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Learning from joint research Maternal newborn and child health in Ethiopia

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In recent decades, Ethiopia has made impressive progress in maternal and child health. The country reached the 4th Millennium Development Goal on child survival. Under-five mortality has continued to decrease, while neonatal mortality has stagnated. Utilisation of maternal, newborn, and child health services have increased, but there are still major gaps towards achieving universal health coverage. There are major challenges in the quality of maternal, newborn and child health services. Investments are also needed for better quality and use of data for health planning.

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health and other partners have for a number of years been engaged in joint research efforts in the field of maternal, newborn and child health in Ethiopia. These efforts include studies to increase our understanding of health challenges, evaluations of interventions and mutual capacity building. Research results and experiences have accumulated. This one-day conference provides an opportunity to present, discuss, synthesize and learn across these activities.

The objective is to synthesize the learning emerging from the joint research efforts in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

The learning conference will focus on the following themes:

- The current situation in maternal, newborn and child health in Ethiopia
- Towards Universal Health Coverage
- Quality of Care
- Data for health planning
- Collaborating for mutual capacity building

Presenters will include researchers, policy makers, planners, analysts and research students from the Ethiopian health system, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Universities, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and other partners. Participants include partners and stakeholders engaged in maternal, newborn and child health in Ethiopia.

All participants in the learning conference are invited to a reception with drinks and snacks at the Radisson hotel at 6.30 pm

Agenda

8.30	Registration	
9.00	Welcome	EPHI Public Relations
	Introduction. Chairperson: Dr Getachew Tollera, EPHI	Dr Getachew Tollera
	Opening remarks	Dr Ebba Abate, EPHI
9.15	Ethiopia and LSHTM: the landscape of research collaboration and mutual learning for change	Prof Anne Mills, LSHTM
9.30	Ethiopia DHS 2019: Current trends in maternal and child health	Mr Abebe Bekele, EPHI
10.00	Coffee/tea	
10.40	Towards Universal Health Coverage. Chairperson: TBC	
	Universal Health Coverage - a goal for Ethiopia and the world	Prof Lars Åke Persson, LSHTM
10.55	Community Based Newborn Care -progress and challenges	Dr Bilal Avan, LSHTM
11.05	Effect of OHEP on child care utilization	Dr Della Berhanu, LSHTM and EPHI
11.15	Understanding the OHEP intervention, challenges and facilitators	Dr Yemisrach Okwaraji, LSHTM and EPHI
11.25	Equity in maternal and child care utilization	Mr Alem Desta, Mekelle Univ
11.35	Geographic differences in care utilization	Mr Atkure Defar, EPHI and Univ Gondar
11.45	Sustainability of maternal and newborn health innovations	Dr Neil Spicer, LSHTM
11.55	Roundtable discussion	All
12.15	Quality of care. Chairperson: Dr Hema Magge, IHI	
	Quality of maternal, newborn and child health care	Dr Hema Magge, IHI
12.25	Improving respectful maternity care - findings from Nigeria	Dr Nasir Umar, LSHTM
12.30	Disrespectful maternity care. Providers' reports.	Ms Dorka Woldesenbet, AAU
12.35	Respectful neonatal care	Dr Abiy Seifu, AAU

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12.45	Understanding Quality improvement	Dr Matthew Quaife, LSHTM
12.55	Health Extension Workers' ability to classify sick children	Mr Theodros Getachew, EPHI and Univ Gondar
13.05	Roundtable discussion	All
13.30	Lunch	
14.30	Data for health planning. Chairperson: Mrs Biruk Abate, FMOH	
	The information revolution	Mrs Biruk Abate, FMOH (TBC)
14.50	Data Informed Platform for Health: concept and progress	Ms Mehret Dubale, LSHTM and EPHI
15.00	Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance	Dr Lola Madrid, LSHTM and Haramaya Univ
15.10	Routine data quality for health planning	Tsion Tsegaye, ORCA participant
15.20	Strengthening routine data quality in Nigeria	Mrs Antoinette Bhattacharya, LSHTM
15.30	Roundtable discussion	All
16.00	Coffee/tea	
	Roundtable: Mutual learning for change. Chairperson: Prof Joanna Schellenberg, LSHTM	
16.30 - 17.30	Short introductions from each panellist, followed by a roundtable discussion on collaborative research for improved maternal, newborn and child health. How does the Ethiopian landscape of research collaboration and mutual learning look? Suggestions for improvements?	Prof Joanna Schellenberg, Dr Muluemebet Abera, Dr Araya Abrha Medhanyie, Mr Abebe Bekele
17.30	Closing remarks	Dr Ebba Abate