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Presentation Outline

- The Value and implementation of the MCH Handbook in Kenya
- Process/plan of integration of MCH Handbook to Health System (Stage of implementation)
- Impact/ Evidence so far
- Good Practices (and the process “how to”)
- Challenges/ What **we** would like to learn from other countries
- Way Forward

Basic information about MCH Handbook implementation / Value of MCH Handbook

- Kenya is one of the countries in East Africa. Has a devolved system of Government with 1 National and 47 County Governments.
- The MCH Booklet was developed through a wide consultative process, by MOH and RMNCAH Partners, and introduced 2008
- It integrates all the RMNCH High Impact interventions across the continuum of care, as opposed to having separate cards
- Officially launched in 2010 by the then Minister for Public Health and Sanitation (now Ministry of Health).
- A health workers' job aid and training package developed 2012 is in use.
- Health workers' capacity building for effective utilization is ongoing
- Value: **well accepted by health workers & mothers** "The purple book" ,
Integration, long term, durable, continuum of care

Process/plan of integration of MCH Handbook to Health System

- The MCH Booklet was allocated an MOH number 216 (MOH 216), integration into the Health Information System
- It is an additional record to the child's birth notification and birth registration leading to issuance of Birth Certificate
- It covers most of the High Impact Interventions across RMNCH continuum of care
- Contains the child's immunization schedule
- **Innovation:** Automated for use through a mobile phone application (Jamii Smart) an ongoing process
- Data integrated into the National Health System in DHIS2

Impact/ Evidence so far (if any)

Improvement noted on health indicators (KDHS, 2014)

- MMR 362/100,000
- **Neonatal mortality rate** is **22** deaths per 1,000 live births ; **Infant mortality rate** is **39** deaths per 1,000 live births and **under-five mortality rate** is **52** deaths per 1,000 live **births**
- **Improvement form KDHS 2008:**
 - MMR 4888/100,000
 - Under 5 mortality rate: 74/1000 live births
 - Under 1 mortality rate: 52/1000 live births
 - Newborn mortality rate: 31/1000 live births
 - **60% of infants deaths in Kenya are due to neonatal causes**

Good Practices (and the process “how to”)

Effective use by health workers:

- Through training and orientation on the job aid
- Training using a harmonized training package
- Support supervision
- Coordination mechanism TWG, foresee /support printing, advocacy, capacity building, research

Linking community health and medical care:

- Has been done by integrating into the various trainings
- Training packages include use of handbook at the household level.

Challenges/ What Kenya would like to learn from other countries

- Inadequate funds to support printing, distribution, capacity building (How others finance this MCH Handbook)
- Legislation (Any authorizing the MCH Handbook)
- Introduction into the pre-service training institutions
- Process of achieving good buy-in by private sector (PPP)
- How do other countries ensure Standards and Quality assurance of the MCH Handbook implementation
- How other programs have taken it up

Way Forward

- Taking the **MCH Handbook** implementation plan to full scale
- **Automation of the MCH Handbook to be completed**
- **Evaluation of the use of the MCH Handbook in various Counties**



- Thank you, Asanteni, Hakuna Matata