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**Round Table: Barriers and Enablers of Comparatively High Level KMC Dissemination and Uptake**

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|  | **Questions** | **Respondents** |
|  | **Leadership and governance** |  |
|  | In the Philippines your strategy and approach for spread across regions within the country include setting up strategic partnerships. Can you share who are all of the significant partners for KMC in the country, including but not limited to MOH, donors, implementers, local NGOs and other stakeholders? What role has each partner played? What problems have been faced with regards to partnerships and how have they been overcome? | Philippines (1) |
|  | To what extent has KMC been scaled up as a vertical initiative as opposed to integrating KMC from the start into existing programs and services? Please provide details on how this issue has been addressed and why it has been approached in the way it has been. How has this affected the scale up in your country? What would your recommendations be for integrating KMC into overall care of mothers and babies | Sweden (1) |
|  | Describe the purpose of the Excellence Centers in Colombia and the activities that take place there. Given the experience in Colombia, how important is it for such centers to be established by any country planning to implement KMC at scale? If yes, why? With regards to the establishment of the Excellence Center, what has worked well? What barriers have been encountered and how have they been overcome? | Colombia (1) |
|  | **Health finance** |  |
|  | In Brazil, you mention socio-economic problems as key barrier for uptake of KMC. Can you describe the barriers parents are facing as a result of out-of-pocket payments they need to make for KMC? How can this issue be addressed in Brazil? Can you recommend other countries should do to overcome this barrier in their countries?  | Brazil (1) |
|  | **Health workforce** |  |
|  | Do you see any role for providers in delivery rooms and postnatal wards in provision of KMC? What would that role be? How can smooth transition of care be ensured for small babies – from delivery room to KMC units; from NICU to KMC units. | Sweden (2) |
|  | Physicians and nurses have noted increased work load as a barrier for implementing KMC. Staff resistance to implementing KMC is another key barrier for uptake of KMC in facilities. What has been your experience in your country? How have you been addressing this? What would be key recommendations that are practical and doable for overcoming these barriers? | Philippines (2) |
|  | **Health service delivery** |  |
|  | How do you ensure quality of care for babies in KMC units in your country? What types of activities are conducted in your countries with regards to KMC that are designed to ensure or improve quality of services for small babies? Is there a QI committee in your facilities? What is their role? Do QI committees regularly monitor progress and identify gaps to address quality of care for small babies? What barriers have been encountered and how have they been overcome? | South Africa (1) |
|  | Lack of Kangaroo Ward for joint stay of mother and infant and housing facilities for mothers has been a barrier for KMC uptake in Colombia. How important do you think it is to have separate KMC wards / space for care of small babies in health facilities? How have you been advocating for such space in facilities? What would your recommendations be for other countries starting KMC? In low and middle countries KMC wards for joint stay of mother and infant may not be available for a long time in the future - what would you suggest countries / facilities do to ensure KMC is still provided? | Colombia (2) |
|  | In Brazil, since the publication of the Ordinance 930, 466 Intermediary KMC new beds were distributed. Can you describe to what do you ascribe this success? Following the availability of beds, has KMC services uptake increased? Has quality of services for small babies improved with this? | Brazil (2) |
|  | **Health information systems** |  |
|  | Data collection and use is key to track progress and to convince providers, families and stakeholders. In your countries is KMC regularly tracked in national HMIS? Aside from KMC monitoring system, are there any other ways that implementation progress is being measured? If KMC indicators are not in the national HMIS, how would you advocate for inclusion of KMC indicators in national and sub-national HMIS? | Sweden (3) |
|  | How can QOC indicators be included in facility monitoring systems? How can monitoring data be used to improve quality of care? | South Africa (2) |
|  | **Community ownership and partnership** |  |
|  | Is care-seeking limited by socio-cultural barriers? Is involvement of father / family an issue for your countries as well? What are the major barriers for care-seeking? How are they being addressed? What would be your recommendations? | Philippines (3) |
|  | In South Africa you have clearly indicated that the care of the mother is a major enabler for uptake and continuity of KMC. What are your recommendations for the KMC community to promote this aspect into implementation in our countries? | South Africa (3) |
|  | How is follow up care in facilities and homes for discharged KMC babies being ensured? What are the barriers and what are the facilitators? How are they being overcome or promoted? | Colombia (3) |
|  | What have been the key steps taken to build awareness of KMC in your country? Of the steps you have mentioned, which do you think are critical to be taken for any other country planning to build awareness among relevant stakeholders? | Brazil (3) |
|  | **Closing:**  |  |
|  | From your experience, can you, in one word say what would be the most important area that is critical for accelerating quality coverage of KMC for all babies who need that care, across the globe? | ALL |