

National Rollout of Maternal and Child Health Record Book in Ghana

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After two years of the development and testing, HE Ms. Samira Bawumia, the Second Lady of Ghana, announced the launching of the MCH Record book on 2 March 2018 in Central Region. The national rollout of MCH RB got started as national program.



Process of National Rollout

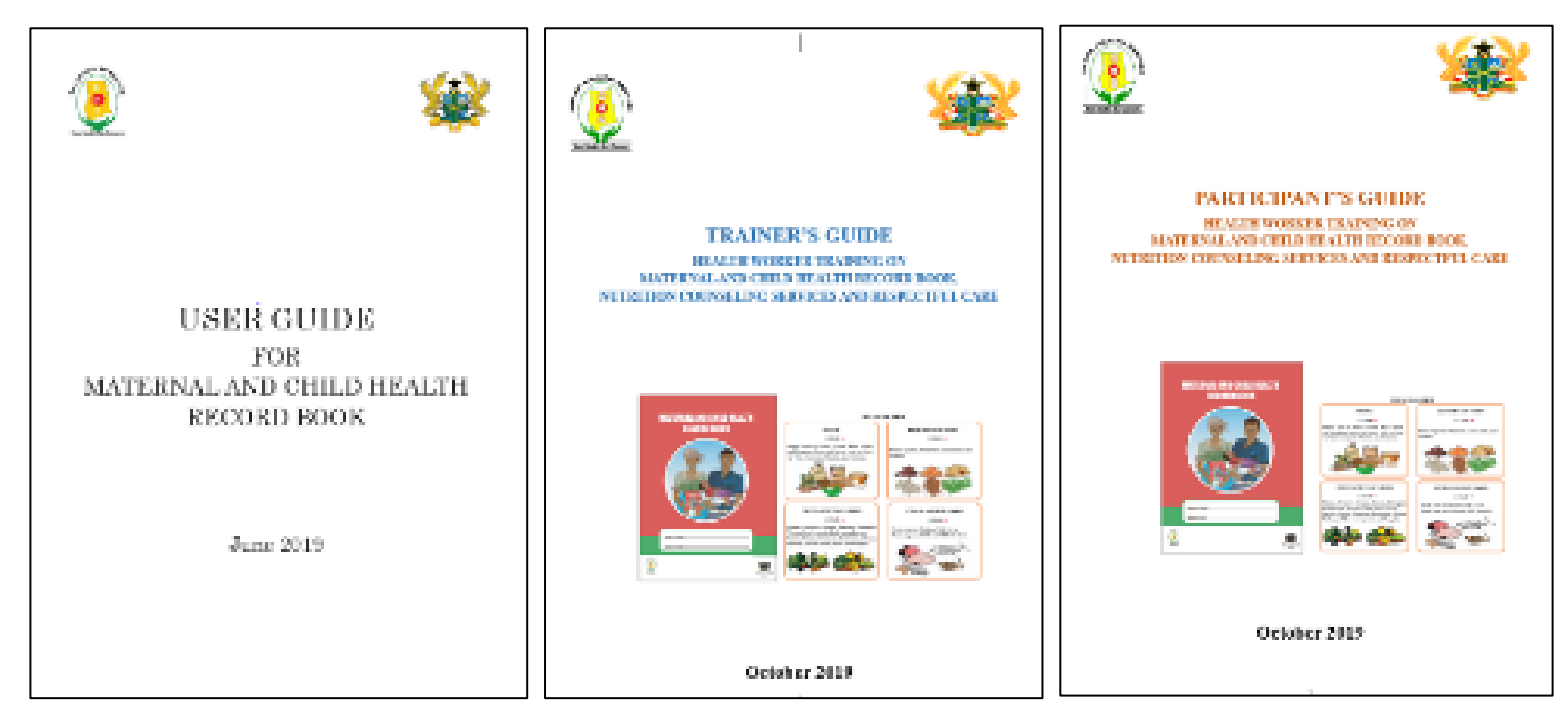
Necessary steps and progress by the year 2020 (funded by JICA)

Component	Status	Remarks
1 Development of MCH RB	Completed	In 2016-2018
2 Pretest and Pilot test	Completed	In 2017 and 2018
3 Printing and Distribution of the book	On-going	1.5 million MCH RB printed and distributed
4 Procurement of equipment for measurement	On-going	Length board, weighing scale, HB meter procured to focus districts
5 Capacity development of health workers	Completed On-going On-going	869 facilitators trained 1269 health workers trained 1 st M&S conducted
6 Managerial initiative and arrangement	Completed On-going	In 2018 in all regions 1 st M&S conducted in 2019
7 Institutionalization	On-going	A series of workshops conducted

Capacity development of health workers

A package of training was developed and certified as national standards

- Operational Guidelines
- User Guide of MCH RB
- Trainer's Guide
- Participant's Guide
- 4-day training curriculum
- Job-Aid Flipchart



GHS promotes partners to use the standard in their programs.

Training includes a variety of activities and field practice.

Classroom training

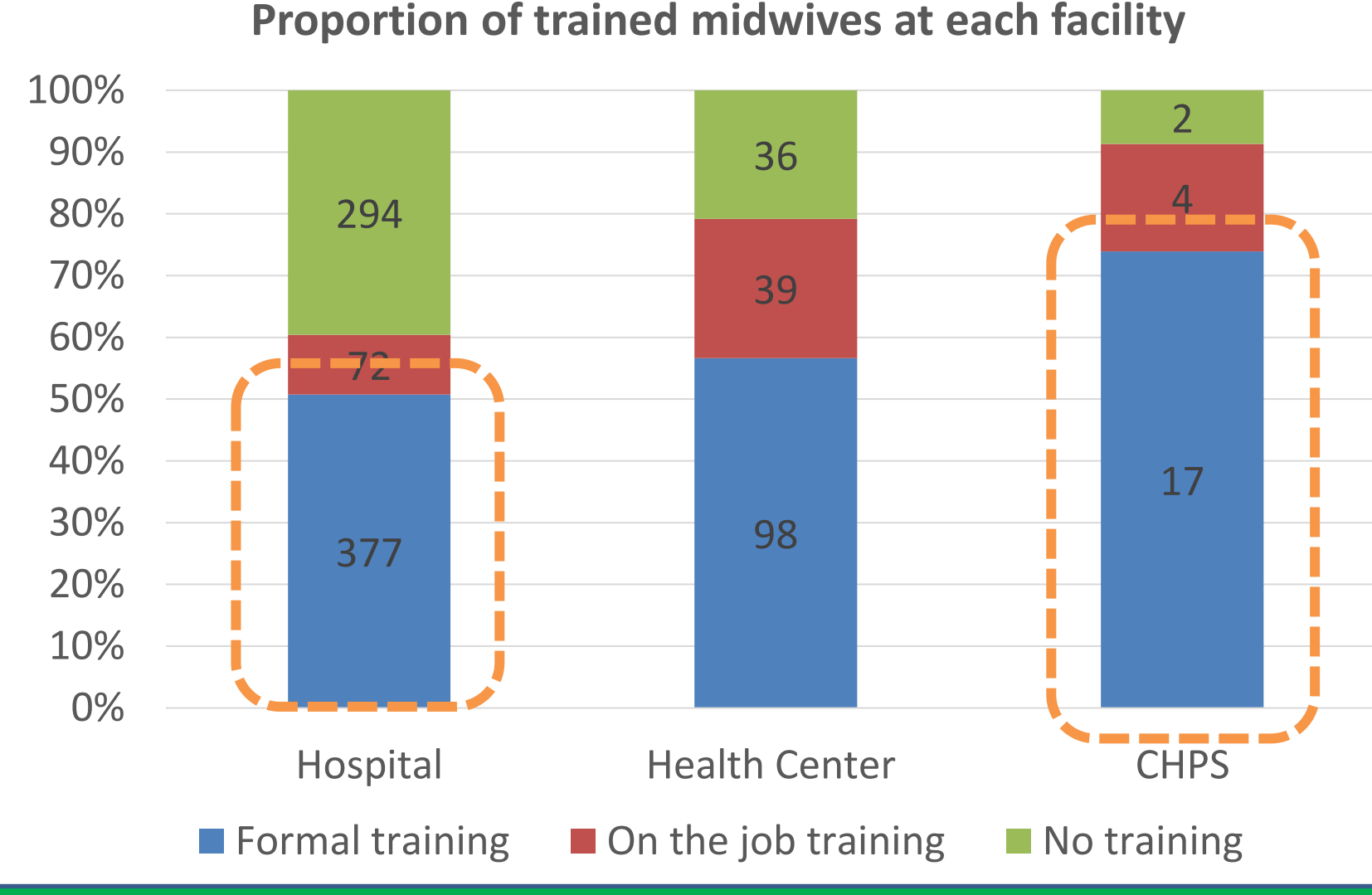
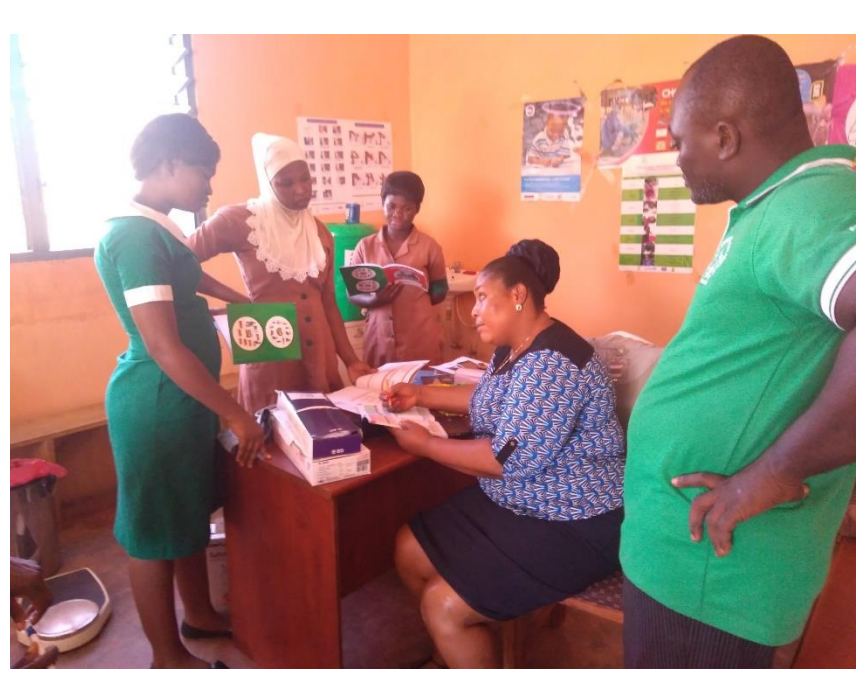
On-site training

Monitoring and Supervision

The first Monitoring and Supervision in 2019

The M&S team visited all 10 regional health directorates, 34 district health directorates and 95 facilities in 10 regions.

- Out of 95 visited facilities, 82% were using MCH RB.
- 25 districts (73%) out of 34 visited districts had conducted trainings for all facilities in the district with IGF or other resources.
- Only 61% of midwives at the hospital had received a training, while 91% at CHPS were trained.



Based on the results, the project started health worker training at major hospitals

Managerial initiative and arrangement

Sensitizations in all regions

- To promote better understanding on the book
- To create supportive environment
- To discuss the regional roll-out plan; utilization of internally generated fund for training and printing of the book



Institutionalization

Management Guide Development

Management is

- To introduce rules and regulations related to the national rollout of the MCH RB as a reference document.
 - To protect and promote MCH RB program with sustainability
- Stakeholder Workshops have been conducted for the development of Management guide. The Guide will be validated and shared with all stakeholder in 2021.



Conclusion

National roll-out has steadily progressed; especially capacity development/training has been expanding widely with GHS's managerial arrangement. At least 1,269 health workers were trained so far.

- Commitment and ownership of GHS lead to the smooth roll-out of the MCH RB.
- GHS has been mobilizing fund, conducting the trainings and integrating the orientation of MCH RB into other trainings and seminars.
- Standardization of the training package promoted the national rollout significantly.

The Project continues to work for the roll-out of MCHRB and institutionalization of the MCHRB in the health system in Ghana.