Infant MC Services in Swaziland

VMMMC Technical Update Meeting
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Background

- 26% HIV prevalence in general population
- 40% HIV prevalence among ANC attendants
- 22% MC prevalence among 10-49 yr age group

Players
- Population Services International-Swaziland
- The Family Life Association of Swaziland
- The Luke Commission

Leadership of the Ministry of Health
MC Progress to date

- Preparatory phase
- Official Launch by His Majesty King Mswati III
- ASI-Soka Uncobe
- BTS Campaigns
- CPP-Integration of MC Services into routine care
- To date over 40 000 MC’s performed (adults)
Infant MC Services

- 2009 MOH Consultative meeting
- EIMC protocol developed
- Mogen clamp a device of choice for Swaziland
- EIMC protocol integrated into National MC Surgical protocol
- EIMC started in 2010 at RFM Hospital
- March 2011 EIMC launched by Minister at Mankayane. Role out to NHO and HLT
USAID started funding in 2010

- 4 Hospitals currently offering EIMC
- Plan to role out to 11 health facilities
- Maternal and Child care services as entry points
- Service delivery at maternity wards
EIMC - HR

- Capacity building by JHPIEGO/PSI
- 11 doctors
- 26 nurses
- 50 EIMC nurse counsellors
- 6 M2M Peers
- 18 Motivators
EIMC –QA and M&E

- EIMC QA tool developed and in use
- Technical supportive visits conducted by EIMC focal person
- Standardised M&E tools and EIMC indicators
- Modified Adult MC Register
- Client uptake form and monthly reporting tool
- Paper based reporting system under review
Facilitating Factors

- MOH Leadership and commitment
- Funding for partners
- Strong PMTCT programme-EGPAF supported
- Stakeholder forum- MOH, WHO, UNFPA, Nursing, ICAP, Academia.
- Finalised Task Shifting Framework
- Ability to conduct operational research
Challenges

- Low demand and awareness from public
- Low numbers of service providers
- Other competing priorities within facilities
- Lack of ownership from facility staff- EIMC as an added responsibility
Lessons Learnt

- EIMC as a Nurse led initiative
- Integration of EIMC into ANC and PMTC needs strengthening so that EIMC become PMTCT package.
- National awareness campaign on EIMC needed to address the fears and anxiety parents
Key Next Steps

- Finalise electronic data management system at HMIS for both Adult and Infant MC
- Increase the pool of service providers trained in both adult and infant MC
- Strengthen demand creation for EIMC

Plan National focused awareness campaigns for EIMC
Thank you for your attention!

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