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of the **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
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**UN COMMISSION ON LIFE SAVING
COMMODITIES**

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AVAILABILITY



QUALITY



EQUITY



CHOICE

IMPROVING ACCESS TO LIFE- SAVING MATERNAL HEALTH COMMODITIES

MATERNAL HEALTH TECHNICAL RESOURCE TEAM
(MHTRT)

Conveners:

UNFPA and USAID

Supporting Organizations:

*Accelovate/Jhpiego, Concept Foundation, VSI, PSI, MSH/SIAPS
University of British Columbia, Population Action International, RHSC,
Population Council, PATH, JSI, Merck for Mothers, WHO, US
Pharmacopeial Convention, University of Toronto, PSI, Family Care
International, Gynuity Health Projects, Marie Stopes International,
MCHIP, PFSCM, CHAI, MacArthur Foundation, Pathfinder.*

Reproductive

Maternal

Newborn

Child

Commodity Groups

Market Shaping,
Regulation and
Quality

- Focuses on strengthening markets to ensure availability of quality products

Supply Chain

- Works to ensure essential commodities are delivered efficiently and safely, and are available where and when they are needed

Demand, Access
and Performance

- Focuses on removing barriers demand and utilization

MH TRT Subgroups

Availability of Quality Maternal Health Products: Concept Foundation

Accelovate/Jhpiego, Concept Foundation, VSI, PSI, Pop Council, PFSCM, CHAI, MacArthur Foundation, Pathfinder, PATH, UNFPA, USAID, M4M, USP

Commodity Security: John Snow, Inc.

University of British Columbia, Population Action International, RHSC, Population Council, PATH, JSI

Oxytocin in the Cold Chain: PATH

PATH, USAID, Merck for Mothers, JHPIEGO, WHO, JSI/MSH/PFSCM, US Pharmacopeial Convention, UNFPA

Improved Uptake and Use of WHO Guidelines: World Health Organization (WHO), PATH

PATH, WHO, University of Toronto, US Agency for International Development (USAID), UNFPA, PSI

National Essential Medicines Lists: Venture Strategies Innovations

Family Care International, Gynuity Health Projects, MSH, Marie Stopes International, MCHIP, PAI, PSI

Phase 1 Accomplishments (January 2013-September 2014)

Availability of Quality Maternal Health Products (AQMHP)

- Magnesium sulphate: Held expert review meetings on optimal presentation of MgSO₄ presentation (5 gr in 10 ml (=50% w/v) in ampoules). Easier requirements for PQ of MgSO₄. Contacted WHO EML Committee re wording on EML. The business plan will be published at distributed (at RHSC meeting)
- Misoprostol: Two manufacturers submitted dossiers to WHO Pre-Qual (PQ), one PQ'd; two submitted to ERP. Working with 6 companies in Asia and Africa to achieve PQ. The business plan will be published and distributed.
- Oxytocin: List of companies completed with PATH and PFSCM. Contacts made with an initial 4 companies. Another has submitted for PQ and ERP. The business plan will be published and distributed (at RHSC meeting)

Phase 1 Accomplishments (January 2013-September 2014)

Commodity Security

- Completed data analysis for and first draft of white paper on resource mobilization and commodity security framework for MH Commodities.
- Defined resource mobilization and basket of MH supplies
- Developed data collection tool to determine country experiences

Oxytocin in the Cold Chain

- Finalized a letter of commitment/joint statement from UNICEF and WHO on importance of oxytocin in the cold chain
- Obtained GAVI support in effort to get oxytocin in cold chain
- Refined and finalized the assessment protocol for the Mali and Ghana case studies in collaboration with SIAPS/MSH and “oxytocin TTI/innovation activity.”
- Obtained research (exempt) status for the above activity.

Phase 1 Accomplishments (January 2013-September 2014)

Improved Uptake and Use of WHO Guidelines

- Partners in Uganda, Tanzania and Senegal identified and preparatory activities conducted with MOH to determine need for guideline review and adoption/adaptation
- Protocol for generating new knowledge around barriers to guidelines implementation developed and submitted for technical and ethical clearance
- Institutional approvals for study protocol from WHO, Uganda (Makarere University and Ministry of Health) and Tanzania (Ifakara Health Institute and Ministry of Health) obtained
- Interview tools and guides developed for all three countries
- In-country work completed:
 - (a) Survey and in-country workshop held in Uganda with 40+ key stakeholders in MoH, professional associations, doctors, midwives and other groups
 - (b) Priority recommendations and barriers & facilitators identified, guideline & implementation strategy developed

Phase 1 Accomplishments (January 2013-September 2014)

National Essential Medicines Lists (EML)

- Assembled master list of EMLs from over 65 countries in Africa and Asia
- Advocated to include misoprostol on DRC & Sierra Leone EML (being finalized)
- Reviewed the EML to identify potential UN Commission countries where an EML review may be planned

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Highlights of Phase 2 Workplan (July 2014-December 2015)

- ERP,PQ, or SRA Products available(Oxy, MgSO4 and Miso)
- Clarity about how to get affordable, good quality products to the end users levels
- Commodity Security Framework/CS Committee Guidelines
- Uptake and use of WHO guidelines and recommendations
- Barriers identified and assistance provided to countries to include Oxy in CC
- Inclusion of Miso, Oxy and MgSO4 in the EMLs
- MH Commodity Innovations

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Planned Dissemination Activities for Phase 2

Policy/Guidance/Framework

- Statement of evidence on WHO guidelines on storage conditions
- Drafting, field testing and finalization of standards/quality products and policy briefs
- Validation of MH commodity security framework thru field testing

Tools/Guidelines

- Adapt (translate) interview tools & guides
- Creation of a set of IEC materials

Meetings/Workshops

- In-country stakeholders meeting and barrier identification/planning workshops
- Engage key players (procurers and producers) of Oxy to determine feasibility and cost of inclusion of TTIs

Documentation/Publications

- Document country experience where Oxytocin included within EPI & cold chain
- Review EMLs of countries

Dissemination Audience and Entry Point/Strategy

Target Audience

- Policy makers, key stakeholders, multi and bilateral organizations, donors
- Govt. and other in-country stakeholders
- Key procurers, manufacturers and distributors
- Clinicians/medical practitioners and other service providers

Entry point/Strategy

- Engage key procurers, manufacturers, distributors
- Develop joint statements-drafting, sharing, and finalization
- In country workshops with stakeholders, documenting country experiences
- Provision of need based TA , in country work including field testing
- Communicating: Meetings(virtual & face-to-face),sharing docs., email, etc.

Dissemination Task Team

Objective:

Draft a comprehensive dissemination plan for the outputs that the TRTs have developed over the past 18 months, seeking in particular inter-TRT + other potential collaboration and synergies

Composition: (UNCoLSC TRTs and beyond.....)

GMS-PQR, Local Markets & Supply Chain TRT – LMSC, DAP, MHTRT and Advocacy +++

Dissemination activities that have potential for cross TRT collaboration:

- Advocacy work in-country led by the Reproductive Health TRT, with support of GMS-PQR and the Advocacy TRT. The Advocacy TRT will also use its monthly calls to alert its members on new meetings and products, and share relevant products with them
- Demand, Performance and Financial Access TRT (Performance component) – planning the production and dissemination of a Health Worker toolkit
- Supply-chain TRT organizing a South-South workshop during the 7th Global Health Supply Chain meeting 18-19 November in Copenhagen
- **Other partners/networks/platforms**

Potentials for Country supports--from country work plans

- Efforts to include RMNCH commodities on EMLs and procurement documents
- Collaboration across countries in standardized procurement specifications
- Capacity to quantify and monitor the availability of lifesaving RMNCH commodities
- Promotion of effective regulation, and coordination across countries (e.g. by combining factory inspections)
- In-country consultations between technical , program and other departments responsible for procurement
- Investment in quality assurance
- Combined purchasing
- Others (e.g. needs-algorithms tools, etc.)

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Opportunities for Collaboration

- Many common members between RHSC and TRT
- Tools and guidance papers developed may be included in Supplies Information Database of RHSC
- Broad reach of RHSC members
- Common objectives with RHSC initiatives
- Sharing resources –technical, networks/platforms, funding.

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Questions for Discussion

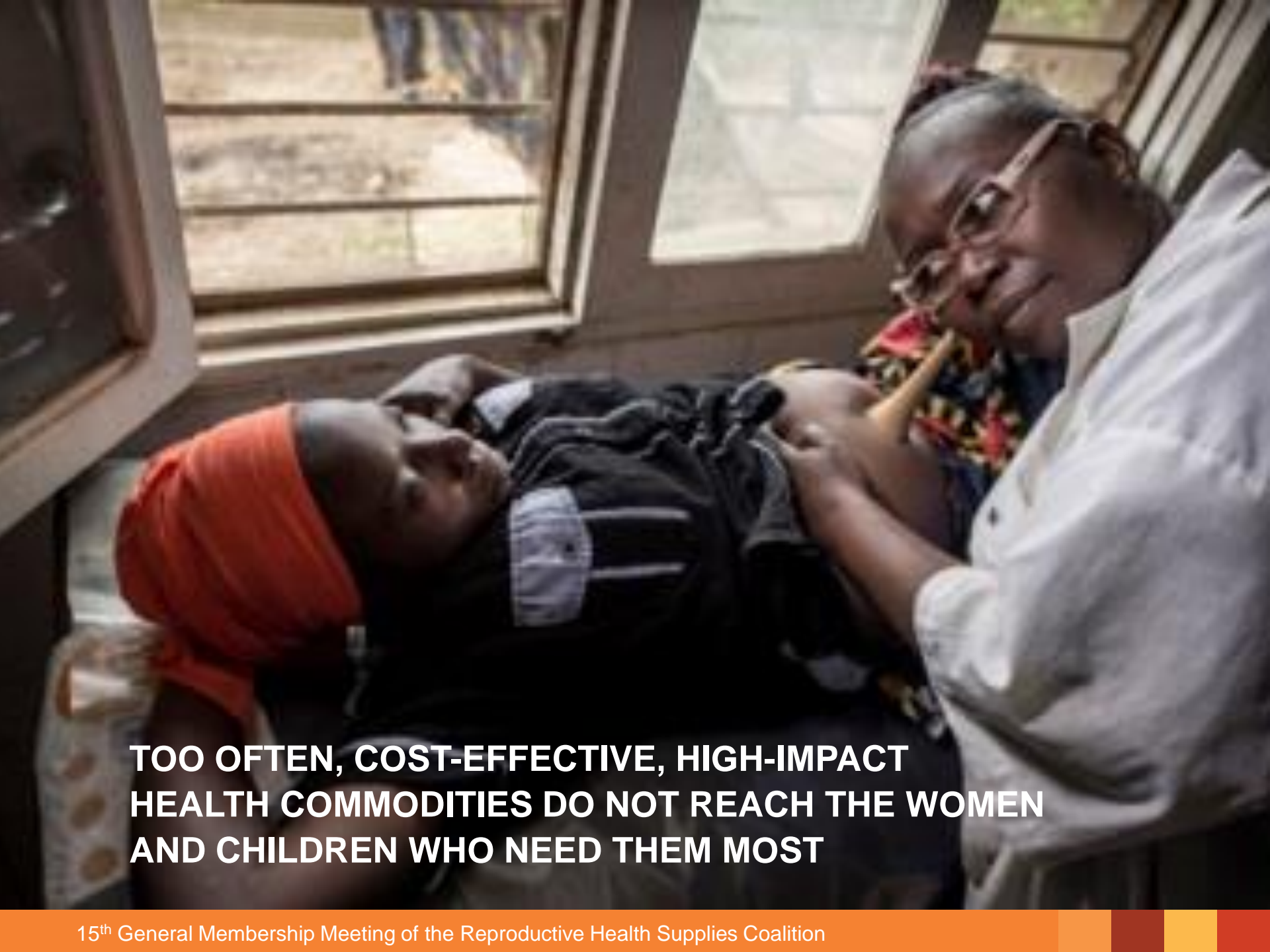
- How can the RHSC/MHS Caucus and MH TRT work together towards common objectives?
- How can the RHSC assist in the dissemination of the MH TRT resources/products (and vice versa)?
- How can the RHCS contribute to the country engagement process?
- Any other questions?

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