“EVERY WOMAN, EVERY CHILD” : A MIDWIFERY PERSPECTIVE

We reviewed all government commitments in support of the “Every Woman, Every Child” campaign and identified action statements along the continuum of care through pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum/postnatal period. We present those that fall within the scope of practice of midwifery below; this data is made available in support of the International Day of the Midwife.

OF THESE ACTION STATEMENTS:

- 44% Cover period before/after having children
- 17% Cover pregnancy
- 33% Cover birth
- 6% Cover post-partum

COUNTRIES MAKING COMMITMENTS TO TRAIN ADDITIONAL MIDWIVES:

- 6,500 in ETHIOPIA
- 1,500 in LAO PDR
- 3,000 in BANGLADESH
- 221 in BURUNDI
- 200 in CAMEROON
- 160 in CHAD

MIDWIFERY AT THE CORE OF THE MDG MOMENTUM AND POST-2015 AGENDA

- MDG Momentum
- Global Newborn Action Plan
- A Promise Renewed

PERIOD BEFORE/AFTER HAVING CHILDREN

- PREGNANCY
- BIRTH
- POST-PARTUM

AMONG THE 49 LOWEST-INCOME COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, 46 HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS TO THE “EVERY WOMAN, EVERY CHILD” CAMPAIGN. THE MAJORITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL ACTION STATEMENTS ARE DEPENDENT ON A HEALTH WORKER, IN PARTICULAR A MIDWIFE, TO BE ACHIEVED.

CASE STUDY: CAMBODIA

Cambodia has made commitments that target a wide range of midwifery services, thereby providing a good example of how action statements can cover the whole continuum of care. Cambodia’s commitments aspire to increase:

- the proportion of couples using modern contraception to 60%
- attendance at ante-natal clinics to 90%
- proportion of deliveries assisted by a skilled birth attendant to 70%
- proportion of women with access to Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) services to 50%
- attendance at post-natal clinics to 50%


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