helped them in establishing their clinics and running them profitably. Half reported receiving equipment and all reported receiving supplies.

The project also worked to strengthen referral linkages between LHWs and CMWs, and 83 percent of the CMWs the team interviewed reported increased referrals from LHWs.

The project did not fund construction or rehabilitation of CMW clinics. However, because the condition of the clinics affects the quality of services they provide, the evaluation team collected data on several aspects of the clinics' condition as indicators of the quality of services. The evaluation team's observation found that two of the six CMW clinics it visited lacked electricity, two were not clean, one did not have a separate delivery area, and one lacked adequate storage space. All the CMWs interviewed reported improved clinical practice and technical skills, and they especially appreciated regular OJC and OJT visits by project staff.

Basic Health Units

The PPHI, a public-private partnership between the government of Sindh and the Sindh Rural Support Program, manages BHUs, which are the first-line facilities in rural areas. The project supported BHUs by building staff capacity, refurbishing labor rooms and patient toilets, and providing equipment and supplies.

The evaluation team was not able to formally visit project-supported BHUs because the interventions had already been formally transitioned to PPHI oversight and management as of May 2016; these accounted for 48 percent of the facilities with which the project worked.

BEmONC

The project worked with public and private BEmONC facilities to build their capacities to more effectively provide the seven "signal functions" that treat the major causes of maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality. The project trained facility staff in these procedures and provided infection prevention-related supplies such as buckets, chlorine, and gloves; delivery sets and other instruments; and information, education, and communication (IEC) materials.

Of the six BEmONC facilities the evaluation team visited, only one was able to provide all seven functions when the evaluation team visited the facility (Table 4).⁶ In the facilities where functions five and six were not available at the time of the team's visit, the facility attributed it to the fact that the team visited late in the day when the doctor trained in these procedures was not on shift. At the time of the team's visit, these facilities were being managed by SBAs who were paramedics. Although they were trained in pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, and newborn care (PCPNC), they did not administer anti-convulsants or practice vacuum extraction delivery. The doctor was available on call for complicated cases.

⁵ The team did not collect data on why the one CMW each did not find training in diarrhea/pneumonia useful.

⁶ A facility may have the capability to provide all 7 signal functions but not be able to provide them 24 hours per day, 7 days per week if it does not have sufficient relevant staff to cover all shifts. For this reason, not all BEmONC facilities the evaluation team visited were able to provide all seven signal functions at the time of the team's visit.

TABLE 4: PERCENTAGE OF FACILITIES PROVIDING SEVEN SIGNAL FUNCTIONS

Function #	BEmONC Seven Signal Functions	Percentage of Facilities
1	Administer antibiotics to prevent puerperal infection	50%
2	Administer uterotonic drugs (e.g., oxytocics) for postpartum hemorrhage	83%
3	Administer anticonvulsants to treat eclampsia and preeclampsia	67%
4	Manual removal of placenta	67%
5	Removal of retained conception products	17%
6	Assisted or instrumental vaginal delivery (vacuum extraction, forceps)	33%
7	Neonatal resuscitation (with bag and mask)	83%

The team observed infection prevention chlorine corners and HBB posters and references in all six public and private health facilities it visited, and all paramedics the team observed were following the infection prevention procedures. The team observed partograph capabilities in 50 percent of the public health facilities, but its interviews with SBAs suggested that project clinical officers were not fully abreast of partographs and provided little or no coaching on this component.

Some of the DoH facilities were also missing some basic components. For example, one of the two RHCs the evaluation team visited did not have pit holes for safely handing placentas over to families for burial. At the RHC in Subho Dero, a facility the project identified as a BEmONC facility, the doctor told evaluators that the center offered no BEmONC services because the facility did not have a gynecologist on staff.

Conclusions: Project-wide progress towards BEmONC objectives is unclear since none of the facilities visited met the signal functions required of BEmONC facilities. Overall, a lack of sufficient human resources remains a challenge in BEmONC facilities. In many facilities services are provided through makeshift arrangements, i.e., engaging doctors for caesarian sections at limited times. Otherwise, patients have to go either to private sector BEmONC facilities or travel to adjacent districts that render BEmONC services on a 24/7 basis.

CEmONC

CEmONC facilities provide the basic services of BEmONC facilities but also have the capacity to provide blood transfusions, surgery (e.g., cesarean section), and neonatal intubation and advanced resuscitation (intubation and respirator available). To improve CEmONC capacities, the project trained SBAs and other staff and provided regular OJC. The project also provided labor room and operating theater (OT) equipment (e.g., infection prevention-related supplies such as buckets, chlorine, and gloves; theater kits and accessories; and instruments such as delivery sets necessary for cesarean sections), refrigerators for drug storage, infection prevention kits, and IEC materials.

The evaluation team's interviews and observations at 4 CEmONC facilities—3 public and 1 private—found that they all provided 10 of the 11 key maternal health services, and 3 of the 4 offered the 11th—availability of blood with a storage facility. All four of the CEmONC facilities the evaluation team visited had PPH trollies and HBB corners, infection prevention chlorine corners, and a partograph chart, all with prescribed posters mounted on the wall for quick reference. In three out of the four CEmONC facilities the evaluation team visited, the project had refurbished the labor room, delivery room OT, patient wards, and toilets.

The two SBAs the evaluation team interviewed at the public CEmONC facility, i.e., the DHQ hospital in Tando Allahyar, reported that the project had improved adherence to infection prevention protocols. They explained that in the past, nobody, including patients' relatives, respected the red line and the

statement “no admission to unauthorized personnel” outside labor rooms and OTs. They reported that, after staff training and the assertive approach adopted by the project’s CEmONC supervisor, the red line is respected as the accepted norm.

The project also appointed a CEmONC coordinator in each district tasked with visiting public and private CEmONC facilities to ensure adherence to infection prevention practices and extending continuous OJC to the OB/GYN clinical and non-clinical staff. The staff of all facilities the team visited said this continuous supportive supervision was very valuable in sensitizing the staff to the importance of observing infection prevention practices and bolstering technical skills.

As one facility in-charge explained, the project’s support, especially equipment and supplies, has enhanced facilities’ capacity and extended its service area.

“It is imperative to mention that in DHQ hospital Sukkur, [the project] made small but very important and most needed contributions in the CEmONC services rendered through the DHQ hospital. Their facilitation led to extending of catchment area of the DHQ hospital beyond the boundaries of Sukkur as patients were coming from adjacent districts for caesarian section. It needs to be highlighted that a year ago patients requiring natal and especially caesarian section were refused due to lack of equipment and other basic supplies. Currently, as most of the needs have been catered for, emergency and routine procedures are being accepted and there is no refusal. The OT is operational 24/7 with three shifts. All the patients are poor and from marginalized sector of the society. Patients are also accepted with complications generally from the private sector and these mainly include ruptured uterus.” – OB/GYN in-charge, Sukkur

Conclusions: CEmONC facilities seem to be operating effectively. Even though providing equipment and supplies seems like a small intervention, it enabled some facilities to expand the services they offered and handle more complicated cases.

Blood Bank

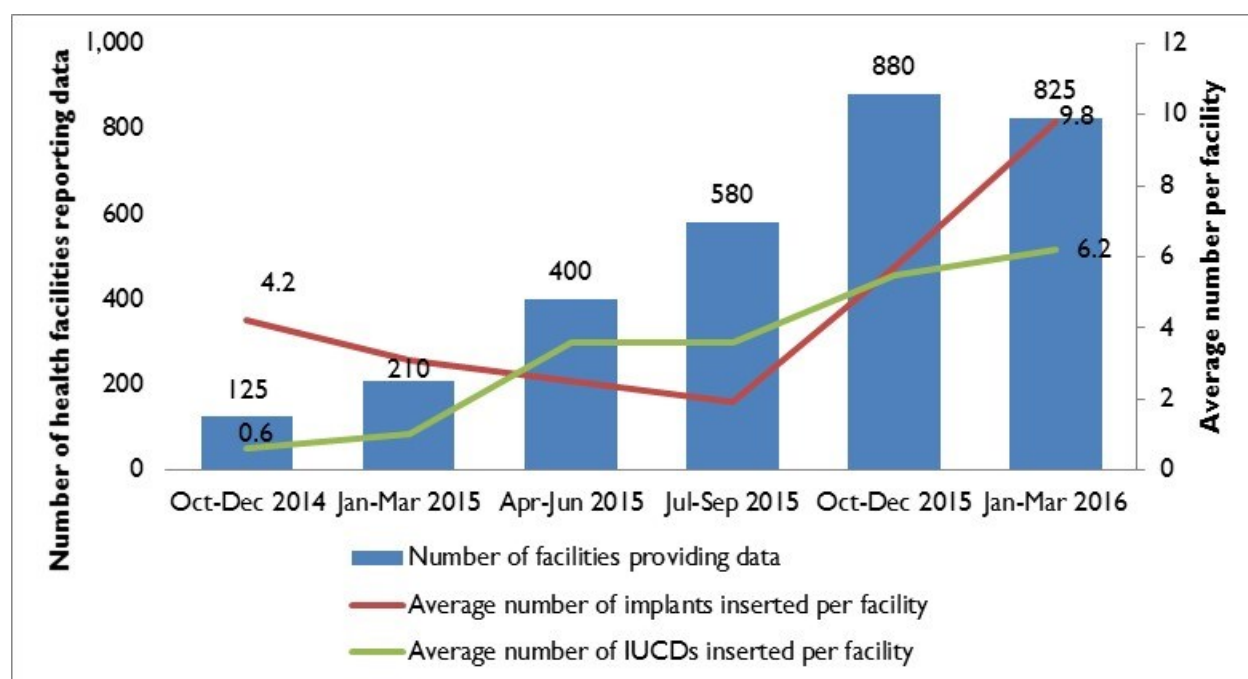
In an effort to improve blood bank services, the project trained blood bank technicians from three CEmONC facilities on blood bank management and provided continuing OJC to ensure the quality of services. The project also provided some basic equipment to make the blood bank in Sukkur operational, but the bank has not yet been inaugurated or opened.

All six blood bank staff the evaluation team interviewed said the project interventions had improved the quality of their work and improved blood banking services overall. They also noted that OJC in blood bank management had ensured adherence to infection prevention protocols.

Postpartum Long-Term Family Planning (LTFP)

One of the project’s key interventions was building SBAs’ capacities in postpartum LTFP, specifically in postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD) insertion and implant removal since government of Sindh health officials identified this as a major skill gap. Project-supported training institutes employed comprehensive modules that covered counseling techniques and procedures, including volunteerism and informed consent. The training incorporated practice on models and on actual patients.

FIGURE 1: TRENDS IN PROVISION OF IMPLANTS AND IUCDs



After the training, the project oriented each participant to the online registration mechanism necessary to obtain contraceptives from the district warehouses. Project-reported data show a steady increase in the average number of implants and intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUCDs) inserted per supported facility between October 2014 and March 2016. However, the non-constant number of facilities reporting in each period makes it difficult to interpret the numbers (Figure 1).

Lady Health Workers

LHWs provide information and simple curative care in family planning, vaccination, diarrheal and other communicable disease control, and nutrition and water and sanitation practices. LHWs disseminate information largely through the WSGs they establish and facilitate.⁷ The project trained LHWs in interpersonal communication (IPC), support group methodology, and CHX/miso to revitalize WSGs. It reports having trained 3,206 LHWs and 161 CHWs in phase A districts. Project reports indicate that these trained LHWs and CHWs support the catchment areas of 306 of the 341 MNCH centers in the project districts.⁸ In consultation with the LHW program, the project also updated LHW job aids (e.g., flip chart book for community information and discussion). It also relied on LHWs to refer patients to project-supported SBAs, facilitate cooking demonstrations (a project nutrition activity), support project-supported PPIUCD camps and advocacy events, and serve as focal points for distributing CHX/miso and iron/folic acid (IFA).

The evaluation team interviewed 10 LHWs and 15 members of the WSGs they facilitated in Tando Allahyar and Khairpur.⁹ The LHWs reported receiving training in CHX/miso (60 percent of respondents), IPC (60 percent of respondents), and conducting WSGs (60 percent of respondents). All who received training on CHX/miso and WSGs reported using the skills they learned, while 50 percent

⁷ The LHW program uses the term community support groups (CSGs) which are equivalent to what the project calls women's support groups (WSGs). The remainder of the report uses the term WSG.

⁸ MCHIP Year 3, Qtr-2 Report

⁹ In Sukkur, the project had not yet provided training to LHWs.

reported using what they learned in the IPC training.¹⁰ The training is ongoing and the data do not necessarily reflect the percentage of LHWs the project planned to train over the life of the project. All the interviewees said that the package of trainings was relevant and has contributed significantly to improving the quality of WSGs.

Sixty percent of LHWs explained that before the project, they conducted WSG meetings infrequently and that the meetings were poorly attended, often repeated topics, and involved little interactive discussion. In response to open-ended questions in group discussions about how the project had improved the function of WSGs, LHWs and WSG member participants explained that the groups were meeting more frequently, with greater regularity and function, and discussed a wider range of topics in more interactive discussions.¹¹ All WSG members reported that the WSGs disseminated useful health information that they shared with their families, friends, and neighbors.

All of the LHWs the evaluation team interviewed reported using the revised job aids and found them user-friendly and effective with new topics and updated information. The LHW provincial program representative said the materials were of high quality and has requested a sufficient supply to distribute throughout the province. The project also developed a “mother’s booklet” which the LHW program endorsed and distributed to 15,000 pregnant women in 15 districts.¹² Pregnant WSG members the evaluation team interviewed in a group interview in Tando Allahyar reported receiving the book and found it informative. The WSG in Khairpur did not mention the mother’s booklet. The team did not conduct group interviews with WSGs in the other two districts because another MCH partner, JHUCCP, was conducting the community mobilization work in the other two districts (phases B and C).

Conclusions: Interviews with LHWs and WSG members suggest that project interventions have revitalized WSGs in the project districts. The LHW program’s endorsement of the mother’s booklet will help disseminate project-supported practices more broadly throughout the LHW program. However, the loss of PPHI as a partner means that the project will need to engage LHWs directly through the LHW program and not through the BHUs.

Community Health Workers¹³

The project engaged 161 CHWs to cover areas where there were no LHWs and trained them to perform selected LHW activities, including forming WSGs. The project expected that the provincial government would be willing to groom these CHWs and incorporate them into the regular LHW training program.¹⁴ Although the CHWs interviewed aspired to obtain LHW training, the LHW program representative the evaluation team interviewed said that the program does not plan to engage the CHWs after the project ends.

All four CHWs the evaluation team interviewed reported forming WSGs and holding regular meetings with women who were eager to participate. They all wanted training in more topics and refresher training so they could better answer questions raised by WSG participants.

¹⁰ The three LHWs who said they did not use the IPC training did not provide any reasons for not using it.

¹¹ Participants in both group discussions mentioned these improvements, but the analysis did not identify individual responses.

¹² MCHIP Year 3, Qtr-2 Report.

¹³ The CHW nomenclature is an internationally recognized term usually associated with broader skills and responsibilities than those of project-supported CHWs whose roles and responsibilities coincide more closely with community health volunteers in other countries. This could cause confusion when the health workforce is mapped in the future. CHWs the team interviewed aspire to become LHWs, but the LHW program representative the evaluation team interviewed said that the program does not intend to take on the CHWs at the end of the project.

¹⁴ MCHIP Year 2- Work Plan.

Quality Improvement Teams

The project established QITs associated with CEmONC and BEmONC facilities. The QITs include representatives from the facilities and the communities and employ a partnership defined quality (PDQ) process to engage communities in improving the quality of services according to community-established criteria. The project reported establishing 220 QITs of a target of 250—54 in DoH facilities, 164 in PPHI facilities, and 2 in private facilities.¹⁵ The project also worked with PPHI to revitalize its facility-based teams, called community support groups (CSGs), which serve the same purpose as QITs.¹⁶ It also helped strengthen the capacity of PPHI social organizers to use PDQ principles to improve the quality of services.

The evaluation team conducted two group discussions with QITs—one in Tando Allahyar and one in Khairpur (both phase A districts).¹⁷ Together, the QITs included 23 members, 47 percent of whom were community members, 53 percent of whom were facility staff, and 15 percent of whom were women. Project staff also reported their attendance at the meetings. The facility medical superintendent chaired both QITs, and members reported that as a result of transfers, facility staff members changed frequently. Group discussion participants reported meeting monthly with four to five members attending. They also reported that few community members participated because they found it cumbersome to attend these meetings. As the only community representative in the group discussion at Tando Allahyar said:

“I have been a member of QIT for the last one and a half years, but have attended only three or so meetings. I rarely come due to my other engagements.”

Group discussion participants described the purpose of the QITs as improving the condition of the facility and provision of services. None mentioned needs-based service demand, improved governance, or shared accountability. Participants in both group discussions explained that the role of facility members is to improve facility conditions while the role of community members is to mobilize communities and encourage them to utilize the facility’s MNCH services. None of the group discussion participants reported receiving training in PDQ, QIT purpose refreshers, or orientation.

Both QITs the evaluation team interviewed had developed action plans for improving facility functioning and services. In Tando Allahyar, the current action plan is to address the issues of irregular staff, lack of a medical officer, planting trees around the facility (about which it recently met with the municipal administration), and the facility staff’s poor attitude towards patients. Its previous action plans addressed improving facility cleanliness, removing shrubs and weeds, improving water supply, and improving staff behavior towards patients. In Khairpur, the action plan focused largely on activities that were not MNCH-specific, such as inadequate water supply for planting trees and limited community awareness about available services. The team collected no information during a follow-up visit in Khairpur because the QIT was established very recently.

The main challenges QIT members mentioned included the chairperson’s (medical superintendent) influence in its establishment, efficacy, and continuation. For example, the chairperson in Khairpur suspended the QIT for almost 18 months. Other reported challenges included members’ directing resources to their own areas, lack of community members’ active participation, and action points that require district or provincial level health officials’ support to resolve (e.g., increasing facility staff).

¹⁵ Year 3, Qtr 2 Report

¹⁶ Year 3, Qtr 1 Report

¹⁷ The evaluation team was unable to reach PPHI’s CSGs because PPHI was no longer part of the project. PPHI CSGs are different groups than the CSGs formed under the LHW program.

“We are short of staff. Everyone knows this. What can we do? What can our medical superintendent do? He can only inform the district health officer about such an issue. He cannot solve it by himself.” – QIT participant in Tando Allahyar

Despite these challenges, members of both QITs described it as an effective body that contributed to improved facility operation and services. Both QITs also believed that the QITs will continue to work even after the end of the project.

Special Interventions

The evaluation also examined pilot interventions including CHX, miso, and HBB and other specific interventions such as KMC, nutrition, and immunization. This section presents findings for these pilot and special interventions.

Misoprostol and CHX

The project promotes the use of misoprostol to prevent maternal deaths from postpartum hemorrhage, which account for 27 percent of maternal deaths in Pakistan.¹⁸ National policy already dictates that LHWs distribute misoprostol tablets, but effective implementation, supply, and monitoring have been problematic. The project also promotes the use of CHX for umbilical cord care, another evidence-based intervention that has been shown to reduce neonatal mortality by up to 30 percent in comparable settings in South Asia. The project has been involved in successfully advocating for the addition of CHX to the official national essential drug list—so it is available from sources other than the project—and testing various concentrations of the drug in the local environment. The project piloted distribution of CHX through LHWs and found that 97 percent of clients adhered to its recommendations.¹⁹

At the time of the evaluation, the project had not yet scaled up this component in the initial five districts. With project support, the LHW program is distributing a CHX/miso joint pack. In Khairpur and Tando Allahyar districts, district coordinators told the evaluation team that the project completed training of trainers (TOT) on miso and CHX, and started distributing CHX/miso packs. Sukkur district, on the other hand, has yet to start activities pertaining to this component. Sixty percent of the 10 LHWs and 67 percent of the 6 CMWs the evaluation team interviewed reported receiving and distributing miso or CHX and reported that all the clients who received miso or CHX used them—implying a 100 percent utilization rate among clients who received miso or CHX. This finding is consistent with the 97 percent utilization rate reported by the project, but the evaluation team did not interview users and cannot verify the reported utilization rate.

Conclusions: The findings suggest that the miso/CHX component of the project is progressing well—it has trained LHWs on these treatments and successfully promoted their distribution and use. The project’s advocacy to get CHX added to the national drug list is a substantial achievement and will improve access to an evidence-based treatment for reducing neonatal mortality.

Helping Babies Breathe (HBB)

HBB is an evidence-based intervention that has been proven to reduce neonatal deaths related to asphyxia.²⁰ The evaluation of the national MNCH program found that facilities were already practicing some components of resuscitation such as rubbing the babies’ backs and clearing the airway.²¹ However,

¹⁸ Lancet (2013)

¹⁹ MCHIP CHX Adherence Study

²⁰ The American Academy of Pediatrics and Saving Newborn Lives are two major partners.

²¹ Term Evaluation of the National Maternal and Child Health Programme in Pakistan, Report. Accessed from: <http://www.trfpakistan.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0WOWUr-6vQl%3D&tabid=2618>

they lacked the equipment and training to practice ventilation using a bag valve mask (commonly referred to by the proprietary name “Ambu bag”). To strengthen the facilities’ capabilities for neonatal resuscitation, the project included HBB in all its SBA training, and equipped HBB corners (including providing Ambu bags and posters) in labor and delivery rooms. The project is collaborating with the HSS project to get the DoH to include relevant indicator(s) in the district health information system. In the meantime, the project provides stickers to place in individual medical records to document when a baby has been resuscitated.

Two of the three pediatricians the evaluation team interviewed in public CEmONC facilities reported that the OB/GYN departments offered HBB. The evaluation team observed HBB posters and equipment in all facilities visited but was not able to directly observe the abilities of SBAs to use the equipment.

Conclusions: The project’s contribution to increasing the availability of Ambu bags and providing related training has substantially increased access to an effective method for neonatal resuscitation and reduced the loss of life from a preventable cause of death.

Kangaroo Mother Care

KMC is an evidence-based, cost-effective, and easy-to-use care of preterm and full-term infants that promotes holding the infants in skin-to-skin contact with the mother or another caregiver. The project reported that it has conducted a situation analysis in two CEmONC facilities in Khairpur district and is working with DoH to select a district for the KMC pilot. Since the project has not started KMC activities, there was nothing for the evaluation team to observe.

Nutrition

For reasons that are unclear to the evaluation team, the project did not start implementing nutrition activities in the field until year three and did not follow many of the recommendations of a consultant hired by PATH, the project’s technical partner for nutrition. Starting in year three, the project trained 20 LHSs from 10 districts as trainers for LHWs using a nutrition module consisting of maternal, infant, and young child nutrition knowledge and practices. The project also trained 18 of the 186 CMWs involved in the project on lactation management and added a lactation management TOT in training institute curricula.²² The project also conducted 32 cooking demonstrations associated with nutrition activities, but project reports do not explain the rationale and objectives of these demonstrations. Nutrition counseling is a regular part of LHW and CHW practice, and the project provided IFA tablets—already widely available and used in Pakistan—to LHWs and CHWs to distribute to pregnant women. A large majority of the CMWs (83 percent of 6 CMWs) and all 10 LHWs the evaluation team interviewed reported distributing IFA to pregnant women. At the time of the evaluation, more than halfway through the project’s third year, nutrition interventions had not progressed sufficiently for the evaluation team to observe any activities.

Immunization

The project completed an immunization situation analysis in 2013 and, on the basis of the analysis, proposed activities for the first year’s work plan. Shortly afterward, however, USAID issued a separate RFA for immunization and asked the project not to spend the money originally set aside for immunization. However, USAID never awarded the separate immunization activity for programmatic reasons and, in September 2014, asked the project to resume immunization activities in FY 2015.

²² Yr 3. Quarter 2 Report, 2016.

Project managers told the evaluation team that USAID recommended that Jhpiego use immunization funds to scale up “the successful approach used by the Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) component of the MNCH program to four additional districts.” The approach involves contracting with the Rural Support Program Network (RSPN) to identify a cohort of newborns and support immunizers from the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) to go to communities and vaccinate each child. Project managers reported that RSPN completed a baseline study in Tando Allahyar district in 2016 and planned a baseline for Shikarpur district which had not yet started. RSPN trained 27 EPI vaccinators on cold chain management and registration and verification of children.

The baseline found that EPI vaccinators were not able to travel because they were not provided a travel allowance to cover their costs. Associated with the baseline, RSPN calculated that it would cost very little to provide this allowance, a low enough cost to convince the district government to begin providing an allowance. The DoH manager the evaluation team interviewed in Tando Allahyar was happy with the baseline and especially the cost calculation that ultimately facilitated the mobility of the vaccinators.

Conclusions: Because the project started activities so late, a complete cohort of newborns would need to be enrolled by the end of the first quarter of FY 2017 to allow sufficient time for all of them to be completely immunized by the end of the program. A very important initiative taken by RSPN is to address the longstanding issue of providing a travel allowance for vaccinators.

Mother’s Support Card

The project also supported the Mother’s Support Card initiative to facilitate marginalized and poor women’s access to services. The initiative subsidizes the cost of a package of MNCH services to encourage marginalized and poor pregnant women to access a complete package of care including attending ANC, delivery, and PNC at CMW clinics. Because the project did not begin the initiative until late in the project life, the evaluation team was not able to assess its effectiveness.

Objective 2: Capacity of Health Workers

The project addressed capacity building from two perspectives: establishing or strengthening the institutes and schools that trained health workers and conducting the training itself, both in the facilities and through follow-up OJC and OJT. This section presents findings separately for strengthening institutes and schools and the training itself.

Strengthening Training Institutes and Schools

To enhance training capacities, the project established or strengthened training institutes and CMW schools that provide pre-service and in-service training. Project support included providing supplies and equipment, refurbishing facilities, and minor revisions to curricula.

MNCH and Family Planning Training Institutes

To enhance the capacity of SBAs, the project established or strengthened training institutes in the OB/GYN departments of five government and private health facilities.²³ Support to these institutes included minor updates to existing curricula and adding new modules on CHX cord care and HBB. The evaluation team examined the training materials and found that they included evidence-based maternal, newborn, and FP practices consistent with recognized international standards. In addition to classroom

²³ The project worked with four existing institutes in Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) in Hyderabad (government) and Lady Duffering Hospital in Karachi (private), and it established a new institute in the DHQ hospital in Sukkur (government).

learning, the trainings also engaged trainees in practical clinical experience in the labor rooms, OTs, and wards of OB/GYN departments.

Managers of all three training institutes the evaluation team visited saw value in the training.²⁴ However, two mentioned that they had no memorandum of understanding or terms of reference to define the respective roles of the institutes and the project. They said they would have preferred a more formal agreement, and one that trained their qualified staff as master trainers to build ownership and sustainable capacity. Two of the three managers also said they would have preferred that the project use accredited curricula to enhance the capacities of their institutes. Project staff explained that meeting these requirements was beyond the scope of the MNCH project.

To facilitate the training, the project also refurbished labor and seminar rooms and equipped skills laboratories with the necessary mannequins, supplies, and instruments. The project also hired around-the-clock postpartum FP counselors to advise women about FP options at the time of delivery. Representatives of two of the three training institutes found these positions valuable and said they intended to continue them using their own funds after the project.

Conclusions: Establishing formal training institutes in the OB/GYN departments was a valuable intervention in upgrading the knowledge and skills of SBAs in both the public and private sectors. The decision not to collaborate more formally with training institutes affected the departments' sense of ownership and may have reduced prospects for sustainable results.

CMW Schools

The GoP's 2006 national MNCH program introduced CMWs to extend MNCH services to poor and disadvantaged populations in remote areas that were not covered by LHWs and also established schools to train the CMWs. The training strategy provides institution-based training for a period of one year to cover the theoretical and practical aspects of the curriculum followed by six months of practical training at a DHQ or THQ hospital or an RHC.

An evaluation of the national MNCH program identified inadequate engagement and mentoring in clinical training in labor rooms and wards as a weakness of the CMW program.²⁵ To address this issue, the project placed a CMW coordinator in the hospitals to match CMWs with senior staff and ensure that they get the necessary hands-on experience, monitoring, and mentoring in managing patients. The evaluation team's interviews with OB/GYN staff at all three hospitals with CMW coordinators revealed that mentoring increased the medical staff's sense of ownership towards CMWs, the interest of CMWs in clinical work, and their skills.

All three CMW schools the evaluation team visited also reported receiving some equipment and teaching aids from the project which facility staff reported contributed positively to the CMWs' classroom training.

Conclusions: Placing CMW coordinators in the training hospitals was an important intervention that substantially improved the effectiveness of the CMW schools in building the skills of SBAs.

²⁴ The valuation team visited LUMHS in Hyderabad (government), the DHQ hospital in Sukkur (government), and Lady Duffering Hospital in Karachi (private).

²⁵ Mid-Term Evaluation of the National Maternal and Child Health Program in Pakistan, Report. Accessed from: <http://www.trfpakistan.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=0WOWUr-6vQI%3D&tabid=2618>

Training Facility-Based Service Providers

The project reported training 13,341 facility-based SBAs (CMWs, LHVs, nurses, midwives, medical officers, and gynecologists) and other healthcare providers (LHWs, CHWs, anesthetists, pediatricians, and blood bank staff) in the project-supported districts between January 2013 and April 2016. It used project staff or consultants to administer the trainings and conducted them in facilities within the districts (e.g., hospitals, training institutes, CMW schools, government buildings, or hotels). The project provided a standard package of training that included pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, and newborn care (PCPNC); post-abortion care (PAC); postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD) insertion; implant insertion; HBB; miso; CHX; lactation management; infection prevention; and CMW business management. To all those trained in infection prevention and HBB, the project provided the instruments and supplies required to implement the practices (e.g., bag valve masks, commonly referred to by their proprietary name “Ambu bags”). It also provided posters and wall mounts pertaining to the labor room, pre- and post-surgery infection prevention, HBB, CHX, and other practices to all facilities.

When asked to list the project’s contributions to improving MNCH services, DoH and PPHI managers, healthcare service providers, and project staff mentioned training more frequently than any other contribution (72 percent of 39 responses). Fifteen percent of responses mentioned providing infrastructure, supplies, and medicines, and 13 percent mentioned OJC.

PPHI district managers (3) and facility in-charges (2) reported that project-supported capacity building (i.e., training and OJC) increased SBAs’ technical knowledge, skills, and practices in antenatal care (ANC), normal delivery, postnatal care (PNC), and newborn care, including HBB. They explained that, prior to the project, even though affordable infection prevention protocols existed, delivery room instruments were often rusty and cleaned only in plain water.

The project also routinely monitored trainees after they returned to their facilities and provided OJC or OJT as necessary to refresh skills and improve practice. Quality of care (QOC) studies conducted by the project, and feedback from SBAs trained by the project, concluded that OJC and OJT had improved SBAs’ knowledge, skills, and practice.

The project’s CEmONC supervisors are responsible for OJC and OJT in CEmONC facilities, while in BEmONC facilities, clinical officers, supervised by the project’s senior clinical supervisor, are responsible for OJC and OJT. In two of the three districts the evaluation team visited (Tando Allahyar and Khairpur), most clinical officers were paramedics and less experienced than the SBAs they were meant to coach. Consequently, the SBAs often did not welcome the clinical officers. The project’s senior clinical supervisors from these two districts reported that this situation affected the morale of the clinical officers. The senior clinical supervisors (doctors) tried bridging the gaps as they arose, but this is not a practical approach to coaching a large number of SBAs.

PPHI district managers (3) and facility in-charges (2) reported that the project’s frequent monitoring support visits and OJC were particularly important in improving the quality of services, facility management, and adherence to infection prevention protocols. However, as the project progressed, its staff did not coordinate monitoring visits with PPHI local offices and facilities which disturbed the OPD and routine client services at the facilities. The PPHI and MNCH senior managers the evaluation team interviewed reported that PPHI has adopted the best practices provided in the training and SBA skills refreshers, and has appointed designated staff to ensure the continuity of training and OJC.

Objective 3: Referrals

The project addressed referrals by strengthening referral networks and training transporters.

Referral Mechanism

At the community level, LHWs and CMWs refer patients and pregnant women to other facilities. The project strengthened the referral system by training LHWs and CMWs when, where, and how to refer cases. The project also used referral slips to track referrals.

All 10 LHWs the evaluation team interviewed reported distributing referral slips. Eighty percent reported that clients questioned the benefit of the extra effort required to use the referral slips since it makes little difference to treatment or follow-ups. Using referral slips is part of the LHWs' routine activity, but they reported that inconsistent supply of slips, little utility to the patient, and loss or misplacement of slips by patients undermined the efficacy of the referral process. All LHWs the team interviewed reported that they frequently accompanied the patients themselves, especially for childbirth.

All six CMW health facilities the team visited conspicuously displayed a chart showing the distance and travel time to the next level facilities. The CMWs, LHWs, and clients the evaluation team interviewed explained that the actual referral depends on travel distance and time, the condition of the patient, the services available, and personal preference. All six of the CMWs the evaluation team interviewed reported distributing referral slips.

Transporters

The project developed transporters' networks to improve access to and timely availability of health services. It reported training 1,329 local drivers to handle transfer requests and clients, and provided transporters with maps to referral hospitals. It also provided a list of trained drivers to community healthcare providers. Project reports indicate that 2,056 women in 10 districts have used the service, an average of two women per transporter. The evaluation team conducted group interviews with transporters, and individual interviews with community level service providers (CHWs and LHWs) and beneficiary women to explore transporter services.

Transporters in three group interviews were familiar with the public facility serving their catchment area, but reported that more than half of their clients prefer to go to private facilities. All of the drivers interviewed stated that the training has helped them handle patients better, as one transporter from Sukkur explained:

“Before this training, we did not know how serious a delivery case was. We would ask clients to just sit in the car and then would take them to the hospital. Now we know which hospitals provide facilities for normal delivery and operation [C-section] and which hospitals are open for 24 hours or 12 hours.”

All drivers interviewed reported that at times they were not allowed to enter patients' homes or advise them of the best position in which to be transported. Six of the eight drivers the team interviewed reported receiving referral slip books and completing referral slips for clients to give to project staff. Of those who received referral slips, 90 percent stated that they had not returned the slips and infrequently share information on the phone with the project. Consequently the project has no information for monitoring the performance of transporters.

Fifty-six percent of the beneficiary women and all CMWs and LHWs the team interviewed knew of the trained transporters; 30 percent of the 10 LHWs and 50 percent of the 6 CMWs reported referring clients to transporters. Clients cited the availability of transportation at their doorstep in emergency situations as the most important reason for using these services. They explained that the availability of other transportation options, including their own vehicles, was the most common reason for not using the service. LHWs (5 of 10) and CMWs (2 of 6) believed the high cost of trained transporters relative

to other options presented a barrier to their use. The transporters charge for the trip to the client's home and from there to the facility, as opposed to a normal taxi that charges only for the trip from the home to the facility. Half of the 16 clients interviewed noted that the transporters charged more than taxis.

Because all transporters are established taxi drivers, they said they expected to continue providing transport services after the program ended.

Overall Project Outcomes

It is not possible to separate the contribution of activities grouped under each objective to increasing access to and quality of MNCH services. This section provides evidence of the overall outcomes associated with the complete package of project activities taken from the perspectives of healthcare providers, the project's quality improvement and patient safety (QIPS) assessments, and the evaluation's client exit interview data.

Ninety percent of 39 DoH and PPHI managers and healthcare providers the evaluation team interviewed said that the project has been effective. When asked to identify the single most effective project component, 67 percent identified training, 13 percent cited the quality of interventions, and 10 percent noted the supplies and equipment the project supplied. Other interventions they mentioned included infrastructure and introducing new practices.

The evaluators asked the same individuals about the sustainability of the project and which single component they thought was most sustainable. Eighty-three percent of respondents believed the skills learned in training were the most sustainable interventions, and 8 percent identified partnerships. The fact that PPHI has institutionalized the project's training and capacity building components in all PPHI managed health facilities with its own resources demonstrates the sustainability of this component of the project.

A comparison of QIPS scores between March 2015 and January 2016 shows substantial improvement in facility performance (Figure 2).²⁶ The project used its customized QIPS assessment tool to assess and improve the quality of care provided by project-supported MNCH facilities. The tool assesses the quality of care in seven core MNCH areas: i) ANC, ii) labor and delivery, iii) pneumonia and diarrhea, iv) PNC, v) postpartum family planning, vi) infection prevention, and vii) referrals and linkages. The project conducted a first-round QIPS assessment of 258 supported health facilities in phase A districts in March 2015 and a second round that included 256 of the first-round facilities in January 2016. The project has not implemented the QIPS assessment in phase B and C districts, so the evaluation team could not assess improvement in performance in phase B and C districts.

The evaluation team's client exit interviews also provide evidence of the QOC provided by project-supported facilities—although not a measure of change in QOC. The data show a high level of client satisfaction with services and validate the QIPS assessment results. Figure 3 illustrates the percentage of 41 clients the evaluation team interviewed that responded positively to 11 aspects of care such as facility cleanliness, healthcare behavior and responsiveness, and measures undertaken to ensure privacy. It is important to note that 90 percent of the clients said they would visit the facility again and 85 percent said would refer someone else to the facility.

²⁶ Final report on QIPS rounds 1 and 2 implemented by MNCH project.

FIGURE 2: CHANGE IN QIPS INDICATORS IN PHASE A DISTRICTS

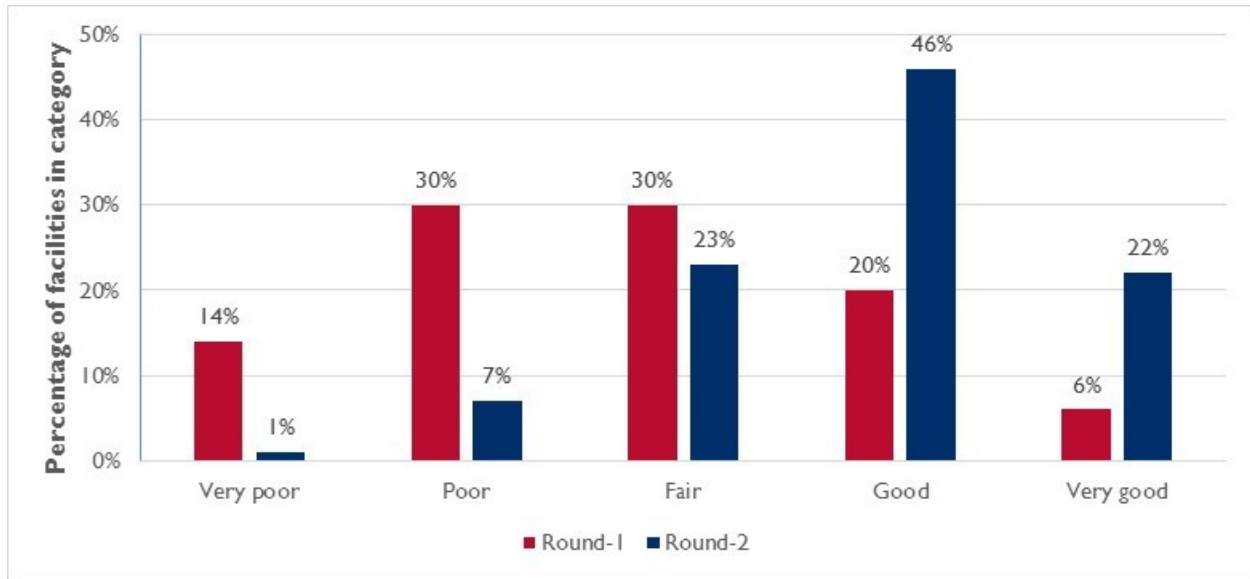
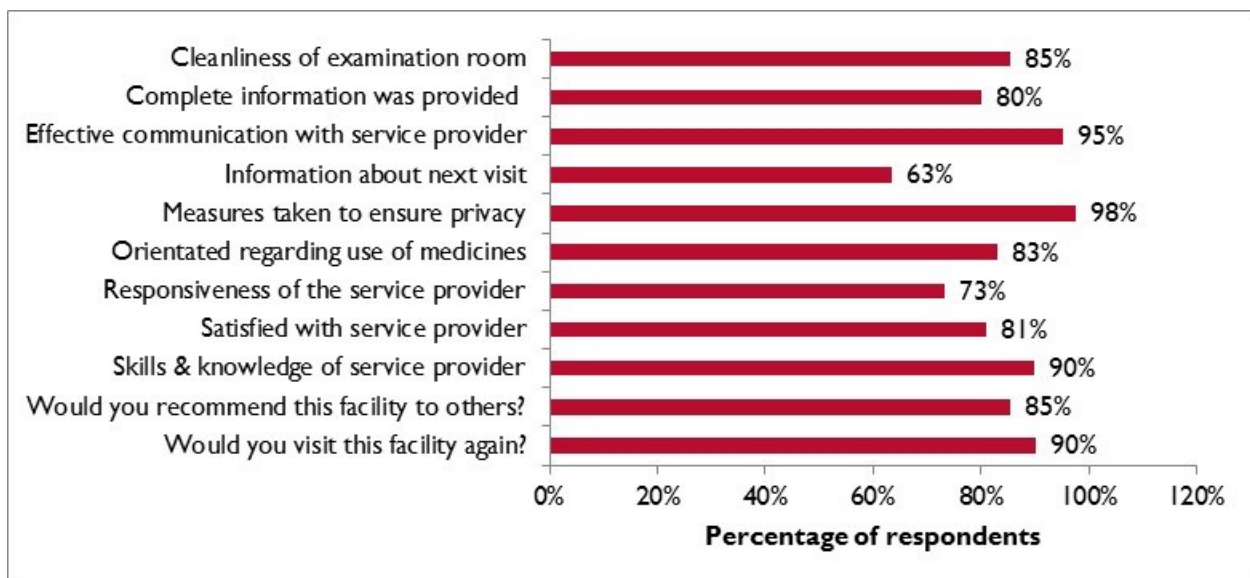
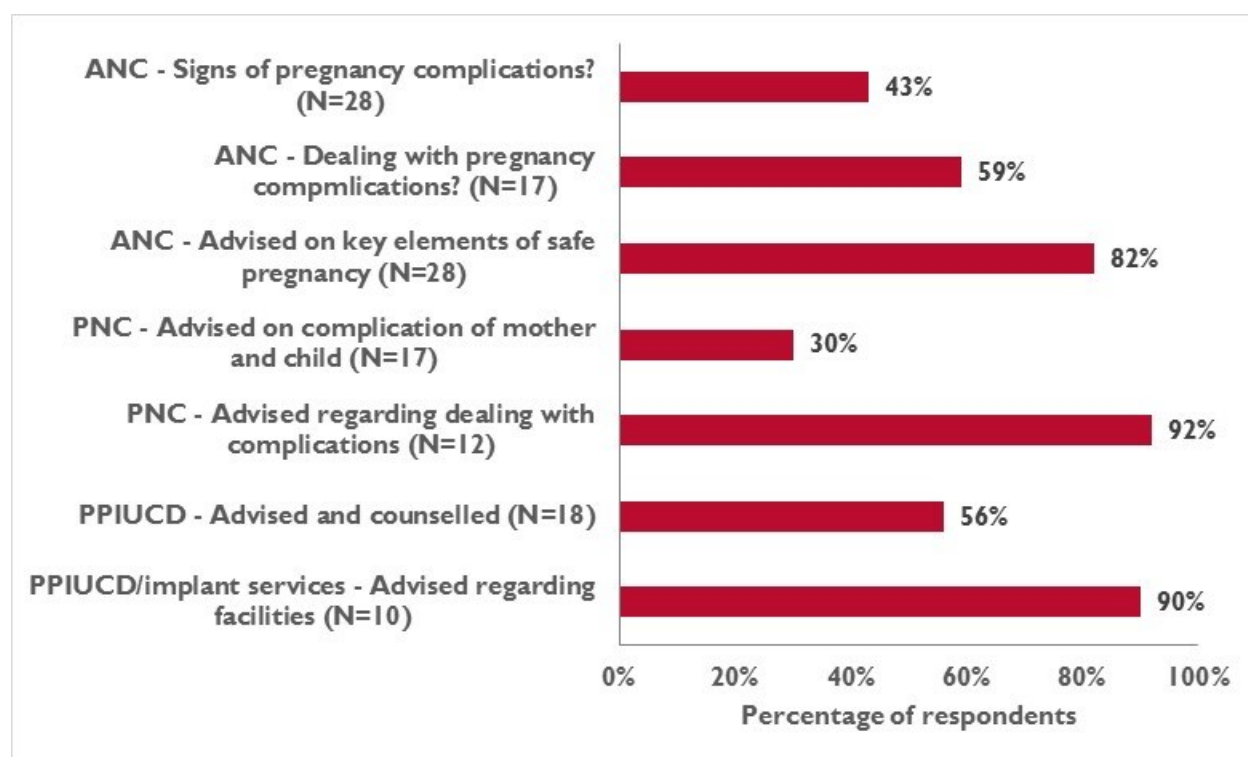


FIGURE 3: CLIENT SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES



The client exit survey also asked clients about the type of advice and counseling on FP, ANC, and PNC that they received from service providers. Results were mixed across the seven questions presented in Figure 4, but the data generally show a greater level of compliance with good patient care practices than noncompliance.

FIGURE 4: QUALITY OF ANC AND PNC SERVICES

The project's reported performance data also show a substantial improvement in MNCH indicators. The MNCH project started working with 143 health facilities and gradually increased to 927 at the time of evaluation. The interventions in phase A, B, and C districts are at different stages of maturity and are not comparable. In consultation with the project team, the evaluators identified 121 phase A facilities on which the project had data from 2014 through 2016 to observe changes in key indicators. Table 5 shows a substantial change in most indicators of use of project-supported services. The data show larger increases for FP services such as IUCD and implant insertions that were not commonly available prior to the project than for more standard services such as tetanus injections.

TABLE 5: CHANGE IN MNCH PROJECT INDICATORS, 2014–2016

Indicator	Average Score			
	Q3 FY 2014	Q2 FY 2016	Overall Change	% Increase
Antenatal care visits	139.8	173.66	33.86	24%
Normal vaginal deliveries	56.57	80.31	23.74	42%
Postnatal care	14.99	27.61	12.62	84%
Tetanus injections	44.31	46.53	2.22	5%
IUCD insertions	0.12	2.02	1.9	1,583%
Implant insertions	0.25	5.2	4.95	1,980%
Newborns resuscitated	0.19	0.85	0.66	347%
Case management of pneumonia	24.78	43.13	18.35	74%
Case management of diarrhea	88.86	126.25	37.39	42%

Project Implementation and Management

This section summarizes findings on implementation and management that are relevant to the evaluation's conclusions. Separate sections address the project's organizational arrangement with implementing partners, coordination and collaboration with DoH and PPHI, and monitoring and evaluation.

Project Implementation

Implementation varied by district. In eight districts, local implementing partners administered and implemented project activities at the field level and provided field staff at the community level while the technical partners (Jhpiego, Save the Children, and JHUCCP) provided technical direction. In the remaining seven districts, the project was responsible for all aspects of implementation (Table 6). MNCH project district managers in the three districts the evaluation team visited—all districts where implementing partners implemented the project activities—told the evaluation team that the administrative arrangement of working through implementing partners was not appropriate given the pace of project implementation. Therefore, in phase C districts, the project largely limited the role of implementing partners to providing office space and services and one assistant.

In districts where implementing partners implement activities, the district teams include staff from three or four organizations, each with different responsibilities and levels of experience in MNCH programs. There are no direct lines of implementation authority or feedback mechanisms. For example, the senior clinical supervisor is a project employee, but is dependent on the clinical officer who reports to the implementing partner's district coordinator, and not directly to the project district coordinator, and has no direct supervisory authority to question or supervise implementing partner staff. Similarly, the senior social mobilizers are Save the Children employees while the social mobilizers are implementing partner employees which creates similar challenges in lines of authority.

TABLE 6: IMPLEMENTATION APPROACHES

Implementation Approach	Phase A Districts	Phase B Districts	Phase C Districts	Total Districts
Implemented by the MNCH project with implementing partner providing the office	Tharparkar, Thatta, and Dadu	N/A	Ghotki, Matiari, Mirpurkhas, and Shikarpur	7
Implemented by implementing partners with technical oversight from the MNCH project	Khairpur and Tando Allahyar	Jacobabad, Naushehro Feroze, Sanghar, Sukkur, and Umerkot	Larkana	8

Project staff the evaluation team interviewed related that when the project expanded into phase B and C districts, it moved a lot of senior managers so they could work closer to their homes. This decision had the advantage of moving experienced staff to some new districts which should facilitate a rapid startup—although the evaluation team was not able to observe these effects. It had the drawback, however, of bringing into the phase A districts relatively inexperienced managers who required orientation and slowed implementation.

At the time of the evaluation, the project had no written exit strategy. Project managers the evaluation team interviewed said that they have started thinking about sustaining results, and USAID has requested that the project include an exit strategy in the project's FY 2017 work plan.

Coordination and Collaboration with Government and PPHI

Since the project worked within public and private health facilities, collaboration with government and PPHI at the provincial and district levels was crucial. The additional director of the DoH was relatively new to his position, but expressed concerns about implementation of the CHW component, thinking that the project was hiring and deploying LHWs. This suggests that the project had not effectively briefed the new additional director about its activities. Representatives of the DoH MNCH office whom the evaluation team interviewed were enthusiastic about the support they had received from the project, especially strengthening the CMW program. However, they also mentioned that project senior managers had not attended MNCH task force meetings for several months. The deputy program manager of the Sindh province nutrition program was also relatively new, but said that staff does not attend the nutrition program's partner meetings.

At the district level, the project and the implementing partners work closely with the DoH and PPHI. The project collaborates with DoH, PPHI, and the LHW and MNCH programs on joint events, e.g., health festivals, education sessions, recipe competitions, district level meetings, and other events. The district Population Welfare Department (PWD) officer said the project was not effectively collaborating with PWD.

The project coordinated on province-wide capacity building and joint activities with the PPHI head office in Karachi, and even placed two staff at the PPHI head office. The PPHI district managers said there was little coordination and collaboration at the district level. They developed joint work plans, but project staff rarely followed the plans.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The project developed a PMP in the first year but altered its implementation approach several times without updating the PMP to reflect the changes. It submitted a revised PMP to USAID/Pakistan in 2016. The evaluation team was able to assess progress against targets only for the indicators on which the project reported updated targets and continued to collect data throughout the implementation period.

The project planned to measure performance indicators from the annual survey data. It conducted a baseline in 2013 and a follow-up in 2014. Due to changes in government requirements for field data collection, the project was unable to collect data in 2015. Consequently, the evaluation team did not have the project data necessary to assess progress toward goal and outcome indicators.

The evaluation team also noted inconsistencies within and between the project's various databases. For example, the training topics in progress reports are different than the topics in the project's online training dashboards. Project documentation was also poor. The project did not document substantial changes in implementation including changes in geographic focus, project interventions, indicators, and targets.

Conclusions: The project collects and enters copious quantities of performance data through its routine monitoring processes. These data are available from various online and offline databases kept primarily at the head office. The evaluation team saw no evidence that the project used aggregated performance data to determine what the project had accomplished or for informed decision-making.

The project headquarters short-term technical associate report also validates the evaluation team's finding about the limited use of project data for decision-making.²⁷

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions with respect to question 1: To what extent has the project been effective in meeting its major goals and objectives?

The project expects to measure the goal (i.e., reducing maternal and child mortality) at the end of the project and was not able to provide the evaluation team with evidence of progress towards the goal.

The project was most effective in increasing the capacity of health workers to deliver high-quality FP and MNCH services (objective 2). Health facility managers and healthcare providers overwhelmingly identified training as the most effective project intervention. The project's OJC and OJT were effective approaches to improve and refresh skills and enhance the quality of care in facilities. PPHI believed the training approach was successful enough that it adopted the approach throughout all its facilities. Establishing and strengthening (refurbishing, equipping, and supplying) training institutes and CMW schools enhanced the capacities of these institutions to implement their regular pre-service and in-service training.

The project was moderately effective in improving access to integrated FP and MNCH services (objective 1). Its support to LHWs revitalized WSGs and facilitated wide distribution of CHX and miso. The LHW program's adoption of the mother's booklet is also an important project achievement. The project's support to CMWs (technical and business training, refurbishing and equipping clinics, providing supplies, and linking to LHWs for referrals) effectively increased access to FP and MNCH services in remote, rural areas. The project reported providing a great deal of support to BHUs, but because PPHI withdrew from the project just before the evaluation, the evaluation team could not collect information about the impacts of these activities. Project-supported CEmONC facilities were providing most of the required functions, while none of the BEmONC facilities was providing the full range of required functions. When the facilities could not provide a function, it was most often because they lacked the human resources to staff hospitals around the clock.

The project's efforts to improve the referral network (objective 3) met with limited success. The training improved transporters' skills in handling clients, and transporters believed they would continue providing the service after the project closed, but few used the referral slips. Clients found the trained transporter service more expensive than alternatives and saw little value in using referral slips.

Overall, the project provided high-quality technical expertise and effective interventions. Weaknesses in some areas of management, however, may have kept it from meeting its full potential. For example, the apparent failure to effectively utilize the data it collected from the field to inform decision-making is a missed opportunity that could have improved performance.

The following component-specific conclusions provide more detail.

Training Institutes: Strengthening existing and establishing new training institutes within OB/GYN departments was a valuable intervention that substantially upgraded the knowledge and skills of healthcare providers and the capacities of the institutes. The intervention could have been more

²⁷ MCHIP Fogarty STTA Report, November 2015.

effective and sustainable if it had engaged institute staff not only as training participants, but trained them as master trainers.

CMWs: Support to CMWs to help them establish and improve their clinics has been effective. After PPHI-managed facilities, CMWs comprise the largest number of facilities with which the project engaged. Relevant training and OJC/OJT have been pivotal in making the CMWs operational and bringing SBA services closer to hard-to-reach and underserved women in poor communities. The project has taken strategic measures to meet the challenges to setting up effective CMW clinics by providing business skills, needs-based structural improvements, and equipment and supplies, and supporting referrals from LHWs.

BEmONC and CEmONC: Limited human resources emerged as the primary constraint to providing consistent BEmONC and CEmONC services. It is a more binding constraint for BEmONC facilities, most of which could not provide the required seven signal functions at the time of the evaluation team's visit. CEmONC facilities fared better but still lacked the necessary staff to provide two functions consistently.

Immunization: USAID's decision to issue a separate RFA for immunization in 2014 delayed the start of immunization activities by a year. Jhpigo then took another year to design the intervention and begin implementation. As a result, Jhpigo did not begin implementing immunization activities until the middle of 2016, making it difficult for the project to implement a comprehensive, effective strategy for immunization across all intervention sites.

LHWs: Project-imparted trainings have appreciably improved the routine work of LHWs in conducting WSGs. Introducing new interventions (e.g., CHX and miso) through the LHWs was an effective method for improving awareness and generating demand for life-saving treatments. The 97 percent CHX adherence rate among LHW clients suggests that the approach is cost-effective and efficient. The geographic reach and reputation of the LHW program makes it an ideal vehicle for scaling up the CHX/miso intervention. The LHW program's endorsement of the mother's booklet is also a significant achievement that will facilitate dissemination of updated health-related information.

CHWs: The project's CHWs are registering women in communities and holding WSG meetings, but their training and technical skills are not comparable to LHWs'.

Transporters: The transporters' network with specialized training on patient handling is working well. The patient handling skills and linkages to facilities available to transporters will continue to facilitate access to transportation services well beyond the project. Higher fares, limited need in urban settings, social limitations on handling pregnant women, limited use of referral slips, and no mechanism for feedback on transporter services are the key barriers to greater utilization.

QITs: The two QITs the evaluation team interviewed were meeting regularly. However, QIT members are not clear on their purpose, identify actions that are outside their scope of improving access to and quality of services, and identify gaps in service delivery that are beyond the control of the QIT—all of which contribute to frustration, loss of interest by members, and limited community ownership.

Pilot Interventions: The project has demonstrated that high-impact, evidence-based MNCH interventions (HBB, CXH/miso, and infection prevention) can be operationalized in Sindh province with the full participation of public and private healthcare providers. The national government placed CHX on the national essential drug list in record time due to the project's and partners' advocacy.

Reaching Poor and Marginalized Populations: The project worked with DoH and PPHI facilities that serve rural, poor, and marginalized communities. The project's success in strengthening the

capacities of these facilities implies that it improved access to and quality of services to the poor and marginalized. Ninety-seven percent of the DOH managers and healthcare providers the evaluation team interviewed reported that project-supported healthcare providers are reaching poor and marginalized populations. The Mother's Support Card initiative also facilitates marginalized and poor women's access to services. The initiative subsidizes the cost of a package of MNCH services to encourage marginalized and poor pregnant women to access a complete package of care including attending ANC, delivery, and PNC at CMW clinics.

QUESTION 2: RECOMMENDATIONS

Question 2: What changes could be made to increase the effectiveness in remaining years?

Training Institutes: To ensure sustainability, the training institutes should be fully proficient as trainers for the project's focus interventions. To support sustainable change, the project should focus on developing master trainers within the OB/GYN departments of the respective training institutes.

BEmONC Health Facilities: The project should identify the gaps in BEmONC facilities' capacities to render the seven "signal" functions. When human resources are the barrier, the project should advocate with the DoH to make the resources available.

CEmONC Health Facilities: Through staff training and OJC, the project has improved the quality of services in blood bank management and infection prevention. To sustain these gains, the project will need to advocate with the DoH to provide the funding necessary to ensure an adequate quantity of the essential supplies and procure and maintain needed equipment.

LHWs: As requested by the LHW program, the project should consider making the mother's booklet available for distribution to other districts in Sindh.

CHWs: The project should continue advocating for CHWs' inclusion in the LHW program after the project ends. The government of Sindh's health sector strategy (2012–2020) describes plans to increase LHW coverage from 45 percent to 80 percent, which implies increasing the number of LHWs.²⁸ Since CHWs are from the communities, have received some training, and have started to build connections within the communities and conduct WSGs, they may have an edge over other applicants if the province does expand the LHW program. However, at this point in time, the project has no formal agreement with the provincial government to incorporate, or give preference to, CHWs when expanding the LHW program.

CMWs: The project's training and support to establish CMW clinics has been successful. With the resources freed up by PPHI's departure, the project should consider supporting CMWs to establish more clinics. The project is now collaborating directly with midwifery schools, and this provides a direct link and opportunity to collaborate with the upcoming batch of CMWs. The project could offer CMW business training within the school curricula. Once CMWs graduate, the project can help them establish their facilities.

Mother's Support Card: The project should evaluate the Mother's Support Card initiative at the end of the intervention to determine whether it is an effective model for wider application.

QITs: Existing QITs need to have a clear understanding of their purpose, the objectives of their action plans, and follow-up mechanisms. They need to focus their activities on improving the demand for and

²⁸ Sindh Health Sector Strategy, 2012–2020. Accessed from: <http://www.trfpakistan.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1EyZSVfIMkg%3D&tabid=2618>

quality of healthcare services and on activities they can realistically complete within their available resources. If the project, or a future project, works with QITs, it should provide the initial support necessary to firmly establish their function.

Miso/CHX: Since the distribution of CHX/miso is an effective and successful model, the project should work with the LHW program to include CHX/miso distribution in LHWs' regular work throughout Sindh. Other partners or future projects could support this through focused advocacy, ensuring availability, and other support until it is completely supported by public health policy.

HBB: Overall, HBB is a well-managed and important component of the program, and it has undoubtedly resulted in fewer newborn deaths. The project should scale up HBB as much as possible within the 15 districts during the time remaining in the project. Future projects could scale it up throughout Sindh. To facilitate scale-up, all training institutes and CMW schools should have TOT capacity in HBB.

Immunization: The project should provide a clear plan of action to ensure that at least one complete cohort of newborns is enrolled and begin its vaccinations in time for all the babies to receive their final first-year measles vaccination at around 9 months of age or to be completely vaccinated by their first birthdays. The project should ensure that performance indicators and measurements are implemented to determine whether the intervention has been effective in improving immunization coverage.

Measurement and Documentation: To develop lessons learned about providing technical support to facilities, project reports should differentiate between aspects of the project that influence QOC and external factors over which the project has no control. The project should aggregate and analyze monitoring data at the project level against baseline conditions to identify quantifiable changes, especially if there is uncertainty about the value or impact of an intervention or activity. The project should complete all research activities and share results with stakeholders before the end of the project in September 2017.

Exit Strategy: The project must develop a detailed exit strategy, especially given the large number of personnel in the project (over 200 project staff plus many implementing partner staff). This plan should be developed in consultation with the Sindh DoH (including technical line managers), other stakeholders, and project partners.

QUESTION 3: BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Question 3: What are the best practices, innovations, and lessons learned that can be applied to other existing or future programming in MNCH service delivery?

The project demonstrated how targeted assistance and relatively simple interventions (e.g., providing equipment and supplies) can make significant contributions to improving MNCH services and saving lives. Furthermore, providing initial trainings at the training institute followed by regular OJC is an approach that can be institutionalized for all sorts of healthcare service delivery programs and is not limited only to MNCH services.

Given that 80 percent of women who deliver with an SBA deliver in private facilities, improving practices in private facilities is essential to improving MNCH outcomes more broadly. Technical assistance to public sector facilities also benefits private facilities because many public sector health workers have second jobs in private facilities.

Assisting CMWs to establish and develop their own clinics is another best practice. The project has learned valuable lessons in helping CMWs become effective SBAs and MNCH services providers who are currently assisting the national MNCH program and could continue in the future.

Placing CMW coordinators in the training hospitals to facilitate training and mentoring was an important intervention that substantially improved the effectiveness of the CMW schools in building the skills of SBAs.

The project's emphasis on quality of care and introducing a culture of quality is a best practice and was appreciated by healthcare providers. Assessing service quality, potentially using the QIPS, can be a valuable tool. If used to measure program effect, it should use indicators that are within the target facilities' ability to address. The value of facility self-assessments, followed by OJC and OJT, has been well documented; how they can be used as a motivational tool to achieve outcomes remains to be documented.

Representatives of the OB/GYN department of the DHQ hospital in Sukkur told the evaluators that due to the establishment of the training institute, the department has been able to fulfill the requirements of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSP) and become recognized as a training site for postgraduate fellowship OB/GYN trainees. This is an important achievement and, even though not a specific objective of the project, it indicates that professional organizations recognize the value of the training institute to improving quality of care. The department has already submitted a request to PMDC for an inspection so they can receive official recognition of this new capacity.

Most private CEmONC facilities do not have an EPI center. To improve newborns' access to their first immunizations, the project's district coordinator and CEmONC coordinator encouraged the private Balquis Musaf Hospital in Tando Allahyar to use its own funds to establish an EPI center.

The practice of providing a mobility allowance for DoH vaccinators to travel to their catchment areas may overcome a major barrier to delivering routine immunizations. The HSS project introduced the practice based on its calculations of the cost vaccinators would incur to reach the communities in their catchment area. RSPN is now providing one liter of petrol per day to each vaccinator. This allocation will permit vaccinators to perform their duties for about Rs. 400 per month. This small yet important intervention has the potential to increase routine immunization, assuming all vaccines and the cold chain remain available. The DoH liked the approach and believed it could easily operationalize its entire outreach program for routine immunization within its district health budget.

ANNEXES

Annex I: Scope of Work

PERFORM Contract

Mid-term Performance Evaluation of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Services Project MCHIP/Jhpiego

Scope of Work

Period of Performance

To begin o/a January 2016 and end o/a April 2016.

Relevant/Target Decision Timelines

The final report and supporting documentation should be completed within 4 months from the commencement of evaluation activities.

Background

Within USAID/Pakistan's Country Development Coordination Strategy for Pakistan, the Health Office is responsible for Development Objective #5: *Improved Maternal and Child Health Outcomes in Target Areas*. In support of this Development Objective, the Health Office's Maternal and Child Health Program supports five components, and five awards as outlined below.

Component	Leading Implementing Partner
1: Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH)	Marie Stopes Society
2: Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH)	Jhpiego/MCHIP
3: Health Communication	Johns Hopkins University, Center for Communication Programs
4: Health Commodities and Supply Chain	JSI (DELIVER)
5: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)	JSI

The USAID/Pakistan Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Services Project project is a five-year Associate Cooperative Agreement awarded in 2013 and implemented by Jhpiego, in partnership with Save the Children and John Snow Inc. (JSI). The project continues the work initiated under a USAID Bureau for Global Health Award to Jhpiego, The Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) from 2011-2012. (In that first year (2011-2012), referred to in program documents as Year 0, the project conducted a series of initial assessments, surveys, and analyses. Service delivery and large scale-up in Sindh did not begin until the new award was issued in 2013.) The MNCH Services project supports Component 2 of the USAID/Pakistan

Maternal and Child Health Program which aims to improve maternal and child health outcomes in targeted areas.

The goal of the Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Services project is to facilitate the provision of comprehensive MNCH services to at least 80% of the women and children in its 15 selected target districts through the establishment of 1,000 MNCH Centers in Sindh that will conduct at least 20 deliveries each month. The project puts special emphasis on the provision of family planning, skilled birth attendance and emergency obstetric and newborn care.

Purpose, Audience and Learning Objective

The following table indicates the purpose, audience, learning objective, information source and timeline of the evaluation activity.

<i>Assignment Purpose</i>	<i>Intended Audience</i>	<i>Learning Objective</i>	<i>Information Source</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Evaluate the performance of the MNCH Services Project from 2013-2015 and provide recommendations to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the remaining years of the project.	USAID/Pakistan, MNCH Services Project partners, implementing partners leading other USAID/Pakistan MNCH projects, Government of Pakistan, Provincial Government of Sindh and other external stakeholders	To understand the extent to which the project has been successful in meeting its objectives, and to highlight best practices, innovations, and lessons learned that can be applied to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of existing or future programs.	Direct observation of the delivery of MNCH services; review of key program documents, secondary analysis of data, interviews and focus-group discussions with key informants (clients, health providers, Jhpiego project staff.)	To begin o/a January 2016 and end o/a April 2016

Methodology

The team will conduct a non-experimental mixed method performance evaluation of project activities from October 2013-September 2015. This may include direct observation of family planning services, a desk review of project documents, secondary analysis of data, key informant and focus group interviews.

The evaluation will seek to answer three questions:

1. To what extent has the project been successful in meeting its major goal and objectives?
2. What changes could be made to increase the effectiveness and impact in the remaining years of the project?
3. What best practices, innovations, and lessons learned can be applied to other existing or future programming in maternal and child health service delivery?

Team Composition

The Evaluation team should consist of (a) a team leader with at least 10 years of experience evaluating international maternal, newborn, and child health programs and relevant regional experience, and (b) an adequate number of technical and support staff necessary to complete an evaluation of this scale during the requested time period. The team members should represent a balance of technical expertise related to both program evaluation, qualitative and quantitative analysis, and MNCH and have excellent oral and written proficiency in English. Experience with USAID or USAID-funded projects is highly desirable.

Deliverables

- In-briefing with Mission and Project to review expectations, timeline, and approach
- Evaluation Plan detailing methodology, data collection tools and guides (to be reviewed by Mission)
- Draft Report (see format below) for review by Mission
- Presentation of key findings and recommendations to Mission and Project
- Final Evaluation Report (see format below)

The format for the evaluation report is as follows:

1. Executive Summary (2 pg)
2. Table of Contents (1 pg)
3. Introduction (1 pg)
4. Background (2-3 pg)
5. Methodology (1 pg)
6. Findings/Conclusions/Recommendations (15-20 pg)
7. Issues (1-2 pg)
8. Future Directions (2-3 pg)
9. References
10. Annexes

Please note that per Per ADS 579 - USAID Development Data –all primary data (both quantitative and qualitative) collected for this assignment will be submitted to USAID in electronic format within 30 days of completion.

Level of Effort and Estimated Timeline (PERFORM will complete this section once the Health Team provides its input)

Annex 2: Assignment Work Plan



Maternal and Child Health (MNCH) Program Mid-Term Evaluation

Assignment Work Plan (EVL.006)

February 3, 2016

Revised March 25, 2016

Revised July 18, 2016 after TPV

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SUMMARY

Assignment Work Plan (AWP) Number	EVL006
AWP Title	Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Services Project
USAID/Pakistan Unit/Tech Team POC	-
USAID/Pakistan Unit	Health Office
MSI/PERFORM Assignment Manager	Yasir Majeed Waraich
Start Date	o/a April 11, 2016
End Date	o/a October 31, 2016
Total AWP Cost Estimate	-

ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE

The mid-term performance evaluation of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Services Project will evaluate the project's performance from 2013-2015. The evaluation will examine the project's effectiveness with particular attention to identifying innovations, best practices, high-impact interventions, and poor performing activities that contributed to or detracted from achieving results. It will develop recommendations and lessons learned that will help USAID/Pakistan improve effectiveness and impact in the remaining years of the project and improve future programming in maternal and child health service delivery. The mission is also considering whether to extend the activity for an additional one or two year and will use evaluation results to determine which interventions to continue and which to drop.

METHODS

The MNCH activity is component one of a larger five-component maternal and child health (MCH) program in Pakistan. Table 1 summarizes the five components. The components are tightly integrated but this evaluation focuses only on component 2.

TABLE 1: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) COMPONENTS

Component	Description	Partners
1: Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP/RH)	Delivers FP/RH services and improves the quality of care provided in the public and private health sectors.	Marie Stopes Society (MSS) with sub-awardees Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS), Creative Social Marketing (CSM); and Marie Stopes International (MSI)
2: Maternal Newborn Child Health (MNCH)	This project addresses critical maternal, neonatal, and child issues, playing the lead role in MNCH to support the introduction, scale up, and further development of high-quality, high-impact maternal, neonatal, and child health interventions, while incorporating critical family planning/reproductive health care into public and private sector services. The MNCH Project will work closely with the FP/RH Project to ensure integrated services for improved access to services.	Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP)/JHPIEGO with Save the Children
3: Behavior Change Communications (BCC)	This project uses commercial marketing techniques and behavior change communications expertise to position products and services with messages that increase knowledge, create demand, and promote healthy behaviors. The project will make use of a broad range of communications channels to provide cross-cutting support to all components of the MCH Program.	Johns Hopkins University, Center for Communication Programs
4: Health Commodities and Supply Chain	This project ensures the procurement and distribution of critical contraceptive and health commodities, while simultaneously assisting the public sector to strengthen logistics management systems (procurement, quality assurance, commodity management, and distribution), and health information management systems. (Note: USAID has made commitments to ensure Pakistan's contraceptive commodity security through 2014.)	John Snow, Inc. (DELIVER)
5: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)	This project will provide technical assistance to the health and population sectors at the federal, provincial, and district levels to reform and improve service delivery in a post-devolution operating environment. It will also provide cross-cutting health systems support to public partners at the provincial and district levels and in building public-private approaches, results-based management approaches, and community-based financing schemes. The HSS component will coordinate with the other MCH Program partners to ensure coordination and collaboration in the development of annual work plans.	John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

Evaluation Questions

The evaluation Scope of Work (SOW) specifies three key questions. The PERFORM assignment team developed detailed explanations for each question based on discussions with the health office.

1. To what extent has the project been effective in meeting its major goal and objectives?

Explanation: This question will assess performance in the context of the legacy statement of “leaving behind 1,000 high-quality MNCH Centers in 15 districts that provide seven basic MNCH services, conduct at least 20 deliveries each per month, and are linked with EmONC facilities through an active referral and transportation system”. To the extent possible with existing data, the question will examine the extent to which the project has averted maternal, newborn, and infant deaths. Specific results/objectives that contribute to achieving the project’s goals include 1) improving access to integrated FP and MCH services; 2) increasing the capacity of health workers to deliver high quality FP and MNCH services; and 3) improving the referral network, including community mobilization activities designed to increase health seeking behaviors and demand. The answer to the question will consider both facility and community-level service delivery. It is too early to assess the project’s performance relative to its goals but the evaluation will determine whether the project seems on track to achieve the goals. The evaluation will also assess whether the target of covering 80 percent of the population in each district was realistic.

The evaluation team will address this question with both quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitatively, it will rely on project-reported quantitative data to assess the extent to which the project has achieved annual quantitative targets for outputs and outcomes. It will not attempt to rigorously verify project-reported accomplishments but will document and discuss issues the team identifies during data collection and analysis. The team will collect qualitative data to assess whether targets were realistic and, when applicable, to understand why the project failed to meet targets. The answer to the question will produce lessons learned about setting targets in similar contexts.

The evaluation team will consider access to services from the perspectives of both supply and demand. On the supply side, it will explore the extent to which the project has made more and better services more easily available, e.g., by reducing the time and cost associated with accessing services. On the demand side, it will examine whether increased opportunity to access services has translated into increases in the number of clients seeking and obtaining services.

The evaluation will also explore the extent, if any, to which the project is collaborating with provincial and district public health officials (i.e., PWD, PPHI). The analysis should explore differences in opinions between the provincial and district levels and develop conclusions and recommendations around the findings.

2. What changes could be made to increase effectiveness in the remaining years of the project?

Explanation: This question will draw on the evidence collected to answer question 1 to determine the relative effectiveness of discrete project interventions and the contextual factors that influence effectiveness. Specific interventions of interest include BEmONC and CEmONC services, pilot interventions (helping babies breathe, chlorhexidine, misoprostol), community support groups (CSGs), partnership defined quality (PDQ), quality improvement and patient

safety, immunization, nutrition, and human resource strengthening activities (i.e., referral system, trained transporters); family planning (postpartum FP); pregnancy, childbirth, postnatal, and newborn care; managing complications in pregnancy and childbirth; community midwives; and training institutes). The evaluation team will explore the factors that contribute to, or detract from, effectiveness and develop recommendations, if warranted, for improving overall effectiveness by expanding/scaling up, modifying, more closely integrating, extending, or discontinuing specific activities.

3. What best practices, innovations, and lessons learned can be applied to other existing or future programming in maternal and child health service delivery?

Explanation: This question will build on the evidence on relative effectiveness collected to answer the previous two questions to identify best practices, high impact interventions, poor performing activities, innovations, and lessons learned that can be incorporated into existing and future MNCH programming in Pakistan or elsewhere. The team will use qualitative data to identify the contextual and other factors that contribute to effectiveness and develop conclusions and recommendations that are sensitive to the context in which the program is implemented in Pakistan.

Methods of Data Collection and Analysis

The work plan proposes a mixed methods approach employing qualitative and quantitative data from primary and secondary sources. The evaluation team will collect secondary quantitative data from project-supported data collection activities, performance reports, the M&E system, and other sources (e.g., national statistics or surveys if applicable). It may also use surveys and direct observation to collect primary quantitative data from communities, health facilities, and health care providers – particularly to explore capacity building and supportive supervision. The team will also collect qualitative data through group discussions and in-depth interviews with project staff; USAID personnel; sector stakeholders (including provincial level program managers, district-level staff, and MCH program partners); selected participants/beneficiaries; sector experts, including staff of partner organizations working with the project; MNCH center clients; and project-supported health providers. The team will also review documents to collect data on project design and performance.

Prior to beginning the field work, the evaluation team will participate in an extended team planning workshop (TPW) for the purpose of designing a systematic and rigorous approach to implementing the evaluation. Prior to the TPW, all team members will review background documents and summarize them with respect to answering the evaluation questions. The team leader will also draft introductory sections of the evaluation report. During the TPW, the team will meet with USAID staff and other individuals or organizations involved in implementation to gain a thorough understanding of project objectives, implementation mechanisms, and the evaluation purpose and context. The team will also identify the information required to answer the evaluation questions, examine project collected/reported data (e.g., baseline studies, quality assessments, and household and client surveys), develop a data analysis plan, design data collection instruments, and plan the field work. Prior to the end of the TPW, the team will share an annotated report outline with the mission and conduct a data rehearsal to familiarize mission staff with the evaluation plan and anticipated results.

Sampling

The project expanded its reach in phases. In its first two years, it began work in five districts in Sindh and identified 214 potential MNCH facilities (category A). It added 10 additional districts in Sindh in year three, and identified additional potential facilities in the phase one districts to bring the total facilities in the phase one districts to 329. To catch up, it added five of the phase two districts early in year three (category B) and five more late in year 3 (category C). Table 2 summarizes the distribution of potential MNCH facilities by district, phase, category, and type of facility as of September 2015.

TABLE 2: DISTRIBUTION OF POTENTIAL MNCH FACILITIES BY PHASE AND DISTRICT¹

Phase/district (category)	Public		Private			Total
	DoH facilities	PPHI facilities	CMWs	Commercial	NGOs	
Phase 1						
Dadu (A)	8	35	17	14	5	79
Khairpur (A)	12	41	16	7	1	77
Tando Allah Yar (A)	4	17	17	14	2	54
Tharparkar (A)	4	17	23	7	1	52
Thatta&Sajawal (A) ²	13	27	12	15	0	67
Phase 1 total	41	137	85	57	9	329
Phase 2						
NosheroFeroze (B)	10	26	18	12	0	66
Sukkur (B)	8	28	4	13	1	53
Umerkot (B)	9	18	18	13	4	62
Sanghar (B)	9	30	12	11	0	62
Jacobabad (B)	6	19	6	26	1	58
Gothki (C)	4	26	31	14	1	76
Shikarpur (C)	11	23	8	16	0	58
Mirpurkhas (C)	7	33	12	14	4	70
Matlari (C)	5	22	18	7	0	52
Larkana (C)	9	20	6	4	0	39
Phase 2 (B) total	42	121	58	75	6	301
Phase 2 (C) total	36	124	75	55	5	295
Phase 2 total	78	245	133	130	11	596
Grand total	119	382	218	187	20	925
Percentage of total	13%	41%	24%	20%	2%	100%

¹ Source: MNCH project FY 2015 annual progress report dated September 30, 2015.

² Thatta district has split into two districts named Thatta and Sajawal.

To meet the information needs of USAID's health team, the sample design should:

- Capture all stages of the phased-in approach;
- Cover public (DoH, PPHI) and private (CMWs, commercial) facilities;

- Include district(s) that implemented key pilot interventions (i.e., chlorhexidine, Helping Babies Breathe, misoprostol);
- Cover both facility-based service delivery approaches (i.e., quality improvement and supportive supervision) and community-level service delivery approaches (i.e., community support groups) and, wherever possible, disaggregate results by type of facility.

Furthermore, since individual interventions began at different times, even within a facility, the facilities in the sample may be implementing various subsets of interventions and the interventions themselves may be in various stages of maturity. The sample does not necessarily need to be stratified to capture a minimum number of observations on each intervention. However, the sample must include instances of each selected intervention.¹

Given the small number of districts, we propose purposively selecting districts that cover the sampling criteria listed above. Based on guidance from the USAID health team, our proposed sample includes two districts from phase A because interventions will be more mature and these districts also implemented pilot interventions, one district from phase B, and one district from phase C. The second stage of sampling will randomly select facilities within the selected districts. The team will stratify the facility sample to ensure adequate coverage of all facility types. In the third stage, the evaluation team will randomly select subjects for individual and group interviews. The third stage will apply only to groups of interview subjects at facilities/sites that are large enough to warrant sampling rather than interviewing the entire group. These may include facility clients; quality improvement team (QIT) members; LHSs, LHVs, LHWs, and CMWs. When randomized sampling approaches are not feasible at the third stage, the evaluation team will choose approaches that minimize potential bias.

As a first stage of sample selection, the evaluation team has purposefully selected Tando Allah Yar and Khairpur districts from phase A and pilot districts, district Sukkur from phase B districts, and district Shikarpur as the phase C district (Table 3). We propose these districts because they cover the maximum number of priority interventions and for geographic coverage. This selection will enable the evaluation team to plan for necessary approvals and coordination with relevant stakeholders beforehand.

The team will select facilities and interview subjects (the second and third stages of selection) during the TPW. We will distribute the sample across the different types of facilities (i.e., DoH, PPHI, CMWs, commercial)² and the services they provide. Because there are few facilities that offer some of the services (e.g., BEmONC, CEmONC), we may have to oversample (i.e., not a random proportional sample) to select a sufficient number of these facilities into the sample.

This work plan is based on an estimate of visiting about nine facilities in each district. At each site, we anticipate conducting about two or three interviews with stakeholders and facility staff, completing facility readiness checklists (observation), and conducting one group interview with clients (Table 4).

The proposed sample size is based on background documents and data provided by the implementing partner. The team will refine the sampling approach, including the size and composition of the sample, in consultation with USAID/Pakistan and the implementing partner during the TPW. Given the wide geographic spread of project activities (i.e., 15 districts of Sindh Province) the sample design will need to balance the time and financial costs associated with travel against the requirements of the evaluation.

¹ If it becomes too difficult to incorporate the myriad combinations of interventions and stages of intervention maturity in the sample, the health team has suggested that the evaluation could focus on the 7-signal function component of the goal statement.

² We will not select NGO-operated facilities because there are too few.

TABLE 3: PRIORITY INTERVENTIONS BY DISTRICT/PHASE³

Priority interventions for evaluation		Phase A & pilot interventions districts				Phase B districts					Phase C districts					Total number	
		Dadu	Khairpur	Tando Allah Yar	Tharparkar	Thatta	Noshero Feroze	Sukkur	Umerkot	Sanghar	Jacobabad	Gothki	Shikarpur	Mirpurkhas	Matiari		Larkana
BEmONC (all 7 signals)		√	√	√	√	-	√	√	√	-	√	√	-	√	-	-	21
CEmONC (7 signals plus cesarean and blood transfusion)		√	√	√	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Routine FP, ANC,NVD, PNC (all 4 services)		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	801
≤ any three of routine (FP,ANC,NVD,PNC)		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	103
Pilot Interventions ¹	Helping Babies Breathe	√	√	√	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280
	Chlorhexidine	-	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Misoprostol	-	-	√	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Support Group		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	577
Immunization		-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	-	-
Nutrition		√	-	√	√	√	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Partnership Defined Quality		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	142
Training component (Referral system, postpartum family planning, pregnancy childbirth postnatal and newborn care, managing complications in pregnancy and childbirths, CMWs and training institutes.)		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	about 20,000+

¹ The pilot interventions were implemented in all supported facilities in the pilot districts.

³ Source: MNCH project FY 2015 annual progress report dated September 30, 2015 and MNCH performance data.

TABLE 4: FIELD WORK PLAN

Type	Sample District	Stakeholder interviews	Readiness assessments (1 per facility)	Facility staff interviews	Group interviews with clients	Group interviews with QITs	Group interviews with CSGs	Client exit interviews
Pilot interventions and phase A districts	Tando Allah Yar	15	9	27	2	2	2	24
	Khairpur	15	9	27	2	2	2	24
Phase B district	Sukkur	15	9	27	2	2	2	24
Phase C district	Shikarpur	5						-
Provincial		35	-	-	-	-		
Total		85	27	81	6	6	6	72

The project trained a large number of individuals including health facility staff, QIT members, CSG members, district health officials, and others. The team will not select a specific sample of trainees but will instead ask questions related to training in all relevant individual or group interviews.

Fieldwork

Keeping in mind the sensitive nature of subject, the evaluation design will consider gender requirements when recruiting the field team. The field team consists of two female health sector specialists and four field researchers, two men and two women. Female team members will interview women and visit female-dominated activities while both male and female team members will visit with and interview men.

During the TPW conducted at the beginning of the evaluation, the evaluation team will develop a final data collection plan that will guide the fieldwork. We expect that the final plan will include the following data collection methods.

- i. **In-depth interviews** – The team will conduct semi-structured interviews with trainees, public and private health service providers, People Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) officials, representatives of district and provincial departments of health, and key experts in the sector.
- ii. **Group discussions** – The team will use group discussions when appropriate to collect information from larger groups of interview subjects including QIT and (CSG) members and facility clients.
- iii. **Observation checklists** – The team will use structured observation checklists to document the services available at project-supported facilities and the quality of those services with respect to the seven signal functions or other standards requested by USAID or established by the implementing partner.

The proposed data collection and analysis plan summarized in Table 5 suggests that the evaluation team will conduct the following data collection activities at the provincial, district, and facility levels.

- National level
 - USAID personnel

- MCHIP implementing partners: PATH, JSI, Jhpiego, Save the Children
- Provincial level
 - Interviews with government health sector officials (DoH, PWD, PPHI), partners, and other stakeholders
 - MNCH program managers
 - Nutrition focal persons
 - EPI officials
 - LHW program managers
 - Partner organization staff (focusing on other USAID MNCH program components collaborating with MCHIP)
 - Sector stakeholders (e.g. UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP)
- District level
 - Interviews with government health sector officials (DoH, PWD, PPHI), partners and other stakeholders, private sector providers
 - Interviews with or surveys of project-supported health care providers (LHS, LHV, LHW, CMW)
 - Interviews with MCHIP implementing local non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
 - Interviews with district CMW training institutions
- Facility level
 - Interviews with facility staff and managers at DoH, PPHI, and private facilities
 - Observation at project-supported MNCH centers
 - Group interviews with households or clients
 - Client exit interviews
 - Group or individual interviews with project-trained transporters
- Community level
 - Interviews of group discussion with WSG and QIT members
 - Group or individual interviews with beneficiary pregnant women and mothers of babies under one year of age

The team will conduct interviews with government officials in their offices in the provincial or district centers and collect data associated with a facility at or near the facility.

The expatriate team leader will not be able to visit the districts or Hyderabad to collect data, but many provincial offices are in Karachi and district officials often come to Karachi. She will lead the TPW including developing the data analysis and collection plans, preparing data collection instruments, outlining the report, and training the field researchers. S/he will also take responsibility for preparing the

data rehearsal presentation. The team leader will remain in Pakistan for the first week of fieldwork to interview provincial-level government health officials, implementing partner staff, and other stakeholders who are located in Karachi. S/he will then return home and work on analyzing the quantitative data and, as interview notes begin arriving from the field, coding the qualitative data. S/he will return to Pakistan at the beginning of the analysis to lead the analysis, report writing, and presentations.

Analysis

The evaluation will employ rigorous methods to analyze qualitative and quantitative data. Quantitative data will provide evidence of what happened, e.g., number and volume of services provided at supported facilities, and measures of service quality. Collecting these data from a variety of sources, e.g., facility/project records, observations, and surveys, will serve to triangulate findings. Qualitative data will provide rich evidence of how project interventions contributed to anticipated results, reasons interventions may have failed to produce anticipated results, and unanticipated results. The evaluation team will use thematic analysis and coding techniques to identify key themes in the qualitative data and use quantitative analysis (e.g., descriptive statistics, cross-tabulation) methods to identify patterns in the qualitative data and to explore relationships between the quantitative and qualitative findings. When relevant, the analyses will disaggregate results by phase of interventions and type of facility, and draw out sex-specific conclusions and recommendations.

Strengths and Limitations

It is premature to fully articulate the strengths and weaknesses of the design without additional information. If the evaluation unfolds as anticipated based on limited information, it will be strong in the sense that it will include a large amount of quantitative and qualitative data from a variety of sources. The most likely limitations will be quality of partner-collected data and the limitations inherent in collecting qualitative data from project beneficiaries who may be less than objective.

Table 5 summarizes the data sources and methods, sampling issues, and analysis the team anticipates using to answer each evaluation question.

TABLE 5: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS METHODS

Evaluation question	Type of evidence	Data source	Data collection method	Sampling	Analysis
To what extent has the project been successful effective in meeting its major goal and objectives?					
I.a. Goal: Leave behind 1,000 high-quality MNCH Centers that provide seven basic MNCH services, conduct at least 20 deliveries each per month, and are linked with EmONC facilities through an active referral and transportation system	Descriptive, trends, projections	Partner and facility records and QAB reports/assessments, referral slips at facility and/or LHW referrals data at DHIS	Extract data on number of supported facilities, number of services provided, quality of services, and linkages to EmONC services.	Not applicable if records are readily available	Analysis will rely on quantitative data from partner, project, and facility records to assess changes in the number of services project-supported MNCH centers provide, number of deliveries per month, and referrals. Qualitative data and quantitative assessments of quality from the QAB process will provide evidence of changes in quality of services. The analysis will project current trends in these outcomes through the end of the project to determine the likelihood of achieving the goal.
		Project activity records.	Before/after assessments of project-supported health facilities		
		Staff of project-supported facilities	Interviews	Random	
		CSG members and assessors	Interviews or group discussions	Random	
		Members of community level QITs	Interviews or group discussions	Random	
Alternative goal: Maternal, newborn, and child deaths averted	Comparative (before/after or trends)	Partner estimates	Obtained directly from implementing partner	Not applicable	The team will request estimates from the implementing partner. The team will also assess the model the partner uses to estimate deaths averted and the data underlying the model.
		Partner-collected data	Evaluation team's application of the model used to estimate deaths averted	Not applicable	If the partner is not able to provide estimates of deaths averted, the evaluation team may attempt to generate its own estimates from deaths averted model using partner-supplied data.

Evaluation question	Type of evidence	Data source	Data collection method	Sampling	Analysis
I.b. Objective 1: Access to quality FP and MCH services improved	Comparative (before/after or trends) Explanatory	Household and client surveys	Provided by project partners	Not applicable	The assessment and survey data will provide quantitative (and perhaps qualitative) evidence of changes in the quality of service provided at project-supported facilities. If data are available, the evaluation team will examine trends in quality
		QT and QAB data	Collected from project partners	Not applicable	
		Members of community level QITs	Interviews or group discussions	Random	Interview (and perhaps survey) data will provide qualitative evidence of changes in quality and reasons for changes.
		Implementing partners, health care providers (MNCH centers, LHS, LHV, LHW, CMW)	Activity data on networks of providers	Not applicable	Project activity records will document changes in the number and location of project-supported facilities and the services they provide. This is the supply side of access. Records from project-supported facilities and service providers will document trends in the type and number of services provided and thus establishes the demand side of access.
		Project-supported MNCH centers	Direct observation	Random	Observation will provide evidence of the range of services provided (integration) and service quality.
		Facility operating records	Collected from records	Purposive	These data will provide quantitative evidence of the type, number, and volume of services provided. Trends will show changes in access to services from both supply and demand

Evaluation question	Type of evidence	Data source	Data collection method	Sampling	Analysis
					perspectives.
		Provincial and district level government health sector officials (DoH, PWD, PPHI, LHW, EPI), partners, and other stakeholders	Key informant interviews	Purposive	These interviews will explore the extent to which the project is collaborating with public health sector officials.
I.c. Objective 2: Capacity of health workers improved	Comparative (before/after or trends) Explanatory	Project-supported health care providers (MNCH centers, LHS, LHV, LHW, CMW)	Interviews or surveys	Random	The interviews or surveys will provide quantitative and qualitative perception data on changes in skills/
		Training records/ pre and post assessments	Project documents/data	Not applicable	Provides quantitative data on the number of health providers trained.
		Project activity records	Collected from databases or reports	Not applicable	To the extent possible, these data will facilitate before/after assessments of the services provided at project-supported health facilities (a measure of capacity of the staff of the facilities)
		Staff of project-supported facilities	Interviews	Random	The interviews will focus on stakeholder and staff perceptions of changes in capacity.
		Provincial and district level government health sector officials (DoH, PWD, PPHI), partners, and other stakeholders	Key informant interviews	Purposive	
I.d. Objective 3: Referral network, including community mobilization to increase health	Comparative (before/after or trends)	Household and client surveys	Provided by project partners	Not applicable	Surveys and interviews with clients and potential clients will explore the effectiveness of outreach activities on health seeking behaviors and experience with
		Household and client interviews	Conducted by evaluation team	Random	

Evaluation question	Type of evidence	Data source	Data collection method	Sampling	Analysis
seeking behaviors and demand, improved	Explanatory				referrals.
		Project activity records	Collected from databases or reports	Not applicable	Data on volume of services provided by service will provide evidence of changes in demand for specific services. The length of the trend (and thus the strength of the evidence will depend on the data available.
		Records from outreach activities	Collected from databases or reports	Not applicable	These data will provide quantitative evidence of the number of people reached directly through outreach events.
		Facilities and service providers (including EmONC facilities)	Activity records	Not applicable	These data will provide quantitative and qualitative evidence of referral activity.
		Facilities and service providers	Interviews	Random	
1. What changes could be made to increase the effectiveness and impact in the remaining years of the project?	Analytical	All of the above	All of the above		All of the relevant data collection activities conducted to address question 1 will also explore how contextual and other factors affected the effectiveness of specific activities or approaches and provide the evidence to answer this question. The answer to this question will focus on recommendations.
2. What best practices, innovations, and lessons learned can be applied to other existing or future programming in maternal and child health service	Analytical	All of the above	All of the above		All of the relevant data collection activities conducted to address question 1 will also seek to identify best practices, innovations, and best practices based on the effectiveness of specific activities or approaches in specific contexts. The answer to this question will

Evaluation question	Type of evidence	Data source	Data collection method	Sampling	Analysis
delivery?					focus on recommendations and lessons learned.

DELIVERABLES

Deliverables under this assignment include:

- **Detailed Methodology and Data Collection Plan:** During the TPW, the evaluation team will prepare the detailed methodology and data collection plan/tools for the assessment. The methodology in the AWP will be updated and revised as needed at the end of the TPW. The evaluation team will obtain the USAID/Pakistan health team's approval of data collection tools and data collection and analysis plan before commencing field activities.
- **Data Collection Completion Report:** At the conclusion of data collection, PERFORM will submit to USAID/Pakistan a final data collection schedule indicating dates and location of data collection activities and persons or groups interviewed as relevant.
- **Debriefing Note-Outline:** The evaluation team will prepare and submit a debriefing document that outlines the team's preliminary findings, conclusions, and recommendations at least 24 hours in advance of the briefing presentation. The team may also share slides of the debriefing presentation.
- **Debriefing with USAID/Pakistan Technical Office on Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations:** The team will present the major findings, conclusions, and recommendations to USAID/Pakistan. As appropriate, the team will consider USAID comments during the debriefing when writing the draft report.
- **Draft Evaluation Report:** The draft report (not to exceed 30 pages) will answer the evaluation questions and will include findings, conclusions, and recommendations disaggregated as necessary to answer the evaluation questions. The team will submit the draft report to USAID/Pakistan for review and comment. USAID/Pakistan will submit all comments to PERFORM within 10 days of receiving the draft report.
- **Final Evaluation Report:** The final report will incorporate final comments provided by USAID/Pakistan. USAID/Pakistan will provide comments on the draft report within 10 days of receiving the initial draft.
- **Three to Four-Page Brief:** The evaluation team will prepare a 3-4 page brief on the key (qualitative and quantitative) findings and conclusions relative to the evaluation questions. The audience for the brief is USAID/Pakistan decision makers and other interested stakeholders. This document will be written in English and can be translated and disseminated as desired by USAID/Pakistan.
- **A Presentation to USAID/Pakistan:** At USAID/Pakistan's request, the team will make a presentation to USAID/Pakistan, the technical office, and/or implementing partners. USAID/Pakistan should request this presentation before expat team members are scheduled to leave the country.
- **Raw Data:** Per [ADS 579 - USAID Development Data](#) – all quantitative data collected for this evaluation will be submitted to USAID in electronic format within 30 days of completion. Qualitative data will be delivered as either 1) the coded segments used in analysis extracted from MAXQDA or 2) tally sheets.

- **Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) Review:** If necessary, after the report is finalized, USAID will review the report and clear it for uploading to the DEC. After the review MSI will prepare a final edited and formatted copy of the report and upload it to the DEC.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

TABLE 6: ILLUSTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT STAFFING WITH ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Status	Roles and Responsibilities
Team leader/evaluator	Expat/Local STTA	At least 10 years of experience evaluating international maternal, newborn, and child health programs and relevant regional experience. The team leader will be responsible for leading all aspects of the assignment (except fieldwork in the districts) and for producing the report.
MNCH sector specialists (2)	Local STTA	Two experienced local experts in maternal and child health programming in Pakistan. Each specialist will lead a field team, conduct individual interviews with stakeholders, government officials, partners, service providers, and others and participate in group discussions as necessary. The sector specialists will be responsible for managing the field teams.
Field researchers (4)	Local STTA	Four local field researchers with experience working in Sindh and fluent in Sindhi. Field researchers will have experience in MNCH and be responsible for conducting group discussions with QIT, CSG, and beneficiaries/clients and individual interviews as directed by the sector specialist.
Assignment manager	PERFORM LTTA	The Assignment Manager will oversee the evaluation; coordinate all travel and logistics; facilitate meetings with USAID/Pakistan; participate in the TPW, data rehearsal, data analysis, and initial debrief; review draft reports; and ensure that the team adheres to the deadlines for deliverables contained in the AWP.
Data Analyst	PERFORM LTTA	The data analyst will supervise the evaluation team to ensure they adhere to MSI and USAID data quality standards during field research, data coding, and analysis. The data analyst will also train evaluation team members on using MAXQDA (software MSI uses for qualitative data analysis).
Technical editor	MSI home office	The technical editor will edit the final report.
Evaluation and Assessments Advisor	PERFORM LTTA	The evaluation and assessments advisor is responsible for reviewing and approving all aspects of the assignment and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the team completes the assignment on time and to required quality standards.

TABLE 7: ILLUSTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

Assignment Phase	Staffing	LOE (days)	Location of Activity	Anticipated Schedule	Deliverable(s)	Deliverable Due date
NOCs and approvals	-	-	-			
Preparation	Team leader	20*	Home base	Apr. 11 – May 16		
	MNCH sector specialists (2)	7x2=14**				
	Assignment manager	5				
TPW	Team leader	14	Karachi	May 17 – Jun 1	Data rehearsal	Jun 1, 2016
	MNCH sector specialist (2)	14x2=28				
	Assignment manager	14				
	Field researchers (4)	12*4=48**				
	Data analyst	4			Draft data collection and analysis plans, instruments	Jun 7, 2016
	Evaluation advisor	1				
Field work	Team leader	27	The team will work together and distribute clinical and community component within different members.	June 2 – 28	Data collection completion schedule	Jul 22, 2016
	MNCH sector specialist (2)	24x2=48				
	Assignment manager	12				
	Field researchers (4)	24x4=96				
	Data analyst	5				
Analysis	Team leader	12	Islamabad	June 29 – July 11 ⁴		
	MNCH sector specialist (2)	7x2=14				
	Assignment manager	7				
	Field researchers (4)	7x4=28				
	Data analyst	5				
Reporting	Team leader	15	Islamabad	July 12 –Sep 30	Debriefing with USAID/Pakistan	Jul 12, 2016
	MNCH sector specialist (2)	6x2=12			Presentation to USAID/Pakistan & stakeholders	TBD
	Assignment manager	2			Draft report to USAID/Pakistan	Sep 5, 2016
	Data analyst	7			Draft 3-4 page summary	Sep 26, 2016
					Comments on one-page summary returned by USAID/Pakistan	Sep 19, 2016
	Evaluation advisor	5			Final report to USAID/Pakistan	Oct 3, 2016

⁴ The first week of July includes the four-day Eid holidays.

Assignment Phase	Staffing	LOE (days)	Location of Activity	Anticipated Schedule	Deliverable(s)	Deliverable Due date
					Final 3-4-page summary to USAID/Pakistan	Oct 10, 2016

LOE Summary by Position			
Status	Position	LOE (days)	
Expat STTA	Team leader	88	
Local STTA	MNCH sector specialists (2)	58x2=116	
Local STTA	Field researchers (4)	43x4=172	
PERFORM LTTA	Assignment manager	40	
PERFORM LTTA	Data analyst	21	
PERFORM LTTA	Evaluation advisor	6	
Total LOE		443	

* Includes two trips (four days each) for international travel for a total of eight days.

** Includes two days for in-country travel from home-of-record to the point of assignment.

COST ESTIMATE

A break-down of costs by the four line items is below:

Direct Labor	-
Travel	-
Other Direct Costs	-
Subcontractor	-
Grand Total	-

*Assignment cost estimates do not include cross-cutting costs, indirect costs, or the MSI fee.

PERFORM COR APPROVAL

[COR will indicate approval by signing below or indicating "approval" by return email].

Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

Date

PERFORM COR, or designate

Annex 3: Conflict of Interest Statements

The conflict of interest disclosures were removed to preserve the confidentiality of evaluation team members. They are available from PERFORM on request.

Annex 4: List of Persons Interviewed

The list of persons interviewed was removed to protect the confidentiality of respondents.

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Annex 6: Data Collection Instruments

Key Informant Interview with Training Institute on MCHIP Training Component

Serial number

Name of training institute

Researcher name *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Tehsil name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

City /village name: UC name:

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Questions

- 1. Does the training institute have TORs or an MOU for collaborating with the MCHIP project? (Circle one number)**
- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1 | Yes |
| 2 | No |

Types of Training

- 2. What types of training does your institute offer to MCHIP? (Write a response)**

- 3. Do you regularly provide refresher trainings? (Circle one number)**

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

4. Do you give certificates for all training? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

Selection of participants

5. Who selects participants? What different cadres are trained? *(Write a response)*

6. What criteria are used to select participants? *(Write a response)*

7. For which criteria would you suggest having some flexibility in applying the criteria?
(Write a response)

Curriculum / Content of the training

8. Are there specific modules for each training? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

If no, what are the bases use for conducting the training? *(Write a response)*

9. In your opinion, are the curricula adequate to develop core competencies in CMWs?
(Circle one number)

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

10. Are the curricula relevant to the scope of work of CMWs? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

Methodology

11. In your opinion, was the classroom-based training approach effective? If not, why not?
(Write a response)

12. In your opinion, was the clinic-based training approach effective? If not, why not? *(Write a response)*

13. In your opinion, what are the problems, if any, with the training methods? *(Write a response)*

Infrastructure

14. Is available infrastructure adequate for training the required numbers of participants?
(Circle one number)

1	Yes
2	No

If “no”, please explain *(Write a response)*

15. What, if any, specific infrastructure can hamper the training quality and how? *(Write a response)*

16. Are the clinical training sites generally adequate for their purpose? *(Circle one number)*

1 **Yes**
2 **No**

Please explain *(Write a response)*

17. What contribution, if any, does MCHIP make to improving infrastructure at clinical training sites? *(Write a response)*

18. Do you have any suggestions for improving the skill training for MCHIP Project? *(Write a response)*

Human Resources

19. Were master trainers trained for specific components? *(Circle one number)*

1 **Yes**
2 **No**

If “yes”, which curriculum did you use to train them? *(Write a response)*

20. How many master trainers in the institute have received training under the TOT activity? *(Enter number trained)*

_____ Master trainers trained

21. How many master trainers are TOT qualified? *(Enter number TOT qualified)*

_____ Master trainers TOT qualified

22. Do you have any suggestions for making master trainers more effective? *(Write a response)*

23. In your opinion, are the skills of the master trainers adequate to deliver effective trainings? *(Write a response)*

Equipment, Supplies, and Logistics

24. Are the available equipment, supplies, and logistics adequate for training the required number of participants? *(Circle one number)*

1 **Yes**
2 **No**

If “no”, please describe deficiencies? *(Write a response)*

25. In your opinion, how do these deficiencies negatively affect training quality? *(Write a response)*

26. What, if any, contribution has MCHIP made to improving equipment, supplies, and logistics? *(Write a response)*

Examination System

27. Is the examination robust enough to pass only those who have acquired adequate competencies? *(Circle one number)*

1 **Yes**
2 **No**

Please explain. *(Write a response)*

28. In your opinion, what are the strengths and weaknesses of the examination systems? *(Write a response)*

29. What suggestions, if any, do you have for improving the examination system for MCHIP project participants? *(Write a response)*

General Issues

30. In your opinion, what strategies, if any, are required to maintain the quality of services? *(Probe: refresher courses, incentives, etc.) (Write a response)*

31. If refresher courses are required? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

If “yes”, how frequently? *(Enter number and units, e.g., “2 times per month”)*

If “yes”, how should candidates for refresher course be identified? *(Write a response)*

32. In your opinion, what are the main strengths and successes of the MCHIP project training to date? *(Write a response)*

33. What are your main concerns, if any, about the training process? *(Write a response)*

34. What practices would you like to see put in place to improve future training? *(Write a response)*

Field Monitoring

35. Is the institute involved in monitoring trained participants? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

36. Is the institute involved in the On-Job-Training component of the MCHIP project? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

Please explain *(Write a response)*

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide for District Level Managers MCHIP

Serial number *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Interviewer name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Questions / discussion points

1. **What role, if any, have you played in implementation of MCHIP? What activities are being implemented and at what level?**

2. **What is the SOW of partner organizations with MCHIP in the district?**

3. **What other projects in the district are offering support for improving MNCH services? How, if at all, is MCHIP collaborating with these projects?**

4. **Has the MCHIP program been effective and, if so, how? (Has it worked)?**

Probe: Achievement of component outputs and objectives, on target? Changes in services (positive and negative)? Impact on service providers (preparedness)? Satisfaction with quality of outcomes, give examples?

5. **Is the program being implemented efficiently (on time, on budget, and managed efficiently)?**

Probe: On time (disbursement and utilization of funds, supplies, equipment, etc.)? Do outputs justify costs (value for money)? Is TA appropriate (timely, adequate, needs based, quality)? Is support/logistics adequate (monitoring supervision, feedback, MIS, training and clinical support)? Integration/synergy with other programs (government and donor). Gaps and duplication in the program? Are there better options – best practices & innovations?

6. What are the mechanisms, if any, for enhancing collaboration and coordination with DoH, PPHI, and other stakeholders?

Probe: Any joint committees, events, etc.?

7. Based on the MCIP activities to-date do you think the program is sustainable? If not what step should be taken to make it sustainable?

Probe: What steps have been taken to support future activities (partnerships, networks and linkages)?

8. Do you think the MCHIP program has contributed towards improving MNCH in the district?

Probe: What has happened as a result of the program (difference in lives of beneficiaries, poor and marginalized)? Progress with immediate outcomes? Roles of partners in realizing outcomes?

9. Is the program reaching those most in need?

Probe: Poor and most marginalized, gender – rights based approach?

10. What lesson, if any, have been learnt to date?

Probe: Planning, operational level, management and community level.

I 1. What are the current issues, if any, facing implementation of the MCHIP project? What are the solutions?

I 2. Do you have any further comments or suggestions? Any best practices or innovations?

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide CMW Training School

Serial number

Name of training institute

Researcher name *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Tehsil name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

City /village name: UC name:

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Questions

Does the training institute have TORs or an MOU for collaborating with the MCHIP project? *(Circle one number)*

1	Yes
2	No

I. What role have CMW training schools played in preparing the CMWs to practice in the communities? *(Explain)*

Probe: What support is provided to CMWs after they graduate? *(Explain)*

Probe: Is it addressing the needs at the community level? *(Explain)*

2. What role, if any, has the MCHIP project played in supporting the training of CMWs?
(Explain)

Probes:

- Theory, clinical support
- Any addition in the curricula (HBB, Business Model, CHX)?
- Standards to be followed

3. How, if at all, has MCHIP facilitated the CMWs to perform better at the community level?

Probes:

- Getting the clinic established
- Providing supplies
- Capacity building (HBB, business model, CHX)

4. Has MCHIP facilitated CMWs to develop linkages with other cadres at the community level? (Circle one number)

1	Yes
2	No

If yes, how? (Explain)

Probes:

- Resolving any issues between different cadres?
- How were they, or should they, be addressed?

5. What are the 3 biggest issues CMWs face? (Explain)

Are these issues being addressed and are the steps taken to address the issues working?
(Explain)

If the issues are not being addressed, what do you believe needs to be done and by whom? (solutions) *(Explain)*

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide District

Clinical Supervisor (MCHIP) Newborn & Child Health Coordinator (Save the Children)

CEmONC Supervisor

Serial number *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Interviewer name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Interview questions

1. What role, if any, have you played in implementation of MCHIP? What activities are being implemented and at what level?

2. What is your specific scope of activities for the MCHIP project? (training, monitoring, mentoring (OJT), etc.

- ☐ At the community level?
- ☐ CMW facility level?
- ☐ BEmONC facility level?
- ☐ CEmONC facility level?
- ☐ At training institute?
- ☐ At CMW school?

3. Do you have specific tools for supervising each level of the activities you are responsible for?

If yes kindly share.

How do you decide which trainings to offer at what level?

How do you determine if these trainings have been effective?

How do you decide when to offer OJT and/or clinical supportive supervision? How do you tell if it has addressed the reasons you decided to offer either one of them?

- 4. Is there a feedback mechanism for incorporating your findings in the district level MCHIP project plan? Do you share your findings with your DoH, PPIH or Private Facility managers? If not yet, could this be done?**
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- 5. For Save the Children representative only: Newborn and Child Health Coordinator**
To whom do you report (at district and headquarter level?
How do you operate within you position?
What is coordination mechanism with other staff present at district?
Is it a one MCHIP team or different teams operating at same time?
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- 6. In your opinion, what has the MCHIP program done that has been most effective in reducing mortality and morbidity for pregnant women, newborns and children? if yes, how? (Has it worked)?**
How can you tell they have been effective?
If you do not believe some activities have been effective, why not?
What could MCHIP do (within their responsibilities) that could make them more effective?
If there are factors outside of the control of the project (i.e. the responsibility of MCHIP) that have an influence on MCHIP's effectiveness (positive or negative), what are they?
Probe: Achievement of component outputs and objectives, on target? Changes in services (positive and negative)? Impact on service providers (preparedness)? Satisfaction with quality of outcomes, give examples?
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- 7. What and how timely the district staff is getting support from MCHIP headquarters? Are there issues if that support doesn't come on time? If yes:**
How does it affect their relations with public sector authorities (including PPHI)?
What are its effects on the program implementation?
How often are supportive supervisory visits are done by the headquarter staff, etc.?
What happens during these supervisory visits?
Do you collect any information that is entered into any databases or monitoring done by MCHIP? If yes, what kind and how often? *Probe. On time (disbursement and utilization of funds, supplies, equipment, etc.)? Is TA appropriate (timely, adequate, needs based, quality)? Is support/logistics adequate (monitoring supervision, feedback, MIS, training and clinical support)? Integration/synergy with other programs (government and donor). Gaps and duplication in the program? Are there better options – best practices & innovations?*
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8. In your opinion, what activities that MCHIP is doing will be sustainable? (For each answer, ask why them the reason that they think it is sustainable. For each answer “no” ask them what can be done to make them sustainable. For yes and no questions, be specific. *Probe:* What steps have been taken to support future activities (partnerships, networks and linkages)
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9. Do you think the MCHIP project overall has had an impact on delivery of high-quality MNCH, FP, nutrition, immunization (as applicable); how do you know? If not, why not? Do you think that these high-quality services will reach 80% of your district by end of September 2017?
If not, will some services reach, but not others? (specify which ones) If yes, how will you know that this has been reached with regard to the services you are personally working on? If no, what could be done in the next 1-2 years to insure 80% are reached? *Probe:* What has happened as a result of the program (difference in lives of beneficiaries, poor and marginalized)? Progress with immediate outcomes? Roles of partners in realizing outcomes?
-
-

10. Is the program reaching the most in need?
In your opinion, is the program reaching the “hardest to reach” or “most needy” mothers, children and families? If yes, please give examples, if not why not? For yes, how do you know? How are they being reached? If no, what needs to be done to reach them? *Probe:* Poor and most marginalized, gender?
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-

11. Are you engaged in any of the research activities of the project? (HBB, CXT, Miso, IFA, KMC?)
If yes, what is your role?
With whom do you coordinate for the research activities?
What lessons, if any, have been learnt to date regarding providing high quality integrated MNCH, FP, nutrition and immunization services in Sindh Province (address only those interventions that apply)?
Probe: Planning, operational level, management, and community level?

Demand

Supply

Strengthening Referral Services

12. What are the current issues, if any, you are facing regarding implementation of MCHIP project activities that are part of your job? What could be solutions in the next 1 -2 years that would make a difference?

Are there some activities that you think could be discontinued 1) because they have already achieved the desired impact MCHIP efforts can be redirected to other activities? or 2) the approach being used is not the one needed to solve the problem? Or 3) other reasons (specify)

13. Do you have any further comments, suggestions?

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide

District Managers (DoH and PPHI);

District Specific Program Managers (EPI, MNCH, Nutrition, DPWO)

Serial number *Start Time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Interviewer name *End Time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name *Interview Date: DD/MM/YY*

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Questions

1. Are you aware of or familiar with the MCHIP project?

Probe: Does he/she know about the goal/objectives/role of MCHIP? Was he/she ever oriented regarding MCHIP?

2. What role, if any, have you played in operationalization of the MCHIP project?

Probe: What projects and/or support are you offering for operationalization of MCHIP in the district?

3. Is MCHIP meeting its objectives effectively? Is MCHIP important for strengthening health facilities in the district?

Probe Does it meet the needs of health professionals? Is MCHIP as a project relevant to strengthening health services, i.e. by providing in service training, capacity development, and introducing new interventions to make health facilities quality MNCH facilities?

4. Has MCHIP been effective in strengthening the following health services at the facility and community level and, if yes, how effective?

Probe: Changes in services (positive and negative), Impact on service providers (preparedness)? Satisfaction with quality of outcomes, give examples?

- ☐ Immunization services _____
- ☐ CEmONC _____
- ☐ BEmONC _____
- ☐ Nutrition _____
- ☐ Support to LHWs _____
- ☐ Support to CMWs _____
- ☐ Referral/Transporters _____
- ☐ Family Planning _____

5. Do you think MCHIP is working efficiently at present (activities as scheduled and on time, in line with requirements, and managed efficiently)?

Probe: On time? (disbursement and utilization of funds, supplies, equipment, etc.)? Do outputs justify costs (value for money)? Is TA appropriate (timely, adequate, needs based, quality)? Is support/logistics adequate (monitoring supervision, feedback, training and clinical support)? Integration/synergy with other programs (government and donor)? Management and institutional arrangements since devolution (coordination)? Are there other better options available that can be replicated – best practices & innovations?

6. Do you consider MCHIP a sustainable intervention?

Probe: Can the DoH/PPHI sustain MCHIP effectively and efficiently?

7. Do you think MCHIP interventions, i.e. trainings, have had any impact on overall health service delivery and, if yes, how?

Probe: What has happened as a result of the program training, etc.? Progress with immediate outcomes? Roles of partners in realizing outcomes?

8. What are the gaps/issues, if any, from the MCHIP project to date? What are the possible solutions to the gaps/issues you identified? *Probe:* Planning, operational level, and management level?

9. What MCHIP activities would you adopt as an integral part of the DoH/PPHI in the future?

Probe: Planning, operational level, and management level?

10. Do you have any comments or suggestions?

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide
Government and Stakeholder Interview Tool
Provincial Level

Serial number *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Interviewer name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Respondent(s) name

Respondent(s) designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Introduction into purpose of the evaluation and request from respondent to address the following with regards to MCHIP MNCH project

	1. To the best of your knowledge, what is the purpose of the MCHIP MNCH project? (Check all that apply)	2. (Ask only if checked in question 1) Does your organization collaborate with MCHIP on this topic? (Check if “yes”)	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 3. Please List areas of collaboration.	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 4. Please explain who is managing this collaboration and at what level.
a) Training in antenatal care	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
b) Training in normal delivery	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
c) Training in managing pregnancy complications	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
d) Training in postnatal care	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
e) Training in family planning (specify methods)	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
f) Training in care of the newborn	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____

	1. To the best of your knowledge, what is the purpose of the MCHIP MNCH project? (Check all that apply)	2. (Ask only if checked in question 1) Does your organization collaborate with MCHIP on this topic? (Check if “yes”)	3. Please List areas of collaboration. (Ask only if checked in question 2)	4. Please explain who is managing this collaboration and at what level. (Ask only if checked in question 2)
g) Training in managing premature delivery	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
h) Care of the sick child (pneumonia & diarrhea)	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
i) LHW training in (list topics)	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
j) Health facility quality of care	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
k) Immunization	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
l) Health human resources (training skills)	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____

	1. To the best of your knowledge, what is the purpose of the MCHIP MNCH project? (Check all that apply)	2. (Ask only if checked in question 1) Does your organization collaborate with MCHIP on this topic? (Check if "yes")	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 3. Please List areas of collaboration.	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 4. Please explain who is managing this collaboration and at what level.
m) Supportive supervisions	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
n) Training in blood banking	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
o) Training in anesthesia	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
p) Training in AMSTL	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
q) Training in Misoprostol	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
r) Training in Chlorhexidine use	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
s) Training in HBB	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____

	1. To the best of your knowledge, what is the purpose of the MCHIP MNCH project? (Check all that apply)	2. (Ask only if checked in question 1) Does your organization collaborate with MCHIP on this topic? (Check if "yes")	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 3. Please List areas of collaboration.	(Ask only if checked in question 2) 4. Please explain who is managing this collaboration and at what level.
t) Women's Support Groups	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
u) Quality Improvement Teams	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
v) PDQ	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
w) BCC (list topics and groups)	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
x) Maternal and child nutrition	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
y) Quality of care facility assessments	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____
z) Strengthening referral systems	☐	☐	_____ _____	_____ _____

5.

a. **Do you participate in joint activities with the MCHIP project?** *(Please circle the correct number)*

Yes **No**

1 2

b. **If yes, what are they?** *(Describe)*

c. **Where do they take place? How often?** *(Describe)*

6. **If no, is there a reason you are not working with or collaborating with MCHIP?**

7. **Are there other opportunities where MCHIP could collaborate with you, but they are not currently doing so?**

8. **For MCHIP activities that you know, can you comment on the impact they have had or not had on the following topic areas in Sindh Province?** *(Please circle the correct number)*

Topic Area	Has Impact	No Impact	If “impact”, please explain the impact
Increasing population coverage in demand, supply or referrals for quality MNCH	1	2	
Increasing population coverage in demand, supply or referrals for quality FP	1	2	
Increasing population coverage in demand, supply or referrals for quality nutrition	1	2	

Topic Area	Has Impact	No Impact	If “impact”, please explain the impact
Increasing population coverage in demand, supply or referrals for immunization services	1	2	

9.

a. Are you familiar with any local NGO partners that are part of the MCHIP program?

(Please circle the correct number)

Yes	No
1	2

b. If yes, can you comment on the effectiveness of the activities of these local partners on the performance of the MCHIP program?

10.

a. Do you think there will be any aspects of the MCHIP program that will be sustained after September 2017?

Yes	No
1	2

b. If yes, what do you think they will be?

c. If not, are there changes MCHIP could make that could have a lasting impact on the quality and coverage of MNCH, FP, immunization or Maternal and Child nutrition?

11. Do you have any additional comments about the MCHIP MNCH program?

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide for BEmONC Health Facility Staff

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Researcher name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Tehsil name: UC name:

City /village name: Entered by:

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Interviewer: I have informed the respondent about the evaluation scope and s/he has consented to the interview.

Interviewer signature: _____

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of health facility: 1. DHQH _____ 2. THQH _____

Name of health facility:

Name of district:

Name of respondent:

Designation:

2. STAFF Trained and Type of Training

Training codes									
1. BEmONC training (I & II)		2. Misoprostol & Chlorhexidine		3. CEmONC					
4. Immunization		5. Infection prevention		6. PPIUCD					
7. HBB		8. Implant		9. Pneumonia and diarrhea					
10. FP in general		11. On the job coaching		12. Other					
On the job coaching codes									
1. Focus ANC		2. Normal child birth		3. Birth preparedness & complication readiness					
4. Postpartum care		5. PPH		6. Active management of 3 rd stage of labor					
7. Vaginal bleeding during pregnancy		8. Management of Pre-eclampsia /Eclampsia		9. Rapid initial assessment & management of shock					
10. Newborn care		11. Newborn sepsis		12. Breast feeding					
13. Use of Partograph		14. Management of PPH		15. Infection prevention					
16. Normal child birth - beneficial practices		17. Other _____		18. Other _____					
Name of Staff Position		Available on the day of the visit		Trained		Trainings/OJT received (Enter codes from above)			
		(Circle one number)		(Circle one number)					
		Yes	No	Yes	No				
2.1	Medical staff	1	2	1	2				
2.2	MO	1	2	1	2				
2.3	WMO	1	2	1	2				
2.4	Paramedics	1	2	1	2				
2.5	LHV	1	2	1	2				
2.6	Midwife	1	2	1	2				
2.7	Medical Assistant / Health Technician	1	2	1	2				
2.8	Dispenser	1	2	1	2				
2.9	School Health and Nutrition Supervisor	1	2	1	2				

Questions

3. **What role have you played in implementation of MCHIP? What activities are being implemented at this health facility and at what level?**

4. **What other projects in the district are offering support for improving MNCH services? How, if at all, is MCHIP collaborating with these projects?**

5. **Has the MCHIP program been effective and, if so, how, i.e., has it worked?**

Probe: Achievement of component outputs and objectives, on target? Changes in services (positive and negative)? Impact on service providers (preparedness)? Satisfaction with quality of outcomes, infrastructure, supplies, etc., give examples.

6. **Is the program being implemented efficiently (on time, on budget, and managed efficiently)?**

Probe. On time (disbursement and utilization of funds, supplies, equipment, etc.)? Do outputs justify costs (value for money)? Is TA appropriate (timely, adequate, needs based, quality)? Is support/logistics adequate (monitoring supervision, feedback, MIS, training, and clinical support)? Integration/synergy with other programs (government and donor? Gaps and duplication in the program? Are the better options – best practices & innovations?

7. **Do you think the program is sustainable?**

Probe: What steps have been taken to support future activities (partnerships, networks, and linkages)

8. **What are the mechanisms, if any, for enhancing collaboration and coordination with DoH, PPHI, and other stakeholders?**

Probe: Any joint committees, events, etc.?

9. Is the program reaching those most in need?

Probe: Poor and most marginalized, gender?

10. Do you think the MCHIP program has had an impact on MNCH; how do you know?

Probe: What has happened as a result of the program (difference in lives of beneficiaries, poor and marginalized)? Progress with immediate outcomes?

11. What lessons, if any, have been learnt to date?

Probe: Planning, operational level, management, and community level?

12. What are the current issues facing implementation of the MCHIP project? What are the solutions? Do you have any further comments, suggestions?

Signature of the respondent: _____

Key Informant Interview Guide for CEmONC Health Facility Staff

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Researcher name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Tehsil name: UC name:

City /village name: Entered by:

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Interviewer: I have informed respondent about the evaluation scope and s/he has consented to the interview.

Interviewer signature: _____

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of health facility: 1. DHQH _____ 2. THQH _____ 3. Private: _____

Name of health facility:

Name of district:

Name of respondent:

Designation:

2. STAFF Trained and Type of Training

Training											
1. BEmONC Training (I & II)			2. Misoprostol & Chlorhexidine			3. CEmONC					
4. Immunization			5. Infection prevention			6. PPIUCD					
7. HBB			8. Implant			9. Pneumonia and diarrhea					
10. FP in general			11. On the job coaching			12. Other					
On the Job Coaching											
1. Focus ANC			2. Normal child birth			3. Birth preparedness & complication readiness					
4. Postpartum care			5. PPH			6. Active management of 3 rd stage of labor					
7. Vaginal bleeding during pregnancy			8. Management of Pre-eclampsia /Eclampsia			9. Rapid initial assessment & management of shock					
10. Newborn care			11. Newborn sepsis			12. Breast feeding					
13. Use of partograph			14. Management of PPH			15. Infection prevention					
16. Normal child birth - beneficial practices			17. Other _____			18. Other _____					
Name of Staff Position		Available (on the day of the visit) (Circle one number in each row)		Trained (Circle one number in each row)		Trainings/OJT received (Enter codes from above for all trainings/OJT the staff member received)					
		Yes	No	Yes	No						
2.1	Gynecologist	1	2	1	2						
2.2	Anesthetist	1	2	1	2						
2.3	Pediatrician	1	2	1	2						
2.4	MO	1	2	1	2						
2.5	WMO	1	2	1	2						
2.6	Nurses	1	2	1	2						
2.7	LHV/midwife	1	2	1	2						
2.8	Blood bank staff	1	2	1	2						
2.9	Theater staff	1	2	1	2						
2.10	Nursery staff	1	2	1	2						

Questions

13. How Jhpiego has been helpful to you in improving availability and quality of service delivery at this particular health facility?" what are the key inputs provided by Jhpiego?"

14. What other projects in the district are offering support for improving MNCH services? How, if at all, is MCHIP collaborating with these projects?

15. Has the MCHIP program been effective and, if so, how? (Has it worked)?

Probe: Achievement of component outputs and objectives, on target? Changes in services (positive and negative)? Impact on service providers (preparedness)? Satisfaction with quality of outcomes, infrastructure, supplies, etc., give examples?

16. What are the activities implemented by MCHIP that are sustainable without their future support and what are the ones which cannot be sustained?

17. Is the program reaching those most in need?

Probe: who are the prime beneficiary of this health facility?

18. Do you think the MCHIP program has contributed in improving MNCH; how do you know?

Probe: What has happened as a result of the program (difference in lives of beneficiaries, poor and marginalized)? Progress with immediate outcomes?

19. What lesson, if any, have been learnt to date?

Probe: Planning, operational level, management, and community level?

**20. What are the current issues, if any, facing the implementation of the MCHIP activities?
What are the solutions?**

21. Do you have any further comments or suggestions?

Signature of interviewer: _____

Key Informant Interview for LHW/ LHS/ CHW

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID *Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

Researcher name *End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):*

District name: *Interview date: DD/MM/YY*

Tehsil name: UC name:

City /village name: Entered by:

Respondent name

Respondent designation

Respondent organization

Education

Year of experience

Contact number

Email

Location of interview

Interviewer: I have informed respondent about the evaluation scope and she/he has consented to the interview.

Interviewer signature: _____

1. Please indicate the services you provide in the community (Circle the appropriate number for each service)

Service	Yes	No	Service	Yes	No	Service	Yes	No
ANC registration:	1	2	Pregnant/ lactating mothers counseling:	1	2	Provision of Misoprostol and/or CHX:	1	2
Nutrition counseling:	1	2	Cooking demonstration at household:	1	2	Provision of Iron Folic Acid tablets:	1	2
QIT facilitation:	1	2	QIT membership:	1	2	Referral for newborn care:	1	2
Issuance of referral slip:	1	2	Direct referral support:	1	2	Women support group:	1	2
Other services, give names:	1	2						

(Skip the sections which are not applicable)

2. What trainings have you received in the past 3 years (focus MCHIP imparted trainings)?

Trainings received from MCHIP	Training received? (Circle one number in each row)		If “Yes”, year(s) in which training received? (2013/2014/2015/2016)
	Yes	No	
Cooking demonstration for community			20__
Mother and child nutrition			20__
Women support group (only in five districts)			20__
Interpersonal communication (IPC) tool kit training (only in five districts)			20__
Training on formation of quality improvement team (QIT) for limited staff of MCHIP & PPHI			20__
Others:			

3. **Have you used the training related information and/or skills in your work? If yes, please give specific examples.** (relate with previous Q-2 responses and enquire only the pertinent)

Trainings	Used training? (Circle one number in reach row)		If “Yes”, give application/examples
	Yes	No	
Cooking demonstration for community	1	2	
Mother and child nutrition	1	2	
Women support group (only in five districts)	1	2	
Interpersonal communication (IPC) tool kit training (only in five districts)	1	2	
Training on formation of quality improvement team (QIT) for limited staff of MCHIP & PPHI	1	2	

4. **How useful were the trainings? Have you received technical support from MCHIP after training? If you received support, please elaborate (what, how often).** (relate with previous Q-2 responses and enquire only the pertinent)

Trainings	Usefulness? (Circle one number in each row)				Post-training support (MCHIP) (Complete as applicable)		
	Very useful	Some-what useful	Not useful	Not applicable	Yes	No	Explain
Cooking demonstration for community	1	2	3	4	1	2	
Mother and child nutrition	1	2	3	4	1	2	
Women support group (only in five districts)	1	2	3	4	1	2	
Interpersonal communication (IPC) tool kit training (only in five districts)	1	2	3	4	1	2	
Training on formation of quality improvement team (QIT) for limited staff of MCHIP & PPHI	1	2	3	4	1	2	

5. **Where do you refer pregnant women for ante natal checkup in your community?** (Check all that apply)

- Attached BHU/ RHC
- Private clinic
- CMW
- Other

6. **Do you distribute referral slips to pregnant women? If yes, about how many utilize the transport services offered by the transporters' network made available?**

Distribute referral slips? (Circle one number)		If yes, about how many utilize transport services? (Check appropriate box)
Yes	No	☐ All
1	2	☐ Most
		☐ Few
		☐ None

7. **Based on actual client feedback, what are the key benefits, if any, of the transporter network/ contacts established by the MCHIP program and what are the major hindrances or challenges, if any, to utilization?**

- Benefits _____
- Challenges _____

8. **Do you have a women's support group formed in your community, is it currently operational?**

Status of WSG	(Circle one number)		If yes, how many are formed & when?
	Yes	No	
WSG formed	1	2	
WSG operational	1	2	

9. **If there is a WSG, has there been an improved support group functioning in the last few years?** (enhanced regularity, number of groups, sub-groups, frequency, increased participation, feedback incorporation, provision of informational material related to topics, guest speaker...etc.)

(Pertinent to MCHIP activity support and training – revival – rejuvenation- technical information support ...et.)

Improved support group functioning (Circle one number)		If yes, what? (Probe for detail)
Yes	No	
1	2	

10. What are the key discussion / information/ promotion topics covered in the WSG
 (related to the updated support provided by MCHIP only)?

11. What MCHIP-related nutrition support activities are part of your work, name the key activities?

12. Has anyone talked with you about the importance of focusing on the “1000 days”? If yes, where did you hear this? Are there any other projects, programs, NGOs working with you on maternal and child nutrition? If yes, who are they and what are they doing in this area?

Received information about first 1000 days? (Circle one number)		If yes, where did you hear about first 1000 days?	Other organizations	
Yes	No		Name?	Which component do they support?
1	2			

13. Do you distribute IFA (Iron Folic Acid) to pregnant women? If “yes”, in which month?

Distribute IFA (Circle one number)		If yes, in which month of the pregnancy?	If yes, how many tablets during the entire pregnancy?	If yes, do women take them? (Circle one number)		If not, why not?
Yes	No			Yes	No	
1	2			1	2	

14. Do you give Misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack to pregnant women? If “yes”, in which month?

Misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack to pregnant women? (Circle one number)		If “yes”, in which month of the pregnancy?
Yes	No	
1	2	

15. In your experience, do women use the Misoprostol + Chlorhexidine packs, if “yes”, both or one? If “no”, what are the reasons for non-compliance?

Do women use Miso and/or CHX? (Circle one number)		If yes, both or one (Circle one number)		If “one”, which one (Circle one number)	
Yes	No	Both	One	Miso	CHX
1	2	1	2	1	2

16. Where do you refer clients for family planning (postpartum IUCD, implant) and newborn and child health (diarrhea, pneumonia)? Has there been a recent change in referral/ services? If yes, please explain?

	Long acting reversible contraceptive (IUCD, implant) <i>(Check if you refer to facility type)</i>	Newborn care <i>(Check if you refer to facility type)</i>
Attached BHU/ RHC	☐ Refer	☐ Refer
Private Clinic	☐ Refer	☐ Refer
THQ/DHQ	☐ Refer	☐ Refer
CMW	☐ Refer	☐ Refer
Other	☐ Refer	☐ Refer
Change in referral services? (Explain)		

17. Do you distribute **MCHIP** printed information booklet to pregnant women in your community? *(show the booklet to them)*, If “yes”, share the women’s feedback regarding whether it is useful and informative and its application.

Distribute booklet? <i>(Circle one number)</i>		If “yes”, was it useful and informative and did women apply information? Explain.
Yes	No	
1	2	

18. Share suggestion to improve **MNCH** service access and utilization at local **MNCH** center? *(Focus on support by MCHIP)*

ONLY to be Enquired to LHWs / CHWs who response in affirmation – Relate to Question No.2 Responses

- 19. Have cooking demonstrations been held at WSG meetings? If “yes”, how useful did the women in community find them *(those who actually applied the cooking information)* Did women change their behavior in any way related to the introduction of complementary foods to 6- 23 month old children as a result of these demonstrations? If yes, how?**

Cooking demonstrations held? (Circle one number)		Did women find the theme useful? Explain.	Did women apply the knowledge/change feeding behavior? How?
Yes	No		
1	2		

Key Informant Interview with Community Midwives (CMWs)

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID

Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

District name:

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Respondent name

Age

Education

Year of experience as CMW

Marital Status

Use qualifier with marital status, married no children, unmarried, married with children under 5/ over 5

Contact number

Completed CMWs training? Yes or No

Name of institute of CMW training:

Interviewer: I have informed the respondent about the evaluation scope and she has agreed to the interview.

Interviewer signature: _____

I. Do you have a functioning clinic set-up/ practice? (Circle one number)

Yes	No
1	2

If “no”, give reason. (Enter reason)

If “yes”, where? (Circle one number)

1. House
2. Community
3. Other community
4. Other (specify) _____

If “yes”, number of years/months in operation? (Enter time)

If “other”, please explain. (Circle one number)

1. Working at other health facility
2. Clinic under development
3. Temporarily closed
4. Other (specify) _____

2. Please indicate the services you provide in the community. (Circle the numbers of all that apply)

1. ANC Checkup
2. Referral for complicated pregnancy/ delivery
3. Provision of Iron Folic Acid Tablets
4. QIT Participation (member)
5. Normal Vaginal Delivery
6. Nutrition Counseling
7. Provision of Misoprostol / CHX
8. Post Natal Check Up
9. Newborn Check Up
10. Tetanus vaccination of pregnant women
11. Other Services (specify):

(Skip the sections in later questionnaire which are not applicable)

3. What trainings have you received in last 3 years (focus on MCHIP imparted trainings)?

Trainings received: (focus in MCHIP training package)	(Circle one number in each row)		(Enter year)
	Yes	No	In what year did you receive the training?
Pregnancy childbirth postpartum and newborn care (PCPNC)	1	2	20__
Post-abortion care (PAC)	1	2	20__
Postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD)	1	2	20__
Client centered family planning - intrauterine contraceptive device (CCFP-IUCD)	1	2	20__
Helping Babies Breathe (HBB)	1	2	20__
Lactation management training	1	2	20__
Immunization	1	2	20__
Other (specify) _____	1	2	20__

4. Have these trainings helped you perform better and, if so, and how?

Trainings received: (focus in MCHIP training package)	(Circle one number in each row)		How have they improved your performance?
	Yes	No	
Pregnancy childbirth postpartum and newborn care (PCPNC)	1	2	
Post-abortion care (PAC)	1	2	
Postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD)	1	2	
Client centered family planning - intrauterine contraceptive device (CCFP-IUCD)	1	2	
Helping Babies Breath (HBB)	1	2	
Lactation management training	1	2	
Immunization	1	2	
Other (specify) _____	1	2	

5. Have you received any training, coaching or other kinds of support from MCHIP and, if yes, what kind?

Support received: (focus in MCHIP training package)	(Circle one number in each row)		What kind of technical support have you received?
	Yes	No	
Pregnancy childbirth postpartum and newborn care (PCPNC)	1	2	
Post-abortion care (PAC)	1	2	
Postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device (PPIUCD)	1	2	
Client centered family planning - intrauterine contraceptive device (CCFP-IUCD)	1	2	
Helping Babies Breath (HBB)	1	2	
Lactation management training	1	2	
Immunization	1	2	
Other (specify) _____	1	2	

6. How many checkups are minimally advised in pregnancy and how many checkups your clients on an average come for?

	(Enter number of visits)
ANC visits advised	
Usual ANC visits by pregnant women	

7. Where do you refer the complicated cases from your community? *(Circle numbers of all that apply)*

- 1. Attached BHU/ RHC
- 2. Private Clinic
- 3. Other (specify) _____

8. Rate the service delivery in the referral facility for the complicated case management, and has there been any recent improvement in the service delivery at the Health Facility? *(probe for last 2-3 years and reasons)*

Quality of service delivery *(Circle one number)*

- 1. Excellent
- 2. Good
- 3. Fair
- 4. Poor

How has service quality improved? *(Circle one number)*

- 1. No major change
- 2. Marked improvement

If “marked improvement”, what is the reasons? *(Explain)*

9. Do you distribute referral slips for complicated case clients (or refer them to LHWs) and, if so, how many clients utilize the transport services offered by the transporters' network?

Referral of complicated cases *(Circle all that apply)*
(If no options checked, skip question 10)

- 1. Distribute referral slips
- 2. Refer to CMW
- 3. Refer to LHW

How many referred clients utilize transporter network service? *(Circle one number)*

- 1. All
- 2. Most
- 3. Few
- 4. None

10. Based on actual client feedback, what are the key benefits of the transporter network/ contacts and the major hindrances or challenges in the utilization? *(Write an explanation)*

Benefits

Hindrances/Challenges

11. Have you received any business development training from the MCHIP project? *(Circle one number)*

Yes

No *(Go to question 13)*

If “yes”, when and where did you receive the training? *(Explain)*

12. Did you find the business training/information useful? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes

2. No *(Go to question 13)*

If “yes”, how did it help your business? *(Explain)*

13. Have you received any equipment and/or supplies from the MCHIP project? If so, what did you receive and how often?

Received equipment or supplies? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes

2. No *(Go to question 14)*

List equipment received	List supplies received	Frequency <i>(Circle one number for each row)</i>		
		Regularly	One-time	Needs based
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3
		1	2	3

14. Has the MCHIP project supported any non- structural development of the clinic?

(Circle one number)

1. Yes
2. No *(Go to question 15)*

If “yes”, please explain how? *(Explain)*

15. Have you been paid stipend from any source? If yes, from whom did you receive them, when and for how long? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes
2. No *(Go to question 16)*

If “yes”, when and for how long? *(Explain)*

16. Do you distribute IFA (Iron Folic Acid) for pregnant women or refer to LHW? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes, I distribute IFA
2. No, I do not distribute IFA *(Go to question 16)*
3. I refer to LHW for IFA *(Go to question 16)*

If “yes”, in which month of the pregnancy? *(Explain)*

16. Do you give misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack to the pregnant women or refer them to the LHW? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes, I distribute misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack
2. No, I do not distribute misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack *(Go to question 17)*
3. I refer to LHW for misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack *(Go to question 17)*

If “yes”, in which month of the pregnancy? *(Explain)*

17. In your experience, do women use the misoprostol + Chlorhexidine pack and, if yes, both or one? If No, what are the reasons for non-compliance?

Do women use? *(Circle one number)*

1. Yes, both
2. Yes, one
3. No

If, “yes, one”, reasons for selected compliance. *(Explain)*

If “no”, reasons for non-compliance. *(Explain)*

18. Is there an operational QIT group in the community/facility? If yes, are you a member of that group?

	Yes	No
Operational QIT? <i>(Circle one number)</i>	1	2 <i>(Go to question 19)</i>
Are you a member? <i>(Circle one number)</i>	1	2

19. Do you have any suggestions for improving MNCH service access and utilization in the community? *(Focus on support by MCHIP)*

CHECKLIST for BEmONC HEALTH FACILITIES

Serial number

Type of health facility _____ (BHU (DoH), BHU (PPHI), RHC, THQ, Private)

Name of the health facility

MCHIP facility ID

Observation start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

Observation end time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

District name:

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Entered by:

Total catchment population:

Total number of staff members:

Total attached LHWs:

Total attached CMWs:

Opening timing of the facility

Total number of villages in catchment:

Interviewer: I have informed the BEmONC health facility in-charge about the evaluation scope and received his/her consent to fill this checklist.

Observer signature: _____

I. PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

Instructions: Please check if the utility was facilitated by MCHIP or not. (Circle one number in each row)

S. No	DIMENSION		Yes	No
2.1	ACCESS / UTILITIES	Facility sign board	1	2
2.2				
2.3		Electricity	1	2
2.4		Telephone	1	2
2.5	WASTE DISPOSAL	Rubbish pit (for refuse and medical waste)	1	2
2.6		Sewerage pipe from building to external sewer/drain	1	2
2.7		External sewer/drain merges into main drain outside boundary wall	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION		Yes	No
2.8	ENTRANCE TO BHU BUILDING	Space for registration	1	2
2.9		Waiting area for patients	1	2
2.10		Ramp for disabled/wheelchair	1	2
2.11	WAITING AREA	Covered area to protect patients from sun, rain, and extremes of temperature	1	2
2.12		Functional ceiling fans at women's waiting area	1	2
2.13		Separate women's waiting area	1	2
2.14		Benches in women's waiting area	1	2
2.15		Complaint/suggestion box	1	2
2.16		Separate function toilets for men and women	1	2
2.17	WATER SUPPLY	Pipe with running water within facility	1	2
2.18		Storage tank within the facility	1	2
2.19		Protected water source within 200 meters of the facility (borehole, water tank, or protected spring)	1	2
2.20	EXAMINATION ROOM	Examination room for women	1	2
2.21		Curtains/screens to ensure privacy	1	2
2.22	LABOR ROOM	Well-lit	1	2
2.23		Ventilation	1	2
2.24		Attached toilet	1	2
2.25		Drinking water facility	1	2
2.26		Designated space for new-born care	1	2
2.27	GENERAL STORE	Well-lit	1	2
2.28		Ventilation	1	2
2.29		Area for storage of sterile linen	1	2
2.30		Area for storage of common linen	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION		Yes	No
2.31		Area for storage of other materials/drugs/consumables	1	2
2.32	Dispensing cum store area		1	2
2.33	Vaccine storage and immunization area		1	2
2.34	BCC and family planning counsel area		1	2

CLEANLINESS OF BUILDING

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2.35	Waiting area	1	2
2.36	Consultation rooms	1	2
2.37	Treatment/injection rooms	1	2
2.38	Delivery room	1	2
2.39	Main pharmacy / dispensing area	1	2
2.40	Toilets-patients	1	2
2.41	Store room	1	2

STATUS OF BUILDING

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
		Satisfactory	Un-satisfactory
2.42	Windows and doors	1	2
2.43	Floor	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
		Satisfactory	Un-satisfactory
2.44	Roof condition	1	2

3. RANGE OF SERVICES

HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.1				
3.2	HYGIENE PROMOTION, WATER AND SANITATION	Hand washing with soap	1	2
3.3		Proper toilet use and hand washing practices	1	2
3.4		Problems related to open defecation	1	2
3.5		Advice on making water safe for drinking and storage	1	2
3.6	MNCH AND FAMILY PLANNING	Importance of antenatal check-up	1	2
3.7		Tetanus Toxoid (TT) injections during pregnancy	1	2
3.8		Danger signs during pregnancy	1	2
3.9		Delivery through skilled birth attendance	1	2
3.10		Danger signs during labor	1	2
3.11		Importance of postpartum examination	1	2
3.12		Danger signs after delivery	1	2
3.13		Use of Chlorhexidine gel	1	2
3.14		Bathing the neonate	1	2
3.15		Early wrapping and keeping baby warm	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.1				
3.16		Early initiation of breastfeeding	I	2
3.17		Neonatal danger signs	I	2
3.18		Family planning methods especially (PPIUCD)	I	2
3.19	CHILD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT	Exclusive breast feeding up to 6 months	I	2
3.20		Continuation of breast feeding till 2 years of age	I	2
3.21		Child immunization	I	2
3.22		Managing diarrhea at home	I	2
3.23		Growth/development monitoring	I	2
3.24	NUTRITION	Iron / folic acid supplementation of pregnant lactating women	I	2
3.25		Balanced diet for adolescents and adults	I	2
3.26		Weaning after 6 months of age under IYCF guidelines	I	2
3.27		Prevention of parasitic infections and deworming	I	2

CARE PROVISION

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.28	MATERNAL HEALTH	ANC (screening for high risk, TT vaccination)	I	2
3.29		ANC (dietary counseling)	I	2
3.30		NATAL CARE (normal delivery with forceps/MVA)	I	2

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.31		NATAL CARE (referral for complicated delivery)	1	2
3.32		NATAL CARE (ambulance services)	1	2
3.33		PNC (screening for risk/complications)	1	2
3.34		PNC (PPIUCD)	1	2
3.35	NEWBORN/ CHILD HEALTH	Chlorhexidine use	1	2
3.36		Neonatal examination within 72 hours	1	2
3.37		EPI vaccination services – at health facility	1	2
3.38		EPI vaccination services – as outreach services	1	2
3.39	FAMILY PLANNING	Provision of short term methods (condoms, pills)	1	2
3.40		Provision of short term methods (PPIUCDs, injectables, implants)	1	2
3.41	NUTRITION SERVICES	Outpatient therapeutic program (treatment of moderate and severe acute malnutrition without complications)	1	2
3.42		Referral linkage with a stabilization center at THQ/DHQ	1	2
3.43		Provision of nutrition supplements to the malnourished children	1	2

4. EmONC SERVICES

BASIC EmONC SERVICES

Are the following obstetrics care services available in the facility?

BASIC EmONC SERVICES			STATUS	
			(Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
4.1	Administer IV, IM (Parenteral) antibiotics		1	2
4.2	Augmentation of labor by oxytocic drugs (Injection oxytocin, Injection ergometrine)		1	2
4.3	Management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia by sedatives (by injection magnesium sulfate or injection diazepam)		1	2
4.4	Manual removal of placenta		1	2
4.5	Removal of retained products (manual vacuum aspiration (MVA), without general anesthesia, and D&C) and referral of complicated cases		1	2
4.6	Assisted vaginal delivery (vacuum extraction, forceps)		1	2
4.7	Who conducts delivery at the health facility? (Circle one number)	1. WMO	1	2
		2. LHV	1	2
		3. Midwife	1	2
		4. Dai	1	2
		5. MO	1	2

NEWBORN CARE SERVICES

Are the following new born care services available in the facility?

NEWBORN CARE SERVICES		STATUS	
		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No
4.8	Neonatal resuscitation (with bag and mask)	1	2
4.9	Warmth (drying, wrapping the baby, and skin-to-skin contact)	1	2
4.10	Clean cord care with Chlorhexidine gel	1	2
4.11	Early initiation of breast feeding	1	2

NEWBORN CARE SERVICES		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No
4.12	Helping Baby Breath	1	2

5. AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT/IEC MATERIAL

GENERAL

S. No	EQUIPMENT	STATUS			
		AVAILABLE (Circle one number in each row)		FUNCTIONAL (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
1.1	Ambulance	1	2	1	2
1.2	Stethoscope	1	2	1	2
1.3	Fetal stethoscope	1	2	1	2
1.4	Steam inhaler	1	2	1	2
1.5	Nebulizer	1	2	1	2
1.6	X-ray view box	1	2	1	2
1.7	X-ray unit	1	2	1	2
1.8	ECG machine	1	2	1	2
1.9	Glucometer for blood sugar	1	2	1	2
1.10	Ultrasound	1	2	1	2
1.11	Protocols for pregnancy, child birth, postpartum, and newborn	1	2	1	2

S. No	EQUIPMENT	STATUS			
		AVAILABLE		FUNCTIONAL	
		(Circle one number in each row)		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
I.12	Protocols for pregnancy complications	1	2	1	2

LABOR ROOM

S. No	EQUIPMENT	STATUS			
		AVAILABLE		FUNCTIONAL	
		(Circle one number in each row)		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
I.13	Labor /delivery table with washable plastic cover	1	2	1	2
I.14	Macintosh/plastic apron	1	2	1	2
I.15	Delivery light	1	2	1	2
I.16	Normal delivery set	1	2	1	2
I.17	Standard surgical set (for minor procedures like episiotomy stitching)	1	2	1	2
I.18	Bulb sucker	1	2	1	2
I.19	Fetal heart detector (Fetoscope)	1	2	1	2
I.20	Examination light	1	2	1	2
I.21	Suction and evacuation set (SNE)	1	2	1	2
I.22	IUD insertion kit	1	2	1	2
I.23	Adult stethoscope	1	2	1	2
I.24	Bedpans	1	2	1	2

S. No	EQUIPMENT	STATUS			
		AVAILABLE		FUNCTIONAL	
		(Circle one number in each row)		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
I.25	Blood pressure apparatus		2		2
I.26	Adult Ambu bag and mask		2		2
I.27	Thermometer		2		2
I.28	Oxygen source (portable cylinder or central wall supply), with mask or nasal cannula		2		2
I.29	Baby weighing scale		2		2
I.30	Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA)		2		2
I.31	Suture needles		2		2
I.32	Partograph forms		2		2
I.33	Adult weighing scale		2		2
I.34	Protocols for managing pregnancy complications		2		2
I.35	Stethoscope		2		2
I.36	Ventilation bag mask		2		2
I.37	Suction device		2		2
I.38	Scissors		2		2
I.39	Ties		2		2
I.40	Gloves		2		2
I.41	Cloth		2		2
I.42	Head covering		2		2
I.43	Timer (clock, watch)		2		2
I.44	HBB poster		2		2

S. No	EQUIPMENT	STATUS			
		AVAILABLE		FUNCTIONAL	
		(Circle one number in each row)		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
I.45	Hand washing stations	1	2	1	2
I.46	Disinfectants	1	2	1	2
I.47	Boiler / autoclave	1	2	1	2
I.48	Disposable syringe cutter	1	2	1	2
I.49	Puncture resistant container for sharps disposal	1	2	1	2
I.50	Bucket for soiled pads and swabs	1	2	1	2
EPI UNIT					
I.51	Vaccine refrigerator (ILR)	1	2	1	2
I.52	Thermometer for vaccine refrigerator	1	2	1	2
I.53	Temperature log	1	2	1	2
I.54	EPI cards	1	2	1	2
I.55	EPI schedule	1	2	1	2

6. QUALITY INSPECTION TEAM (QIT)

		STATUS	
		(Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No
6.1	Does the facility have a functional QIT?	1	2
6.2	Record of SG/QIT meeting conducted in last 2 months is available	1	2

		STATUS	
		<i>(Circle one number in each row)</i>	
		Yes	No
6.3	Was an action plan developed based on the outcome of the meeting?	1	2

7. IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

S. No	DOCUMENTS	STATUS	
		<i>(Circle one number in each row)</i>	
		Yes	No
7.1	Updated health facility action plan	1	2
7.2	Daily client register/OPD register maintained	1	2
7.3	Record of all cases referred maintained in referral register/DHIS register	1	2
7.4	Results of last QIPS assessments and action plans	1	2
7.5	Duty roster	1	2
7.6	Results of internal assessment maintained at facility	1	2

CHECKLIST HEALTH FACILITY CEmONC

Serial number:

MCHIP facility ID:

Start time: *hh:mm (AM/PM)*:

Researcher name:

End time: *hh:mm (AM/PM)*:

District name:

Interview date: *DD/MM/YY*

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Entered by:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of health facility: 1. DHQ_____ 2. THQ_____ 3. Private_____

Name of health facility:

Name of District:

Total catchment population:

What is the working timing of the facility? (Check one)

- ☐ All week - 24 hrs
- ☐ 7 days - day time only (8 am to 2 pm)
- ☐ Six days 24 hrs
- ☐ Six days - day time only (8 am to 2 pm)
- ☐ Not regular
- ☐ Other (specify)_____

Interviewer: I have informed the CEmONC health facility in-charge about the evaluation scope and he/she has consented to conduct the fill this checklist.

Observer signature: _____

2. PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
2.1	Access / utilities	Metalled access road		2
2.2		Facility sign board		2
2.3		Electricity		2
2.4		Electric wiring concealed		2
2.5		Functioning telephone		2
2.6		Dedicated mobile phone for communication regarding referral care		2
2.7	Ob/Gyn OPD room	Consultation area		2
2.8		Examination area		2
2.9		Screens/curtains for privacy of examination area		2
2.10		Hand washing area		2
2.11	Ob/Gyn ward	Patient area		2
2.12		Nursing station		2
2.13		Store for general items/drugs		2
2.14		Functional attached wash room		2
2.15	Pediatric nursery	Patient area		2
2.16		Nursing station		2
2.17		Store for general items/drugs		2
2.18		Changing room		2
2.19		Feeding area		2
2.20		Day care area		2
2.21			Delivery room	

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)		
		Yes	No	
2.22	Labor room	Preparation / stage room	1	2
2.23		Scrub area	1	2
2.24		Staff duty room	1	2
2.25		Store for general items/drugs/equipment	1	2
2.26		Staff wash room	1	2
2.27		Patient wash room	1	2
2.28	Blood bank	Blood collection room	1	2
2.29		Staff duty room	1	2
2.30		Store for equipment / reagents	1	2
2.31		Functional attached washroom	1	2

REPAIR REQUIREMENTS OF BUILDING

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)		
		Few or no repairs needed	Many repairs needed	Not present
2.32	Windows and doors	1	2	3
2.33	Interior paint	1	2	3
2.34	Facility interior walls	1	2	3
2.35	Facility exterior walls	1	2	3
2.36	Floor	1	2	3
2.37	Roof condition	1	2	3
2.38	Fence/wall	1	2	3
2.39	Women's waiting area	1	2	3

S. No	DIMENSION	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)		
		Few or no repairs needed	Many repairs needed	Not present
2.40	Consultation rooms	1	2	3
2.41	Treatment/injection rooms	1	2	3
2.42	Pediatric ward	1	2	3
2.43	Obstetric ward	1	2	3
2.44	Delivery room	1	2	3
2.45	FP services room	1	2	3
2.46	Pharmacy	1	2	3
2.47	Toilets- female patients	1	2	3
2.48	OT and washing area	1	2	3
2.49	Nursery	1	2	3

3. RANGE OF SERVICES AT FACILITY

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.1	MATERNAL HEALTH	ANC (screening for high risk)	1	2
3.2		ANC (TT vaccination - static center)	1	2
3.3		ANC (dietary counseling)	1	2
3.4		NATAL CARE (normal delivery 24/7 with forceps/MVA)	1	2
3.5		NATAL CARE (C-section)	1	2
3.6		NATAL CARE (functional ambulance services)	1	2
3.7		PNC (screening for risk/complications)	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.8	CHILD HEALTH	EPI vaccination – static center	1	2
3.9		Intensive care / nursery with incubators	1	2
3.10		Counseling of mothers (exclusive breast feeding and complimentary feeding)	1	2
3.11		Stabilization center – linkage with CMAM program	1	2
3.12	FAMILY PLANNING	FP counseling of MWRA	1	2
3.13		Provision of short term methods (condoms, pills)	1	2
3.14		Provision of short term methods (IUDs, injectables, implants)	1	2
3.15		Provision of permanent methods (vasectomy, tubal ligation)	1	2
3.16	LAB SERVICES	Blood profiles (CBC, LFTs, RFTs)	1	2
3.17		Hepatitis B screening	1	2
3.18		Hepatitis C screening	1	2
3.19		Stool R/E	1	2
3.20		Blood sugar	1	2
3.21	DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES	CT scan	1	2
3.22		ECG	1	2
3.23		Ultrasonography	1	2
3.24		Blood grouping and cross matching	1	2
3.25		Blood screening for HBs Ag	1	2
3.26		Blood screening for Anti-HCV	1	2
3.27		Pregnancy testing	1	2
3.28		Hemoglobin	1	2
3.29		Urine R/E	1	2

S. No	DIMENSION		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)	
			Yes	No
3.30		Other (Specify)	1	2

4. COMPREHENSIVE EmONC SERVICES

EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC SERVICES

Are the following obstetrics care services/ inputs available in the facility?

S. No	EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC SERVICES	STATUS (Circle one number in each row)		Remarks
		Yes	No	
4.13	IV, IM (parenteral) antibiotics	1	2	
4.14	Oxytocic drugs (Injection oxytocin, Injection Ergometrine)	1	2	
4.15	Injection magnesium sulfate	1	2	
4.16	Injection diazepam	1	2	
4.17	Manual removal of placenta	1	2	
4.18	Removal of retained products (D&C)	1	2	
4.19	Assisted vaginal delivery (vacuum extraction, forceps)	1	2	
4.20	Caesarean-Section	1	2	
4.21	Availability of blood with storage facility	1	2	
4.22	Functional ambulance service	1	2	

NEWBORN CARE SERVICES

Are the following newborn care services available in the facility?

S. No	EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC SERVICES		STATUS (Circle one number in each row)		Remarks
			Yes	No	
4.23	Basic newborn resuscitation		1	2	
4.24	Phototherapy		1	2	
4.25	Clean cord care with Chlorhexidine gel		1	2	
4.26	Incubator		1	2	
4.27			1	2	
4.28	Paediatric nursery		1	2	
4.29	Health promotion for early and exclusive breast feeding		1	2	
4.30	Birth weight		1	2	
4.31	Suction through sucker machine		1	2	
4.32	Functional oxygen cylinder		1	2	
4.33	Do you see any neonate, child <5 or obstetric case after the working hours, if there is an emergency?				
4.34	If yes, who attends?	1. Specialist	1	2	
		2. Doctor	1	2	
		3. Nurse	1	2	
		4. LHV/midwife	1	2	
		5. Dispenser	1	2	
		99. Other (Specify) _____	1	2	

5. AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINES

GENERAL HOSPITAL

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter "0" when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.1.	Functional ambulance			
5.2.	Defibrillator			
5.3.	Wheel chair			
5.4.	Stretcher			
5.5.	Generator			
5.6.	UPS power supply			

GYNAE/OBS OPD ROOM

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter "0" when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.7.	Weighing machine (adult)			
5.8.	Infant weighing machine			
5.9.	Screen folding (complete)			
5.10.	Ultrasound machine			
5.11.	Examination lamp			
5.12.	Stethoscope (adult size)			

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.13.	B.P apparatus desktop type			
5.14.	Office chair			
5.15.	Office table with drawers			
5.16.	Patient stool			
5.17.	Patient waiting bench			
5.18.	Examination couch			

PEDATRIC WARD AND NURSERY

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.19.	Suction machine			
5.20.	Infant B.P apparatus (cuff 2.5 cm)			
5.21.	Stethoscope, pediatric Littman type			
5.22.	Nebulizer			
5.23.	Oxygen cylinder complete with trolley			
5.24.	Emergency medicine trolley			
5.25.	Patient's attendant bench			

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.26.	Fowler bed (iron)			
5.27.	Screen folding (complete)			
5.28.	Functional air conditioner in pediatric nursery			

LABOR ROOM

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.29.	Electric instrument sterilizer (12”x6”)			
5.30.	Episiotomy instruments set (complete)			
5.31.	D&C instruments set (complete)			
5.32.	Delivery forceps set			
5.33.	Infant Ambo bag			
5.34.	Portable light & rechargeable batteries			
5.35.	Sterilizing drum			
5.36.	Vacuum extractor			
5.37.	Delivery table			

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.38.	Infusion / drip stands			
5.39.	Oxygen cylinder complete with trolley			

OPERATING THEATER

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter “0” when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.40.	Operating theater ceiling light			
5.41.	Operating theater table			
5.42.	Functional air conditioner			
5.43.	General surgery instrument set			
5.44.	Obstetrics instrument set			
5.45.	Sterilizer			
5.46.	Autoclave (steam sterilizer)			
5.47.	Oxygen cylinder (large size with regulator)			
5.48.	Receptacles / containers of different colours for different types of solid wastes			

ANAESTHESIA

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter "0" when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.49.	Oropharyngeal airway (adult size)			
5.50.	Anesthetic face masks			
5.51.	Anesthesia machine			
5.52.	Laryngoscopes			
5.53.	Epidural sets			
5.54.	Endotracheal tube			

INFECTION CONTROL

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter "0" when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.55.	Hand washing stations			
5.56.	Disinfectants			
5.57.	Boiler / autoclave			
5.58.	Disposable syringe cutter			
5.59.	Puncture resistant container for sharps disposal			

S. No	EQUIPMENT	ITEM QUANTITIES (Enter "0" when an item is not available or not functional)		
		Number or items AVAILABLE	Number of items FUNCTIONAL	Number of items NOT FUNCTIONAL
5.60.	Bucket for soiled pads and swabs			

6. AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES

SUPPLIES

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.1	Antiseptic solutions (cetrimide, savalon, bleach, povidone, cidex, chlorhexidine, gluconate, iodine, solution or iodophors, "spirits")		2		2		2
6.2	Bandages		2		2		2
6.3	Gauze		2		2		2
6.4	Surgical cotton		2		2		2
6.5	Adhesive tape		2		2		2
6.6	Syringes		2		2		2
6.7	Hypodermic needles and syringes (10-20 cc)		2		2		2
6.8	IV infusion set and fluids (tubing, needles)		2		2		2
6.9	Scalpel blades		2		2		2

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.10	Soap		2		2		2
6.11	Spare bulb and spare batteries for room light and flashlight		2		2		2
6.12	Suture and suture needles		2		2		2
6.13	Urethral catheter and bag		2		2		2
6.14	Surgical gloves		2		2		2
6.15	Utility gloves		2		2		2
6.16	Bucket with chlorine (0.5%) for decontamination		2		2		2
6.17	Sharps-disposal containers		2		2		2
6.18	Waste buckets (for medical and other waste)		2		2		2
6.19	Surgical clothing		2		2		2
6.20	Scrub brushes		2		2		2
6.21	Hand washing sink with running water		2		2		2
6.22	Wheel chair		2		2		2
6.23	Stretcher		2		2		2

MEDICINES

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.24	Injection Dexamethasone		2		2		2
6.25	Injection Adrenaline		2		2		2
6.26	Injection Atropine		2		2		2
6.27	Injection Ampicillin		2		2		2
6.28	Cap Amoxicillin		2		2		2
6.29	Syrup Amoxicillin		2		2		2
6.30	Tablet Cotrimaxazole		2		2		2
6.31	Syrup Cotrimaxazole		2		2		2
6.32	Tablet Metronidazole		2		2		2
6.33	Syrup Metronidazole		2		2		2
6.34	Syrup Anthelmintic		2		2		2
6.35	Tablet Iron		2		2		2
6.36	Tablet Folic Acid		2		2		2
6.37	Tetracycline ointment		2		2		2
6.38	Injection Oxytocin		2		2		2
6.39	Injection Magnesium Sulfate		2		2		2
6.40	IV solutions		2		2		2
6.41	Syrup Salbutamol		2		2		2
6.42	Tablet Chloroquine		2		2		2
6.43	Syrup Chloroquine		2		2		2

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.44	Syrup Zinc Sulfate		2		2		2
6.45	Syrup Paracetamol		2		2		2
6.46	Injection Diclofenac Sodium		2		2		2
6.47	Tablet Diclofenac		2		2		2
6.48	Ready to use therapeutic food (RUTF)		2		2		2
6.49	Therapeutic milk (F-75 and F-100)		2		2		2

VACCINES

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.50	BCG		2		2		2
6.51	OPV		2		2		2
6.52	Penta-valent		2		2		2
6.53	Measles		2		2		2
6.54	Heptatitis-B vaccine		2		2		2
6.55	Tetanus Toxioid		2		2		2

FAMILY PLANNING COMMODITIES

Medicines / Supplies		Available (Circle one number in each row)		Expired (Circle one number in each row)		Stock out during last 3 months (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
6.56	Condoms		2		2		2
6.57	Combined oral contraceptive (COC) pills		2		2		2
6.58	IUCDs		2		2		2
6.59	Injection DMPA		2		2		2
6.60	Implants		2		2		2

CHECKLIST FOR COMMUNITY MIDWIFE (CMW) HEALTH FACILITY

Serial number

MCHIP facility ID

Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

District name:

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Entered by:

BACKGROUND

Name of CMW:

Name of BHU/RHC attached with:

Number of registered households:

Registered population size:

When did you graduate:

From where:

How long have you been practicing:

How long have you been working in this location:

Interviewer: I have informed the CMW about the evaluation scope and she has given her consent to fill this checklist.

Observer signature: _____

I. AVAILABILITY/FUNCTIONALITY OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

S. No	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	STATUS (Circle the one number in each row corresponding to the status of item)		
		Available and functional	Available but not functional	Not available
I.1	Safe Delivery Kit	1	2	3
I.2	Weighing machine (Adult type)	1	2	3
I.3	BP Apparatus	1	2	3
I.4	Baby weighing machine	1	2	3

S. No	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	STATUS (Circle the one number in each row corresponding to the status of item)		
		Available and functional	Available but not functional	Not available
I.5	Stethoscope	1	2	3

S. No	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	STATUS (Circle the correct number corresponding to the status of each supply/equipment)	
		Available	Not Available
I.6	Chlorhexidine Gel	1	2
I.7	Kit Bag with functional items (check availability of sufficient NEW gloves)	1	2
I.8	Partographs	1	2
I.9	MNCH Cards	1	2
I.10	Daily Register	1	2
I.11	Referral slip	1	2
I.12	Monthly report	1	2
I.13	CMW database form	1	2
I.14	Stock register	1	2

S. No	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING (Circle one number in each row corresponding to the observed condition of the item)	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
I.15	Overall cleanliness and safety of facility	1	2
I.16	Privacy for consultation and also examination/service delivery	1	2
I.17	Safe disposal of medical waste	1	2
I.18	Hand washing station (soap AND water available)	1	2

S. No	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING (Circle one number in each row corresponding to the observed condition of the item)	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1.19	Other remarks		

2. AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES/IEC

S. No	MEDICINES	AVAILABLE (Circle one number in each row)		WITHIN EXPIRY (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
2.1	Tab Paracetamol	1	2	1	2
2.2	Tab Misoprostol	1	2	1	2
2.3	Injection Diclofenac Sodium	1	2	1	2
2.4	Injection Oxytocin	1	2	1	2
2.5	Ferrous Fumerate 150mg + Folic Acid 0.5mg	1	2	1	2
2.6	BCC material/Protocols etc. displayed	1	2	1	2
2.7	Contraceptives (by type)				

3. SERVICE RELATED DATA

S. No	SERVICE	Write as appropriate (ask if number is increasing, decreasing or is the same as before MCHIP or when she began practicing.)
3.1	How many deliveries did you conduct during last month? (Enter number)	
3.2	How many ANC (Antenatal Care) visits did you make during the last month? (Enter number)	
3.3	How many PNC (Postnatal Care) visits did you make during the last month? (Enter number)	

S. No	SERVICE	<i>Write as appropriate (ask if number is increasing, decreasing or is the same as before MCHIP or when she began practicing.)</i>	
3.4	How many pregnant women were referred for facility based care? <i>(Enter number)</i>		
3.5	How many pregnancies are currently registered with you? <i>(Enter number)</i>		
3.6	How many pregnant and lactating women received iron / folic acid tablets? <i>(Enter number)</i>		
	<i>(Circle one number for each row)</i>	Yes	No
3.7	Are you aware of Jhpiego's eMentoring Supportive Supervision?		2
3.8	If yes are you part of this project intervention?		2
3.9	Are you executing the CMW business model of Jhpiego?		2
3.10	If Yes, is your income increasing?		2
3.11	Are you part of the voucher scheme introduced by Jhpiego?		2

4. AVAILABILITY/FUNCTIONAL HBB AREA

S. No	MEDICINES/EQUIPMENT	AVAILABLE?		FUNCTIONAL?	
		<i>(Circle one number in each row)</i>		<i>(Circle one number in each row)</i>	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
4.1	Stethoscope		2		2
4.2	Ventilation bag mask		2		2
4.3	Suction device		2		2
4.4	Scissors		2		2
4.5	Ties		2		2
4.6	Gloves		2		2
4.7	Cloth		2		2
4.8	Head covering		2		2

S. No	MEDICINES/EQUIPMENT	AVAILABLE? (Circle one number in each row)		FUNCTIONAL? (Circle one number in each row)	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
4.9	Timer (clock, watch)	1	2	1	2
4.10	Reference guide	1	2	1	2

5. TRAINED AND TYPE OF TRAINING

	(Circle one number in each row)	Yes	No
a.	Were you trained by MCHIP? If “yes”, go to question 5.2. If “no”, go to question 6	1	2
b.	Did you get OJT by MCHIP? If “yes”, go to question 5.3. If “no”, go to next section (i.e., immediately after question 5.4	1	2
c.	Did you get any reference material after the training?	1	2
d.	Did you get any reference material after the OJT?	1	2

If you were trained by MCHIP, please select the topics on which you received the trainings

(Please circle the number next to the topic that applies)

1. BEmONC Training (I & II)
2. Misoprostol & Chlorhexidine
3. FP counseling
4. Immunization
5. Infection Prevention
6. PPIUCD
7. HBB
8. Implant
9. Pneumonia and Diarrhea
10. Referrals
11. Record keeping
12. Enhancing Business Skills
13. Providing immunization at birth
14. (Essential) Newborn Care (ENC)
15. FP service delivery
16. Maternal nutrition
17. Breastfeeding support
18. Maternal immunization (TT)

If you were trained by MCHIP, please select the topics on which you received the trainings
(Please circle the number next to the topic that applies)

1. Focus ANC
2. Normal child birth
3. Birth preparedness & complication readiness
4. Postpartum care
5. PPH
6. Active management of 3rd stage of labour
7. Vaginal bleeding during pregnancy
8. Management of Pre-eclampsia /eclampsia
9. Rapid initial assessment & management of shock
10. Newborn care
11. Newborn sepsis
12. Breast feeding
13. Use of Partograph
14. Management of PPH
15. Infection Prevention
16. Supporting Maternal Nutrition
17. FP counseling
18. FP service delivery
19. Normal child birth - Beneficial Practices
20. Referrals
21. Others _____

6. Please also indicate here if the CMW received training on the topics above but not from MCHIP.

CMW received trainings from other than MCHIP *(Circle one number)*

Yes	No
1	2

Additional comments or observations

Group Discussion with Women's Support Group (WSG) Members

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID

Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

District name:

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Entered by:

Interviewer: I have informed WSG members about the evaluation scope and they have given their consent to conduct the interview.

Moderator signature: _____

Note taker signature: _____

Timelines:

- Start-up: (Time – 5 mins)
- Discussion: (30-40 mins)
- Wrap up and thanks – (3-5 mins)

Process:

- Introduction of team and purpose - ice breaker
- Group demographic and background data reported on a simple sheet

	Respondents' Profile							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name								
Age								
a. Less than 18								
b. 18 -31								
c. 32 -45								
d. Above 45								
Occupation								

	Respondents' Profile							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Duration of engagement with WSG (in months)								
Marital status <i>(Use qualifier as unmarried, pregnant, lactating, mothers with children under 5, mothers..etc.)</i>								

Questions / discussion points for group interviews

1) 1.a.How often does the WSG meet in general?

1.b. For how long has this specific group been meeting?

1.c.Do group members remain the same or does the composition of the group change over time?

(Check if other friends/ community members/ family members of WSG members join the some session – based on relevance)

1.d. How many pregnant women or women with young children are members of your group, even if they are not here today?

2) 2.a. What motivated you to become a member of the WSG?

3) What are the major roles and responsibilities/functions of the WSG?

4) What are the health related topics most often discussed in the WSG?

	(Check all that apply)	Twice or more in last 3 months
ANC	☐	☐
MC nutrition (what mothers should eat and how often when pregnant and lactating)	☐	☐
PNC	☐	☐
Family planning (include implant or IUCD)	☐	☐
Newborn care	☐	☐
Child nutrition (breastfeeding, complementary feeding (including type, time of introduction, frequency, feeding the sick child)	☐	☐
Cooking demonstration	☐	☐
Care seeking for Pneumonia and Diarrhea	☐	☐
Misoprostol and how to use it?	☐	☐
CHX gel and how to use it?	☐	☐
Other (please specify)	☐	☐

5) Since last Ramadan, (June last year), have you perceived any changes in the health topics the WSG discusses? If yes, please describe the changes you have seen.

(Note to interviewer: Relate to what MCHIP is working on in that particular district & facility) Specifically:

- i) Mother and child nutrition, (topics)
- ii) Immunizing your child, (topics)
- iii) Going for ANC, PNC? (topics)
- iv) What to do when your child is sick with diarrhea or fever/fast breathing? (topics)
- v) Going to health facility or CMW for delivery? Going for newborn checkup? (topics)
- vi) Getting transport for mother or child emergencies? (topics)
- vii) Family planning (topics, listen for implant or IUCD after delivery)

6) Have you recently received any materials about these topics (mother's book, etc.)?

(Show them a copy of the mother's book from MCHIP). If yes, have all of the topics in the (book, poster, etc.) been discussed in your WSG?

7) Is the health information the group acquires at WSG spread to the community at large? If yes, please explain how. If no, why not?

8) Have you been given information on Misoprostol & CHX? If yes, please explain how the community women in your circle have received the message (in case Miso and CHX was mentioned in list)

Ask separately- check for women who actually used, or know women who have used it after their babies were born. (this will only be women who delivered in past few years)

9) In your opinion, does the WSG make a positive difference in the health of mothers and children in your community? If “yes”, how? If “no”, why not? Please give examples.

10) What are the major hindrances & challenges to health promotion by the WSG in your community? What possible measures can be taken to address these effectively?

11) Do mothers and families follow the health promotion recommendations related to mother and child health and nutrition or family planning? Do you have any suggestion to make it more effective and useful?

Note Compilation and Observations:

Transporters Group Interview Guide

Serial number **Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):**

Researcher name **End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):**

District name: **Interview date: DD/MM/YY**

Tehsil name: UC name:

City /village name: Entered by:

Interviewer: I have informed transporter group interview members about the evaluation scope and they have consented to the interview.

Moderator signature: _____

Note taker signature: _____

Group interview process:

- Start-up: 5 mins
- Group Demographic – introduction
- Ice breaker

Transporters' Profile (Use additional sheets if necessary)

	1	2	3	4	5
Name					
Age					
Sex					
Occupation					
Duration of Engagement					
Trained on referral mechanism (Y/N)?					

Group Interview Questions

1. What role have you played in implementation of MCHIP?

2. What institutional arrangements, if any, do you have with MCHIP in the district?

3. Are you charging the MCHIP referred patients? If yes, do you charge the market rate or a subsidized rate?

4. Were you trained in supporting MCHIP? (Circle one number)

Yes	No
1	2

If yes, can you describe the specific things you were trained to do? (Circle the number for all that apply)

De-sensitization

1. Timely referral
2. To save the mother and baby, it is vital for the transporter to take the pregnant patient to the hospital/CMW at an opportune time, when her life can still be saved. Every second counts!
3. Be available on the phone.
4. An emergency transporter must be available via cell phone at all times and must receive all calls.
5. Keep phone charged with credit.
6. Can receive a call from a patient, LHW/CHW, SBA, or the AMAN tele-health agent.
7. Know local area, hospitals, and keep a small diary with local hospital addresses and numbers of the area.
8. Stay connected with AMAN tele-health.
9. Stay connected with the local LHW and CMW/SBA.
10. Fees and Payment: Payment will be decided by you and the patient's family.

Transporting and Positioning a Pregnant Patient: Log Rolling

11. Movement of a supine/prone pregnant lady.
12. Keep the woman lying on her left or right side with legs straight.
13. Keep a halfway folded bed sheet tucked under the woman as close to her body as possible.
14. Get one person each to kneel near her head, waist, and leg end (include yourself)
15. Grasp the woman and on the count of three, gently turn her onto the sheet.
16. Go to the other side and unfold the sheet, the sheet should now proportionately be under the woman. Now fold the sheet inwards to prevent sagging.
17. Utilizing the sheet to lift the women from head, waist, and leg end on count of three and place her on available transport.

5. What precaution needs to be taken to avoid the following scenario:

- A pregnant patient is lying flat on her back which is very harmful since it can reduce blood flow to the baby.

6. How do you find out about women in need of transport (who contacts you and how?)

**7. Have you had the opportunity to transport any women using the training you received?
If so, how many? (Circle one number)**

Yes	No
1	2

If “yes”, how many? (Enter number)

8. Has anyone from MCHIP visited you for a follow up since you were trained? (Circle one number)

Yes	No
1	2

9. If you transport a woman, do you give a report to anyone? (Circle one number)

Yes	No
1	2

10. Will you continue to do this transportation work after the MCHIP project is over? If no, why not?

Group Interview Guide for

Beneficiary Pregnant Women and Mothers of Children under 1 Year Age – Non Facility Based

Serial number

Nearby facility name

Nearby MCHIP facility ID

Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Note taker name

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

District name:

UC name:

Tehsil name:

City /village name:

Interviewer: I have informed group members about the evaluation scope and they have consented to the interview.

Moderator signature: _____

Signature of interviewer: _____

Timelines:

- Start-up: (Time – 5 mins)
- Discussion: (30-40 mins)
- Wrap up and thanks – (3-5 mins)

Process:

- Introduction of team and purpose - ice breaker
- Group demographic reported on a simple sheet

Group Demographic

Name	Age	Pregnant / young mother?

Questions / discussion points

(Record responses separately for each question and each woman interviewed)

1. a) **Are / were you registered as a pregnant woman by the local LHW? If yes, in which month?**

Registered as a pregnant woman? <i>(Circle one number)</i>		If “yes”, in which month of the pregnancy?
Yes	No	
1	2	

- b) **Did the LHW refer you to a health facility? If yes, to which type of facility were you referred for ANC and subsequent delivery?**

LHW referred? <i>(Circle one number)</i>		If yes, to which type of facility were you referred? <i>(Circle the number of all that apply)</i>
Yes	No	1. BHU
1	2	2. RHC
		3. Private
		4. CMW

2. a) **Has any LHW or health facility staff member given you information or supplies for nutrition and feeding of a child? Did you receive CHX/Misoprostol pack and/or pregnant woman hand book from an LHW?**

Received information or supplies? <i>(Circle one number)</i>		If yes, what information or supplies? <i>(Circle the number of all that apply)</i>
Yes	No	1. Your nutrition and feeding of the child
1	2	2. CHX/Misoprostol pack
		3. Pregnant woman handbook

- b) **Do you / did you go for ante-natal checkup (ANC), if yes, how many visits do you plan to/did you have in the total course of pregnancy?**

Had ANC? (Circle one number)		If yes, number of visits? (Enter number)
Yes	No	
1	2	

- c) **If yes, where do/ did you go for ante-natal checkups?**

Facility for ANC	(Circle one number in each row)		If “yes”, please explain why you chose this facility and your experience with the ANC services
	Yes	No	
Public facility/CMW clinic	1	2	_____
Private facility	1	2	If “yes”, please explain why you did not choose a public facility/CMW clinic?

3. Where do you plan to/did you go for delivery?

Facility for delivery	(Circle one number in each row)		If picked “Yes”, please explain why you chose this facility and your experience with the delivery services
	Yes	No	
Public facility/CMW clinic	1	2	_____
Private facility	1	2	If picked “Yes”, please explain why you did not choose a public facility/CMW clinic.

4. Do /did you experience any complication/ issues related to pregnancy, childbirth, or neonate/ infant? If yes, where did you go for appropriate care/ services?

Do /did you experience any complication/issues related to pregnancy, childbirth or neonate/ infant? <i>(Circle one number)</i>		If yes, where did you go for the appropriate care/ services?
Yes	No	
1	2	

5. Did you require caesarian section? If yes, where?

Did you require a caesarian section? (Circle one number)		If yes, where did you go?
Yes	No	
1	2	

6. Do/ did you know about the referral transport facility available? If yes, do you plan to/ did you use it? If not, why?

7. Where do you plan to/ did you go for newborn care? If you chose a public facility/ CMW clinic, why do/ did you choose it & how did you find the child under 1 year health services? If you opted for a private facility, explain the reason for not choosing a CMW clinic or public health facility for delivery.

Facility for newborn care	<i>(Circle one number in each row)</i>		If “yes”, please explain why you chose this facility and your experience with the newborn services.
	Yes	No	
Public facility/CMW clinic	1	2	

Facility for newborn care	(Circle one number in each row)		If “yes”, please explain why you chose this facility and your experience with the newborn services.
	Yes	No	
Private facility	1	2	If “yes”, please explain why you did not choose a public facility/CMW clinic.

8. Have you heard of/ experienced any improvement in the service delivery at the public facility in the last 2-3 years? If yes, in which services? Explain the possible reasons for improved services.

9. In your opinion, how can service delivery be improved at local BHUs/ RHCs? What changes do these facilities require? What issues do you see when striving for improved service delivery?

10. Other remarks?

QIT Group Interview Guide and Check List

Serial number

Facility name

MCHIP facility ID

Start time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

Researcher name

End time: hh:mm (AM/PM):

District name:

Interview date: DD/MM/YY

Tehsil name:

UC name:

City /village name:

Entered by:

Interviewer: I have informed QIT members about evaluation scope and they have consented to conduct the interview.

Moderator signature: _____

Note taker signature: _____

BACKGROUND – fill from QITs record

Sr. #	Question	Response
I.1.	Name of QIT focal person	
I.2.	Designation	
I.3.	QIT formulation	Males # Females # Total # Health Facility Members # Community Members # <i>(Request for updated list)</i>
I.4.	Is QIT Functional? <i>(Circle one)</i>	1. Yes 2. No
I.5.	If yes, frequency of meeting	

Sr. #	Question	Response
I.6.	If no, give reason	_____
I.7.	Frequency with which MCHIP staff attend meeting (<i>recall, last 3 meetings</i>)	a) 3 b) 2 c) 1 d) 0
I.8.	QIT Register available (<i>Circle one</i>)	1. Yes 2. No
I.9.	Check for a random month entry	
I.10.	QIT formation and partnership defined quality based findings available	
I.11.	Action plan present (mounted – graphed?) (<i>Circle one</i>)	1. Yes 2. No
I.12.	Follow-up plan available (<i>Circle one</i>)	1. Yes 2. No

QIT Group Interview Guide

- Start-up: 5 mins
- Group Demographic and back ground data reported on a simple sheet – introduction
- Ice breaker

QIT Members' Profile (*Use additional sheets if necessary*)

	1	2	3	4	5
Name					
Age					
Sex					
Occupation					
Duration of engagement					
Trained on PDQ approach (Y/N)?					

	1	2	3	4	5
Understand purpose of PDQ?					
Participant of initial action plan exercise(Y/N)?					

1. What motivated you to become a QIT member? Did you volunteer or were you selected? If selected, by whom?

	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation					
Volunteer					
Selected (by whom)					

2. What do you do as a QIT member?

3. Have you received any QIT work related training since 2013? If yes, what training have you received (*listen for PDQ or a description of what it is*)? From whom, when, and where?

		Respondents				
		1	2	3	4	5
No						
Yes	What					
	When					
	By Whom					
	Where					

4. How often does the QIT meet? Where? Who calls the meetings? Do you receive any support for attending meetings (e.g., transport or stipend)?

- How often
- Called by

- Where
- Stipend/ support (name)

5. Do you have an Action Plan? If yes, have you taken steps to implement the plan? Please share the process of how you work to achieve your action plan (lead, support, follow-up, etc.)?

☐ NO (give number of respondents)

☐ YES

- Steps
- Lead
- Support
- Follow-up

5.a. Do you have any discussions in your meetings about the following?

General information about helping to increase access to quality healthcare for mothers, newborns and children such as:

- i. Encouraging or helping the mother and/or child to go for checkups or when they are having health problem? If yes, please provide examples?
- ii. Improving the quality of the facility for mothers and babies' healthcare?
- iii. Knowing when to refer a mother and/or baby somewhere for care?
- iv. Helping the mother and/or baby to get care (identifying when there are danger signs or complications, obtaining transport, knowing where to go, etc, encouraging community members to take action to get care?)
- v. Do you undertake any advocacy with the HF for increase supply of services such as (more staff, different type of providers, longer hours, etc?) If yes, where do you direct your input(s)? (feeds into question 6)

6. Please describe the ways in which you interact with health facility healthcare decision makers, if at all? How often does this take place and at what level (facility/ district/ other)?

- Frequency of interaction with decision makers
- Decision maker level (facility, district...etc.)

7. How much progress has the QIT made on implementing the Action Plan so far? What are the main supporting / hindering elements?

Supporting elements

Hindering elements

8. Do you modify the Action Plan with changing needs/ requirements with time? If yes explain with experience, if any? If no, why not?

☐ NO Reason

☐ YES Explain

9. Do you find QIT meetings useful in improving the quality of care at your health facility? If not, why not? Do you have ideas on how it can be made more effective?

☐ NO Reason

☐ YES Explain

Suggestions

10. In your opinion, what are the main contributions of the QIT (facility, service, client satisfaction levels, etc.). Explain the key or most effective MNCH related contributions in detail. If the QIT does not contribute, can you give reasons why?

☐ NO Reason

☐ YES Details

In your opinion, can the QIT become effective at enhancing the accountability of the service provider/facility regarding MNCH, FP on a regular basis without any outside support (from an NGO, project, etc.)? If yes, please give your ideas for how the QIT can become sustainable.

11. Do you receive any support from MCHIP (they may say Save the Children) for organizing the work of the QIT? If yes, please describe the support, i.e., the activities they do with you. (Listen for MNCH-specific topics)

12. How often, if at all, does someone from the MCHIP project visit you? Please be specific.

13. What information or data, if any, do they collect from you? Do you use any of this information in planning the activities of the QIT?

14. Do you receive any feedback from the MCHIP staff member about the work you are doing and the information you collect in the QIT? If yes, please give examples.

15. Additional comments arising from the discussion:

16. Do you have any other comments?

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