

Innovations in the Monitoring and Evaluation of Fistula Programs

The Compendium of OF Indicators

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Society values what it measures

and

measures what it values.



Presentation Today

- Steps taken toward the completion of the *Compendium of Indicators for Obstetric Fistula Programs*
- Brief descriptions of the Compendium
- Examples of indicators and their use
- Thoughts on future directions



Development of OF Indicators



Obstetric Fistula: Data Availability

- **Very little information available on fistula anywhere in the world in regard to:**
 - Incidence
 - Prevalence
 - Treatment
 - Other aspects (e.g., severity, consequences)
- **Much of the available information not reliable or generalizable**
- **Efforts made to measure aspects of fistula have been inadequate**

Need for Standardized Indicators for Programs

- **Lack of indicators to monitor programs and ensure they are targeted toward formulated objectives**
- **Lack of indicators to evaluate programs and demonstrate their progress and impact**
- **Little evidence for recommendations on best practices**



International Obstetric Fistula Working Group: CDC/DRH's Role

- CDC core strengths include TA for surveillance and strategic information systems and M&E in maternal health
- IOFWG asked CDC to facilitate its Data, Indicators, and Research Group (DIRG)
- DIRG, leading experts in the field representing:
UNFPA, USAID, EngenderHealth, AMDD, WHO, DHS, AMREF, Johns Hopkins and others



Collaborative and Iterative Process

- **Started at the end of 2006**
- **Extensive literature review to identify**
 - **Programmatic needs at several levels**
 - **Indicators in use and need for new indicators**
 - **Existing sources of data & identify gaps**
- **Initial set of indicators for discussion (160+) and matrices for detailed description → send for feed-back from DIRG and others**



Collaborative and Iterative Process (cont.)

- **Meetings in 2007-2008**
 - Target audience for compendium
 - Areas to measure
 - Final list of selected indicators
 - Structure of compendium

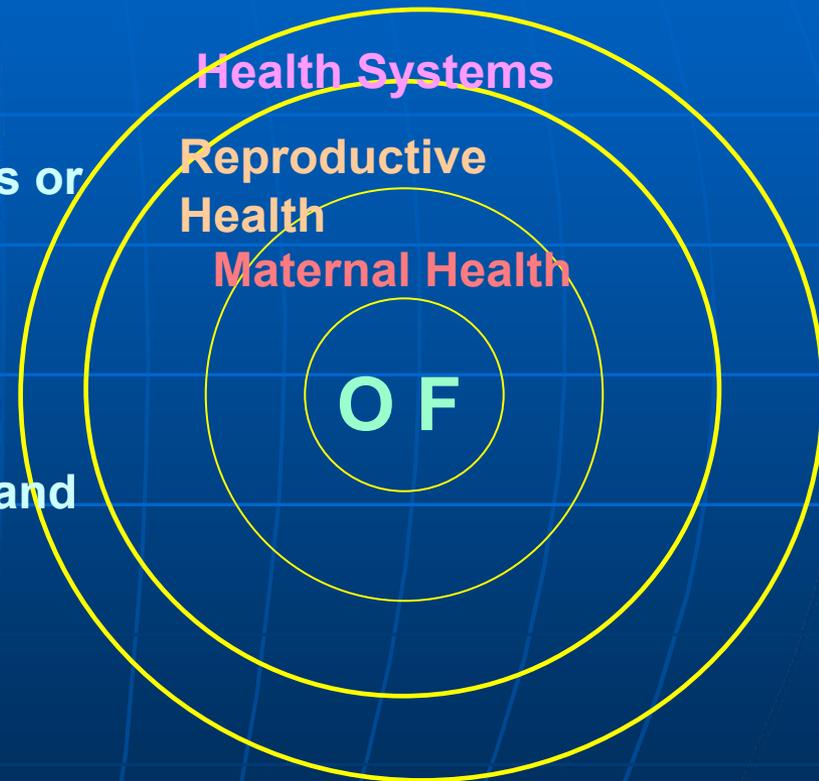
- **Present first draft at several international meetings**

- **Reviews of drafts over next months**
- **Web-based publication will be made available later this summer**



Steps Taken in Selecting and Describing Indicators

- Place indicators in the broader context of Universal Access to RH
- Identify relevant indicators from SM programs or global monitoring*
- Adapt existing indicators
- Formulate specific OF indicators
- Select a set of indicators for each functional and focus area



Objectives of the Compendium

- **Standardized indicators that can guide the collection, examination, and utilization of OF data**
- **To provide guidance on technical aspects**
- **To harmonize the indicators with other M&E efforts and place them in the context of existing measurements for global reproductive and maternal health;**
- **To build capacity for using objective data in decision-making, advocacy, and mobilization of political will.**



Compendium Structure

- **General Part**

- Purpose, intended audience
- Background (context, areas of focus, review process)
- Epidemiology and Linkages with M&E frameworks
- Data Sources
- Guidance for Use

- **Detailed description**

- Definition
- Purpose
- Data requirements and potential sources
- Calculation, analyses and disaggregation, recommendations for use
- Critical considerations (strengths and limitations)
- Links to additional resources



The Indicators Description and their Use

Areas Covered

- **Focus Area:**
 - **Policy and Social Environment**
 - **Prevention**
 - **Treatment**
 - **Reintegration**
 - **Impact**
- **Program categories within each focus area**
 - **access (availability, information, demand, quality)**
 - **utilization of services**
 - **training**
- **Relative importance and relevance:**
 - **Core**
 - **Additional**
 - **Extended**



Estimate Burden of Disease

Prevalence of OF

The number of women living with OF per 1,000 women aged 15–49 years

- **Impact, core**
- **data source: surveys with OF questions and census data on the number of women aged 15-49**



Access and Quality of Care for Obstructed Labor

Obstructed labor case-fatality rate

Proportion of maternal deaths due to OL (while in the facility) among women admitted to CEmOC facilities and dx with OL

- Prevention, core
- Data source: CEmOC surveys or assessments

Guidance on Technical Aspects and Quality of Care

Status of protocols for the diagnosis, treatment and counseling of women with OF

Do protocols exist and are they being used?

- **Treatment, core**
- **Data from facility surveys**



Capture Progress on Provision of Needed Care

Capacity to meet demand for OF surgery

Proportion of women with OF who received surgical repair services among women with urinary incontinence who sought fistula repair services in a period of time

- Treatment, core
- Data source: facility surveys and logs.



Estimate Quality of Social Support for OF

Provision of/Referral for reintegration services

Proportion of OF treatment facilities that provide or refer women to reintegration services

- Reintegration services/practices for women treated for OF
- Data source: facility surveys, programme reports, national mapping of sites



Next Steps

- **E-publish the compendium**
- **Provide training workshop for policy makers, program managers, clinicians**
- **Refine and field test indicators based on feed-back**
- **Perform validation studies**

