

BEST PRACTICES FOR IN-SERVICE BEmONC TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON THE SAFE DELIVERY APP

FROM MATERNITY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM IN ETHIOPIA

Summary

One of the barriers Maternity Foundation has encountered in our maternal, newborn health program in Gimbie, Ethiopia is to effectively encourage trainers to break out of the status quo and change up their usual training approach and routine when using the Safe Delivery App in their in-service BEmONC training. It can be very difficult to think outside the box and deviate from using, for example, a standard pack of PowerPoint slides. As such, we are working to figure out- *how do we train trainers to think creatively and take ownership into effectively integrating the App in an impactful way into their BEmONC teaching/training?*

To help us begin to answer this question, Maternity Foundation sent 3 midwives from our headquarters in Denmark and office in Addis Ababa to collaborate with our midwife trainers in Gimbie. These midwives introduced an alternative BEmONC training program to the midwife trainers that integrated the SDA throughout both the theoretical and clinical practices. They observed and participated in the in-service BEmONC training to explore and document how the SDA was implemented, and what worked well and what didn't. Thus they identified good practices in using the App as a pedagogical training tool.



The main answer that they found to our question above, put most simply, is to train trainers comprehensively on how to use the SDA as a teaching tool. Trainers who are expected to use the SDA as a training tool in in-service trainings must go through an immersive, interactive and empowering training to build their fluency and capacity in using the App as a teaching/training tool. Additional best practices for program implementers and/or master trainers are distilled into the steps and tips below.

Best Practices and Tips for Training of Trainers

1: Implementers of the training of trainers begin by thoroughly reviewing and revising the existing BEmONC curricula (both theoretical and practical) with a lens on how to integrate the Safe Delivery App in a way that makes training more time efficient and more effective.

- ➔ For example in lectures where can you show a film from App to cut down on number of slides?

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