

PRESENTATION ON RH RESEARCH PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED DURING THE IAWG RWG JUNE 2011

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Outline

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Purpose

- ❑ Fulfill objective from the RWG set in DR 2010
- ❑ Build on past conferences, initiatives, and work
- ❑ Provide a forum to discuss priorities and gaps
- ❑ Initiate funder involvement early on in the process

Objectives

- ❑ Present a short list of existing research questions and select priorities
- ❑ Identify research questions and methods
- ❑ Create a collaborative plan of action to implement the research

Research Selection Process

Step 1:

- 28 research questions
 - prior meetings, conferences

- 94 research questions
 - sent out to 36 respondents and 16 responded

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

Step 2:

- Need
- Feasibility
- Operationalizability
- Usefulness
- Relevance

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

Step 3:

- Research priority score (RPS) with a cut-off of 0.65
- Produced a short list of 28 questions
- George A et al. Setting implementation research priorities to reduce preterm births and stillbirths at the community level. PLoS Medicine (2011) Volume 8, Issue 1:e1000380
- Lawn JE, et al. Setting research priorities to reduce almost one million deaths from birth asphyxia by 2015. PLoS Medicine (2011). Volume 8, Issue 2:e1000389

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

Questions	Category
7	Maternal and neonatal health
7	Family planning
5	Cross cutting
3	Comprehensive abortion care
3	MISP
2	Adolescent Reproductive Health
1	SGBV
28	Total

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

Step 4:

- ❑ Four groups selected one question from seven questions
- ❑ Applied criteria in group discussion
- ❑ Reported back to group rationale for selection
- ❑ Decided on final question in large group discussion

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

- **Top ranked research questions:**
 - **Global review of RH services in crises**
 - **Assessing contraceptive services obstacles and use among youth (ages 10-18) in a protracted emergency**

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

- **Top ranked research questions:**
 - **Assessing the feasibility, acceptability, safety, and adherence to self-administered Misoprostol for the prevention of post-partum hemorrhage through community-based distribution in conflict-affected settings**

Research Selection Process (cont'd)

- **Top ranked research questions:**
 - **Identify barriers and facilitators of EmOC implementation in an acute emergency setting as part of the MISIP**

Limitations

- ❑ Lack of time
- ❑ Low response rate
- ❑ Variety of question types
- ❑ Not all criteria considered

Next Steps

- ❑ **Groups moving forward in various stages**
- ❑ **Assess possibility of forming synergies where possible**
- ❑ **Draft concept notes**
- ❑ **Seek funding opportunities**

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