STRENGTHENING OF MIDWIFERY SKILLS ON EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC AND NEWBORN CARE IN CAMBODIA

KEY ISSUES:
- Maternal mortality ratio at 206 deaths per 100,000 live births and neonatal mortality remains at a standstill at 27 per 1,000 live births. Still it remains amongst the highest in the Southeast Asia region.
- An estimated 1,650 mothers still die every year because of preventable complications of the pregnancy and delivery.
- Lack of skilled birth attendants to deal with complications.
- Cambodia is recovering from the consequences of the Khmer Rouge regime which had a tremendous impact on the health workforce.

THREE CONTRIBUTING BARRIERS TO MATERNAL DEATH:
1) Delay in seeking medical assistance
2) Delay in referring of complicated cases
3) Delay in receiving services

RESULTS:

Staffing to meet EmONC standard based on the assessment

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Non specialist surgeons/ EmONC doctors</th>
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<td>Staff available at facilities</td>
<td>118</td>
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<td>Staff still needed to meet standard by 2015</td>
<td>55</td>
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Cumulative Number of Health Staff Trained on EmONC

Cumulative Number of Health Staff Received Refresher Training by Topics

Physicians and Midwifery Deployment 2008-2012

RECOMMENDATIONS:
- Conduct regular monitoring
- Take immediate action for emergency cases
- Work closely with health partners, local authorities, communities and stakeholders

APPROACH:
- A Needs Assessment of the Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care Situation was conducted in 2008.
- The Cambodia EmONC Improvement plan for 2011-2015 was formulated.

UNFPA’S TECHNICAL FOCUS IS TO STRENGTHEN THE EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC AND NEWBORN CARE THROUGH 3 MAIN AXIS OF ACTION:
1) Skills development
2) Promote the regulatory frameworks for midwifery practice
3) Technical and management support to the National Programme

Deployment of Midwives at Public Health Facilities

Trend of EmONC Facilities, 2008-2012

Trend of Postnatal Care 2008-2012

Source: Demographic Health Survey & Health Information System, Ministry of Health

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