**Information Sheet**

**Monitoring Emergency Obstetric Care, A Handbook**

**Developer**

**How to access the tool**

**Purpose**
The purpose of this handbook is to describe the indicators and to give guidance on conducting studies to people working in the field. It includes a list of life-saving services, or “signal functions” that define a health facility with regard to its capacity to treat obstetric emergencies. The emphasis is on actual rather than theoretical functioning. The emergency obstetric care indicators described in the handbook may be used to measure progress on a programmatic continuum: from the availability of and access to emergency obstetric care to the use and quality of those services.

**Audience**
This tool may be used at the national level.

**Language**
English, French, Spanish

**Keywords**
monitoring and evaluation, maternal health, obstetric conditions