



Five year strategic plan

Maternal and child health group



Improve maternal & child health

- The strategic plan has identified the problems and clarified the goals.
- The figures quoted for maternal and infant mortality are probably old figures from previous surveys.
- There is a need to move from impact indicators to process indicators.



Access to service

- The group has identified the role of health education in reducing both maternal and child health.
- The group agreed that most of the care should be at the PHC setting.
- There is a need for an ongoing system (clear pathways) for both maternal and child care.



Access to service

- We have to ensure that emergency obstetrics care EMOC is readily available at the foot steps.
- Mothers and families (children) should be aware of the available services.
- A standard referral system should be identified and adopted.



Maternal and child care

- There is a need for qualified midwives (diploma, Bsc,...) as an ultimate goal.
- We realize the shortage of numbers of trained health personnel.
- Health visitors will play an important role/ in both maternal and child health /may be recruited from local areas.
- A trained health professional should provide the service/ supported by community workers.



Utilization

- employing local people may provide answers to many barriers.
- Friendly services should be available (waiting time, easy, available,...)
- Antenatal classes and family planning services play an important role.
- High risk cases to be identified and managed accordingly (referral, access to tertiary, ...)
- Encourage husband participation.



Utilization of service

- In order to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality we have to concentrate on intrapartum and emergency obstetric care.
- EMOC : the group discussed the targets for timing of referral of 70% is probably difficult to achieve.
- There is a need for a separate neonatal care pathway including midwifery training.



Goals

- The neonatal care is further been emphasized by our group.
- Reducing children morbidity and mortality:
- Child protection policies has been mentioned on the document but there was no clear targets.
- Advocate for team work at the level PHC units.
- Encourage multidisciplinary approach.