

# Infant MC Services in Swaziland

VMMC 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

# EIMC-Structural Organisation

- 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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