

List of Recommended Actions

Question 1: List the specific actions your group recommends to better integrate maternal and newborn care **at the facility/service delivery level.**

<u>Recommended Action</u>	<u>Contributing Organization(s)</u>	<u>Leading/ Coordinating Organization(s)</u>
<p><u>Data/measurement</u></p> <p>1. Establish, improve, or adapt the design of unified data collection tools and systems, such as maternal and perinatal death and/or disability audits, that are actionable at the facility level and focused on health outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Snow, Inc (JSI)/Last 10 Kilometres (L10K): Ethiopia • Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) • USAID • INTERGROWTH-21st Consortium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving Newborn Lives (SNL)
<p>2. Gather information on health outcomes and service delivery performance at the point of care through process mapping; synthesize to develop an action plan that addresses gaps in the organization and delivery of care and improves quality of care for mothers and newborns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia • MSCP • USAID • SNL 	
<p>3. Disseminate local data on health outcomes, service delivery performance, and information about patient rights within communities to ensure transparency and encourage demand for high-quality, integrated services. Examples include improved links between the community and the facility and greater patient-provider communication and transparency.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • USAID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia
<p><u>Commodities</u></p> <p>4. Strengthen supply and distribution management within the facility and the community to ensure that necessary maternal and newborn commodities are equally available and accessible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • SNL: Bangladesh, Ethiopia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia
<p><u>Advocacy</u></p> <p>5. Create and use advocacy tools, such as talking points, to increase engagement among facility-level stakeholders—including community leaders, facility managers, and providers—on specific barriers to and opportunities for integration of maternal and newborn care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • SNL: Malawi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia
<p><u>Human resources</u></p> <p>6. Provide leadership and mentorship at service delivery points about how best to organize people-centered and provider-friendly integrated care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia • MCSP • USAID • Save the Children — Helping Babies Breathe: Uganda, Malawi 	
<p>7. Establish, improve, and work within multidisciplinary teams that cut across cadres, strengthen the linkages between health facilities, and work together to deliver coordinated care to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • USAID/ASSIST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia

improve maternal and newborn health outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNL: Ethiopia 	
8. Support team-based, in-service training and supervision that meets professionals' needs, including competency-based clinical skills, facility and human resource management, data collection, quality improvement, and interpersonal communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • USAID • SNL: Bangladesh, Uganda • SickKids: Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia

Question 2 List the specific actions your group recommends to better integrate maternal and newborn care **at the national level in terms of policy and program management.**

<u>Recommended Action</u>	<u>Contributing Organization(s)</u>	<u>Leading/ Coordinating Organization(s)</u>
<u>Data/measurement</u> 1. Strengthen national monitoring and reporting systems to include indicators and measurements of coverage, content, and quality of maternal and newborn health services. Use this data to fortify health systems, including supply and distribution chains for maternal and newborn care commodities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia • MCSP • USAID • SNL: Malawi 	
<u>Commodities</u> 2. Strengthen national supply and distribution chains to ensure that necessary maternal and newborn commodities are equally available and accessible across the health system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • USAID • SNL • SickKids 	
<u>Advocacy</u> 3. Create and use advocacy tools, such as talking points, to engage with ministries of health and other national-level stakeholders on specific barriers to and opportunities for integration of maternal and newborn care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • USAID • SNL: Nigeria, Malawi • PMNCH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) Advocacy Working Group Members
<u>Standards for care</u> 4. Identify shared goals and priorities between the Every Newborn Action Plan and Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality frameworks to ensure national harmonization of policies and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • MCSP • USAID • SNL/ENAP 	
5. Strengthen links between reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health technical working groups and national programs to act upon the highest-impact opportunities for effective integration across the care continuum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • USAID • SNL: Ethiopia, Malawi 	
6. Update and adapt national maternal and newborn health clinical care guidelines in accordance with current WHO recommendations, and articulate the linkages between these guidelines to ensure appropriate integration of care, with particular attention to adequate human resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • MCSP • USAID • Saving Mothers, Giving Life (SMGL) • SNL 	

7. Prioritize resources that hold facilities and providers accountable for achieving high-quality maternal and newborn care. Examples include strengthening accreditation, quality assurance, and quality improvement mechanisms to help facilities achieve national standards and improve outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • USAID • Survive and Thrive Partnership • SNL: Malawi 	
<u>Human resources</u>		
8. Revise health cadre competencies and scopes of work based on existing resources to optimize supply, access to and quality of services for mothers and newborns. Important examples include task shifting and distribution of health care workers based on need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • USAID • SNL: Nigeria, Uganda 	
9. Support team-based, pre-service training and supervision that meets professionals' needs, including competency-based clinical skills, facility and human resource management, data collection, quality improvement, and interpersonal communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • SMGL • Survive and Thrive • SNL: Uganda • SickKids 	

Question 3 List the specific actions your group recommends that **donors and technical assistance partners should take to support and facilitate more integrated approaches to maternal and newborn care.**

<u>Recommended Action</u>	<u>Contributing Organization(s)</u>	<u>Leading/ Coordinating Organization(s)</u>
<u>Data/measurement</u>		
1. Support assessment of the data and information needs of global, national, and local stakeholders and ensure that monitoring and reporting systems include indicators and measurements of coverage, content, and quality of maternal and newborn health services. Assist with the interpretation of this data to develop evidence-based resources and tools and fortify health systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K: Ethiopia • USAID • SNL • SickKids 	
<u>Advocacy</u>		
2. Create and use advocacy tools, such as common messaging and integrated initiatives, to engage with donors and other global stakeholders on specific barriers to and opportunities for integration of care for mothers and newborns, including stillbirths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMGL • Survive and Thrive • MaMa • SNL • PMNCH • SickKids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENAP Advocacy Working Group
<u>Technical support</u>		
3. Consolidate management units in technical assistance organizations and donor agencies to strengthen integrated maternal and newborn health programmatic efforts, especially those addressing relatively neglected areas such as antenatal care and stillbirths. Where appropriate, ensure integration with allied fields such as malaria and HIV programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • SickKids 	
4. Conduct planning and strategy development sessions which include donors, technical assistance agencies, and multilateral bodies and reflect the interrelated needs of women and children across the reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health spectrum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • ENAP • Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality 	

	<p>(EPMM) Steering Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNL • SickKids 	
<p>5. Consolidate existing knowledge management tools and platforms, including websites, email listservs, and social media presence to disseminate coordinated content on the integration of maternal and newborn care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • K4Health • SNL: Uganda • SickKids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF) • SNL
<p>6. Strengthen linkages between the maternal and newborn communities, including donors, to support the development of innovative thinking around integration as well as action-oriented resources such as technical briefs, evidence reviews, curricula, and programmatic recommendations on the appropriate integration of care along the continuum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID/MCSP • USAID Bilaterals • SNL • MHTF • SickKids 	
<p>7. Provide resources, including specific yet flexible evidence-based care guidelines and support for implementation research, that assist countries in contextualizing and operationalizing policies and programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSI/L10K • MCSP • USAID/TRAction • SNL • SickKids 	
<p>8. Organize and convene joint maternal and newborn health conferences and technical meetings, except in cases with a clear need for a more specialized, topic-specific focus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • SickKids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCSP • SNL • MHTF
<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>9. Establish or bolster integrated funding streams, where possible, which encourage strong linkages between maternal and newborn health programs at all levels of the health system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • MCSP • Saving Lives at Birth • SickKids 	