

Output 1

Capacity Building on MNH services improved

CHO fresher training

The Project conducts Community Health Officer (CHO) fresher training utilising the national training material and the training programme developed by the former project on the bases of the expansion of CHPS compound accelerated by the “Project for the Development of CHPS Infrastructure in the Upper West Region”, situation of the project site, and national policy.



CHO Refresher training

CHO and Community Health Nurse (CHN) who are assigned to CHPS zone provide antenatal care (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC) services to pregnant women. The quality of ANC and PNC, however, varies greatly by experience of midwives, CHN or CHO because the content and procedure of ANC and PNC are not standardised. In the light of circumstances, the Project conducts CHO Refresher Training;

- (1) ANC/Delivery/PNC and IEC,
- (2) Community-based MNH,
- (3) Community mobilisation and



Safe Motherhood Clinical Skill Training for Midwives

The Project conducted Safe Motherhood Clinical Skill Training for midwives working in health centre. This training aims to improve practical skill not thought only lectures, but also practical sessions on birth assistance and granted medical equipment. CHNs working in health centre also participate in the training on maternal and newborn health and emergency delivery.



Output 2

Systems for MNH services strengthened

Clarifying of Performance Standard and development of consecutive monitoring system

The former project helped establish a monitoring system to supervise and support CHO activities called facilitative supervision (FSV) to strengthen CHPS implementation. Now the Project revise existing manual and tools of FSV, conducts training for GHS staff of each level, the support for the implementation of the supervision through the monitoring.



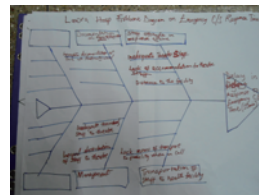
Strengthen Referral system



Referral can be defined as a process of transferring severe patients to higher health facility and send them back to the lower health facility for continuous treatments. In Ghana, delivery is handled in health centres and hospitals, and postnatal checkups at the CHPS have been regarded as one of the counter referral. The project has activities 1) introducing and establishing of referral tools, 2) informing all health facilities of the referral system and procedures, and 3) conducting training aiming at functional improvement of referral coordinator.

Strengthen Maternal, Neonatal, Death Audit (MNDA)

The project aims to reduce maternal and neonatal mortalities in UWR. At health facilities in Ghana, MNDA is conducted with the objective of reducing such deaths through improving health services and strengthening IEC activities. The project will strengthen analysis, action planning, and its implementation based on MNDA through capacity building of regional MNDA core team members and zonal coordinators, and hospital MNDA and quality improvement teams.



Output 3

Community mobilization and support systems on MNH strengthened

Promoting Community Mobilization

The Project aims to build a foundation that community people can conduct activities to improve the health status of the community along with CHOs by recognizing health problems of the community and their potential by themselves. In particular, the Project conducts necessary training for capacity building of identifying people's needs, planning activities, conducting, monitoring, and evaluating by utilizing the community health action plan (CHAP).



Capacity building on health promotion

In UWR, local customs and traditional concept affect negatively the utilization of maternal and child health service. Follow-up in health facility after delivery is not sufficiently conducted. In order for pregnant women to use the medical services, it is necessary to gain an understanding of community leaders and household decision-makers. The Project support the development of education materials and awareness-raising activities in the community.



Strengthening of collaboration with stakeholders

It is also important to strengthen collaboration with local governments such as regional collaborative committees and district assembly in order that GHS can improve maternal and newborn health services. The Project needs to secure more effective support by information sharing and collaboration between GHS and local government.



Overview

Ghana Health Service (GHS) and Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) commenced "Project for the Improvement of Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) Services utilising CHPS (Community-Based Health Planning and Services) system in the Upper West Region" in September 2011.



Project Period

September 2011-September 2016 (5years)

Overall Goal

Maternal and Neonatal Health services in Upper West Region is continuously improved

Project Purpose

Improve Maternal and Neonatal Health services utilising CHPS system in Upper West Region

Output

1. Capacity building on Maternal and Neonatal Health services improved
2. Systems for Maternal and Neonatal Health service strengthened
3. Community mobilization and support systems on Maternal Neonatal Health strengthened



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