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Introduction

Childbirth remains a significant cause of death for mothers and newborns in many parts of the world. Globally, almost 300,000 women and 2.4 million newborns die every year during pregnancy or childbirth. Almost all deaths occur in low-resource settings and occur from essentially preventable causes. In 2022, Maternity Foundation continued to work tirelessly on this issue for what has been our 17th year in the field.

The past year, our work focussed primarily on strengthening our position globally by deepening partnerships, capacitating the organisation to undertake new programmes, and broadening our presence in the field by developing new programme content and adapting current content to new country contexts. Additional essential priorities included strategic development and

diversification of our portfolio, to enable our continued work, as well as, monitoring, evaluating, and documenting our projects to ensure our work continues to be grounded in evidence.

Some highlights of Maternity Foundation's accomplishments in 2022 include launching an extensive project in Jordan, Iraq, and Syria, funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation, that aims to strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to deliver respectful high quality maternal care to crisis-affected women and newborns using digital tools such as the Safe Delivery App (SDA). Similarly, in collaboration with the World Diabetes Foundation a large project in India has kicked off, running over a three-year period that will support ongoing efforts

Number of deaths annually among mothers and babies



by the Government of India to strengthen the provision of antenatal and gestational diabetes care for pregnant women and new mothers in targeted areas. Maternity Foundation also responded to humanitarian crises in Ukraine and Afghanistan through funding from Merck for Mothers and UNFPA. The Safe Delivery+ App was also recognised by national midwifery associations in Cambodia, Ethiopia, and India, who granted accreditation points for completing the

MyLearning module in the App.

Maternity Foundation will continue to work with partners to build and scale the best possible clinical, programmatic, and digital solutions to improve and refine what we do in the coming years. By expanding our reach and deepening our presence in priority countries we will continue to aim to reach even the most remote healthcare workers, improving the quality of care for the communities they serve.

Expanding our work and global presence

Maternity Foundation is deeply committed to advancing maternal and women's health on a global scale. We actively participate in key forums and advocate for these critical issues. This includes our involvement in the Women's Health Initiative at the World Economic Forum, where we collaborate with stakeholders to address challenges and drive improvements in women's health. We are also dedicated and newly admitted members of the Edison Alliance, focusing on innovative and sustainable solutions for maternal health and UNFPA's Equalizer

Accelerator Fund. Additionally, we engage with alliances such as the Alliance to Improve Midwifery Education (AIME), contributing to quality education in midwifery and maternal health. We actively participate in key forums and conferences, promoting best practices and sharing lessons learned. Through these engagements, we aim to advocate for meeting the unmet need for quality midwifery education, ending preventable maternal deaths and positioning maternal health as a priority on the global development agenda.

Opposite: Maternity Foundation participated in a AIME (The Alliance to Improve Midwifery Education) workshop in Bangkok where educators from 19 countries from the Asia-Pacific region were introduced to new educational resources and programmes to enhance the quality of midwifery teaching for improved sexual reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child-adolescent health services. The training is a significant step towards improving the quality of midwifery education and reducing maternal and neonatal mortality rates in the Asia-Pacific region. —▶





Mother's Day event

In celebration of Mother's Day, Maternity Foundation hosted a high-level **Women's Health//Tech** event in Copenhagen, gathering leading tech and pharmaceutical industries, world known foundations and global organisations, as well as scientists, researchers and civil society organisations in discussion around the use of technology in advancing women's health with emphasis on maternal and newborn health. More than 100 guests attended the event.

Speakers included (from the left) Nana Bule, former CEO Microsoft Denmark, Carine Shaw, Programme Officer for Gender Equality Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Hanna Line Jakobsen, former Senior Vice President, Social & Humanitarian, Novo Nordisk Foundation, Henriette Svarre Nielsen, Chief Physician and Founder and Chair of Maternity Foundation, HRH Crown Princess Mary, patron of Maternity Foundation, Anna Frellsen, CEO Maternity Foundation, Pernille Fenger, Chief UNFPA Nordic Office, Adam Fejerskov, Senior Researcher at DIIS, and Henriette Honoré, TV-host and moderator of the event.

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Together with the bakery chain emmerys, a special cake for Mother's Day called '**Moderkage**' was sold throughout the greater Copenhagen area and in Aarhus to raise awareness and funds for Maternity Foundations' work to ensure safer births for women and newborns - everywhere.





Key achievements in 2022

Responding to humanitarian crisis in **Ukraine**

Responding to humanitarian crisis in **Afghanistan**

Launching an extensive project in **MENA** that aims to strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers

Implementation of SDA and MyLearning modules in midwifery education in **Ethiopia**

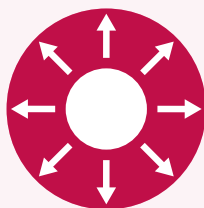


Collaboration with
the World Diabetes
Foundation in **India**.
Implementation of
SDA and MyLearning
modules in midwifery
education

Implementation of
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modules in
midwifery education
in **Cambodia**

Safe Delivery+ Programme

The Safe Delivery+ programme is a digital learning programme targeted at midwives and other healthcare workers, providing participants with an array of resources, such as access to critical guidelines and protocols, support for continuous learning and development, and training opportunities. The programme harnesses the Safe Delivery App as a training tool to provide healthcare workers with the necessary skills and knowledge to support healthier pregnancies and safer deliveries for women and babies. The past year has focussed on three main avenues:



Expanding clinical content

There has been a concerted effort to develop new modules, to cover even more aspects of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. Additional clinical topics have been informed by requests from end users, partners, and trends in the sector.



Promote meaningful engagement

There has been a push to engage partners at the country and regional level to facilitate initiatives and projects that ensure the relevant clinical content and trainings reach and engage as many healthcare workers as possible as well as integrating the Safe Delivery+ programme in national curricula and programmes to ensure longer term sustainability.



Be guided by data and research

There has been an effort to ensure the Safe Delivery+ programme is guided by past insights and lessons learnt from previous years' work.

Clinical Content and Training

Over the past year, significant effort has gone into the development and expansion of the clinical content availed in the Safe Delivery App and its opportunities for delivery and diversification. This has included the development of four new clinical modules, ensuring a wider range of essential maternal and newborn health issues are covered, as well as the adaption of the app to new country settings. The new modules include Safe Abortion, Modern Contraception, Perinatal Mental Health, and Antenatal and Postnatal Care. All four modules were developed over the year and underwent rigorous peer reviewing from both internal and external experts to ensure alignment with WHO guidelines and the best clinical standards.

Overview of Safe Delivery App Modules and new additions launched in 2022



Covid-19



Infection Prevention



Maternal Sepsis



Manual Removal of Placenta



Post Partum Haemorrhage



Post-Abortion Care



Hypertension



Prolonged Labour



Active Management of Third Stage Labour



Low Birth Weight



Normal Labour & Birth



Newborn Management



Neonatal Resuscitation



(Female Genital Mutilation)



Safe Abortion



Modern Contraception



Perinatal Mental Health



Antenatal Care



Postnatal Care

New Safe Delivery App versions in 2022

New country versions of the Safe Delivery App were developed, namely the **Ukraine, Afghanistan, Papua New Guinea**, and **Nepal** versions. Additionally, a **global version in Portuguese** for use in Lusophone countries was developed with the help of UNFPA Angola. The Nepal version was released in February, while October saw the publication of the Afghanistan version of the app in Dari and the global Portuguese version. Finally, in November the Ukrainian Emergency Package was published, which was made up of six key modules. The Papua New Guinea version was developed in 2022 with a release date scheduled for early 2023.

Alongside these ongoing developments, we have worked to document our impact and strengthen our partnerships at both country and global levels through new and existing projects and initiatives. This includes our training initiatives, where we are shifting our approach to focus more on clinical and competency-based training, using the Safe Delivery App and exercises developed by Maternity Foundation to improve knowledge and competency retention among our users. Read below for more information on skills training by region.





Ukraine

Afghanistan

Nepal

Papua New
Guinea

New Safe Delivery App modules in 2022



Safe Abortion Module

The Safe Abortion Module is a critical addition to the Safe Delivery App as unsafe abortion remains a significant and entirely preventable cause of maternal morbidity and mortality. The module follows the WHO guidelines to provide healthcare professionals with guidance on abortion counselling, pre-abortion care, medical and surgical abortion procedures, pain management, abortion complications, and more.

Following extensive development throughout 2022, the module was piloted in Addis Ababa from July to September 2022. The pilot aimed to determine the usability, acceptability, and feasibility of the module amongst healthcare providers. Eight abortion care workers were encouraged to use the new module as a job aid and educational tool for a month. The results of the study were positive, with providers finding it easy to use (clear, convenient), well-functioning (app runs smoothly), with facilitating features (offline access, free to use), as well as educational, therefore leading to improvements in knowledge. Areas that could be improved, increased clarity in some sections, and the need for additional content on crossover subjects like family planning and mental health. This feedback was then fed back to the clinical team and changes were made.



Perinatal Mental Health

The Perinatal Mental Health module was developed in 2022 and encompasses the most common mental health conditions that are experienced during pregnancy and within twelve months post-partum, including symptoms, screening, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment.

The development of the module included extensive reviewing and approval by internal and external experts, working with voice actors and translators to record audio for the module, as well as illustrators to enrich the module with animation.



Modern Contraception

The Modern Contraception module has been developed to guide healthcare workers in being able to offer and advise on modern contraception methods, either pre-or post-partum. The module offers comprehensive information on counselling techniques and the different types of contraception methods available, including the medical eligibility criteria, common side effects, and potential complications associated with each. It also offers visual guidance for professionals through animations on the insertion and removal procedures of IUDs and implants. In 2022, the module went through initial development, peer review by experts, followed by revision of the content and incorporation of feedback.



Country and Regional Engagement

Snapshot of key App uptake figures in 2022

Maternity Foundation continuously aims to reach new healthcare worker users in low and middle-income countries through the Safe Delivery App and other online platforms. By the end of the year, an estimated 75,592 healthcare workers in low- and middle-income countries had been reached through the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) platform, the Indian Nursing Council (INC) Aastrika platform and the Safe Delivery App.

Maternity Foundation reached
+75,000 healthcare workers
in low- and middle-income
countries in 2022.

Total reach to date is
+ 375,000 healthcare workers
in low- and middle-income
countries.



2022



India saw the highest number of new users (17,020) among the partner countries in Asia. In Cambodia and Bangladesh 1,600+ new healthcare workers joined the App. In Nepal, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Papua New Guinea 150-300 new users joined. Forty-one training sessions were conducted directly with 3,811 healthcare workers and a total of 146 trainers were trained to cascade introductory training to the Safe Delivery App.



In the **African** country portfolio, Tanzania saw the highest number of healthcare workers joining (4,643) fuelled by the roll-out led by our partner, Ifakara, in 14 districts. Around 1,500 healthcare workers joined in Ethiopia and 800-900 in Ghana and Rwanda, in DRC, Angola, Nigeria, Benin, Mali, Zambia, Kenya 200-450 joined. The Global English version of the App is used by new users in Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia and the majority in Ghana and Ethiopia, and 40% in Rwanda. The Global French version is used by the new users in Mali and majority of new users in Benin. 30-50% of users in the above countries get started on MyLearning, and for the upcoming year Maternity Foundation will focus on encouraging continuous engagement.



The Middle East is still a very nascent region for Maternity Foundation with a total of 996 downloads recorded in the region in 2022. Approximately 180 HCWs joined in Syria, 76 in Algeria, 50+ in Yemen and Libya, and less than 50 in the remaining countries. They mostly use the Arabic or English language version. Twenty-two percent of the HCWs in the region work in tertiary hospitals, where there is typically a lower proportion of Safe Delivery App users.

WCEA usage update

The World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) platform is very valuable to Maternity Foundation because it allows us to reach learners from countries we have not engaged with before or where we are not currently active, such as Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, and Botswana. As of the end of 2022, 89,830 learners had accessed the Maternity Foundation courses on WCEA. While most learners accessed the COVID-19 course in 2020, interest in Maternity Foundation courses on WCEA remains high. In 2022, 25,839 learners enrolled in Maternity Foundation courses on WCEA. Of those, 23,879 learners started the COVID-19 course, with the largest group being nurses in various roles (65%), followed by midwives (25%), and other healthcare workers (10%).

The Safe Delivery course on WCEA was started by 2,071 learners, with 63% being midwives or nurse-midwives, and the remaining learners consisting of nurses and other healthcare workers. Additionally, 63% of the learners are based in urban areas and 33% in rural areas.

Aastrika usage update

Aastrika is an Indian tech non-profit that we have partnered with, to create an integrated learning experience with catered content from Safe Delivery App on their free-to-use, shared, digital learning platform called Aastrika Sphere.

A total of 3,501 users have enrolled in the Normal Labour & Birth and Active Management of Third Stage Labour (AMTSL) module on the Aastrika platform since May 2021 and 1,637 have completed the course and for 344 users a course certificate has been issued. On average 102 users have enrolled in the course monthly in 2022.



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Ethiopia

With the help of key partners such as UNICEF, UNFPA, the Federal Ministry of Health, Regional Health Bureaus, and the Ethiopian Midwives Association, Maternity Foundation had another successful year in Ethiopia.

The Safe Delivery+ Programme capacitated a total of 528 healthcare workers across multiple projects in different regions the country, utilising the App as a training tool. In West Wollega, Oromia, midwives and health professionals received training on the latest advances in post-partum family planning, prevention of pregnancy complications, essential newborn care, and COVID-19 management of obstetric emergencies. Then in the Afar and Somali regions a project with UNICEF and the two relevant Regional Health Bureaus capacitated 305 health professionals at 55 health facilities, providing them with basic emergency obstetric and newborn care training and mentorship. In collaboration with UNFPA and the Afar Regional Health Bureau, Maternity Foundation trained healthcare workers on critical sexual and reproductive health topics, including gender-based violence support, clinical management of rape, mental health and psychosocial support, post-abortion care, and post-partum family planning. Community awareness activities were also conducted reaching 148 individuals. Additionally, the project included the reinstatement of a counselling service at Kalluwan Hospital for those affected by gender-based violence by appointing a Maternity Foundation midwife, despite the ongoing conflict in the region.

Finally, the Ethiopia team participated in a range of knowledge sharing and awareness-raising events. For example, the team presented the lessons learned and evidence base surrounding the use of the Safe Delivery App at the “Building Resilient Health Systems for Maternal, Neonatal, and Adolescent Health” event held by the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health. The event also included a gallery walk where other attendees and key stakeholders could learn about the Maternity Foundation’s work in a visual manner.



India

2022 was a successful year for operations in India. With the help of key partners such as the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Indian Nursing Council, the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), UNICEF and others, Maternity Foundation continued our work on integrating the Safe Delivery+ programme. Multiple training initiatives took place throughout the year, capacitating healthcare providers, trainers, educators, and students. To support the Indian healthcare system, Maternity Foundation trained over 6,800 community health officers in the primary public health sector in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur, and Uttarakhand, as well as delivering an in-depth 5-day skilled based training for 50 in-service nurses, medical officers, and gynaecologists. In the private sector, we collaborated with FOGSI for the Manyata initiative, delivering trainings to over 30 master trainers at four different private health centres for skill enhancements, capacitating them to further train individuals and utilise the app in their work.

Additionally, Maternity Foundation collaborated with the Indian Nursing Council to successfully train and capacitate 1,740 midwifery educators and teachers, well exceeding our 2022 target of 200 educators trained. Previously, we have worked at a structural level, by integrating the app as a mandatory educational tool that unifies the national curriculum across nursing institutions. Last year our efforts focussed on putting this into practice. Training sessions introducing the app were delivered to over 1,000 students at nine separate pre-service nursing facilities across the country. Alongside this, over 3,000 student nurses were orientated through virtual advocacy meetings. This year, also saw the deepening of Maternity Foundation's partnership with the Indian Nursing Council including the development and release of three new e-learning courses for their maternal and new-born health e-learning platform.

Finally, much effort went into strengthening the professional midwifery cadre in India. As a member of the national task force for the roll out of India's national midwifery initiative, Maternity Foundation supported the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Indian Nursing Council on the delivery of a series of training programs for midwifery educators in line with India's 2018 National Service Guidelines. In 2022, this included a 4-day orientation program, training educators at four different National Midwifery Training Institutes (NMTIs), a 3-day in person capacity building program with UNFPA and the Indian Nursing Council in National Midwifery Training Institutes in Patiala and Punjab, and finally a 6-day virtual capacity building program for nursing and midwifery educators. The 6-day program was delivered 13 times and reached a total of 1,714 participants from both the public and private sectors.



Ukraine

Maternity Foundation has been active in the humanitarian situation unfolding in Ukraine. In 2022, the clinical team worked hard to roll out a special emergency package that could be used by frontline healthcare workers providing maternal and newborn services in Ukraine. The package is available in Ukrainian and includes modules for Active Management of Third Stage of Labour, Hypertension, Post-Partum Haemorrhage, Manual Removal of Placenta, Neonatal Resuscitation, and Newborn Management. To get this into motion, Maternity Foundation collaborated with the Global Medical Knowledge, a local partner. Furthermore, funding partners Ole Kirk and Merck for Mothers have generously supported our work in Ukraine. The package was successfully rolled out in November, and the rest of the app was released soon after. Maternity Foundation is also supporting frontline healthcare providers through dialogue with the UNFPA country office, the Ukrainian Embassy in Denmark, Plan Børnefonden, and the Danish Red Cross.

Maternal mortality rates are often **twice the world's average** in crisis contexts.

In 2022, Maternity Foundation released new Safe Delivery App versions in **Ukraine** and **Afghanistan** to help ensure safer births for more women and their babies.





Sub-Saharan Africa

This year, Maternity Foundation expanded its operations to other African countries. In Tanzania, our efforts were focused on establishing a partnership with the Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Council to enable learners who complete the app's modules to receive official certification and continuous professional development (CPD) points. In Angola, we collaborated with UNFPA and other partners to launch the Portuguese version of the Safe Delivery App in November 2022.

We also conducted several trainings of trainers in Mali and Mauritania as part of the French Red Cross Sahel Project. The trained trainers then went on to provide further training to healthcare workers in Mali. In addition, we partnered with the International Confederation of Midwives and the Rwanda Midwifery Association in Rwanda to participate in the 'More Happy Birthdays Project', which aimed to train and empower more midwives. The outcomes of this project were officially reported and shared at a global knowledge dissemination event.



Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

In 2022, the clinical team worked hard with translators, voice actors and animators to finalise and pilot the Arabic version of the Safe Delivery App. The highly collaborative process with key partner Médecins Sans Frontiers led to the release of an Arabic version in February which included a new FGM module. Then in November a joint press release with UNFPA announced the official release of the wider Arabic version, made in collaboration with UNFPA and Johnson & Johnson, enabling the Safe Delivery App's use in an array of new country contexts and regions, including much of the MENA region. Other news from the MENA region includes the signing of a two-year project with Novo Nordisk named "Strengthening healthcare worker capacity to deliver respectful high-quality maternal care to crisis-affected groups in MENA region using mHealth tools". The project commenced in September 2022, and aims to build the capacity of healthcare workers in crisis-affected areas in the MENA region (Jordan, Syria, and Iraq) using the Arabic version of the app.



Asia

As mentioned earlier, in 2022, Maternity Foundation developed new versions of the Safe Delivery App, customised to suit different country contexts, particularly in Asia. This effort included the development of the Papua New Guinea (PNG) version of the app, which underwent extensive review and development throughout the year. By the end of 2022, only minor adjustments had to be done before the release.

Moreover, in October, we launched the Dari version of the Safe Delivery App in Afghanistan. We subsequently conducted two Training of Trainers (TOT) programmes in Kabul, where participants were introduced to the app's usefulness. Additionally, we initiated the development of the Nepal version in 2022, and audio recordings for the App version began in November.



Latin America

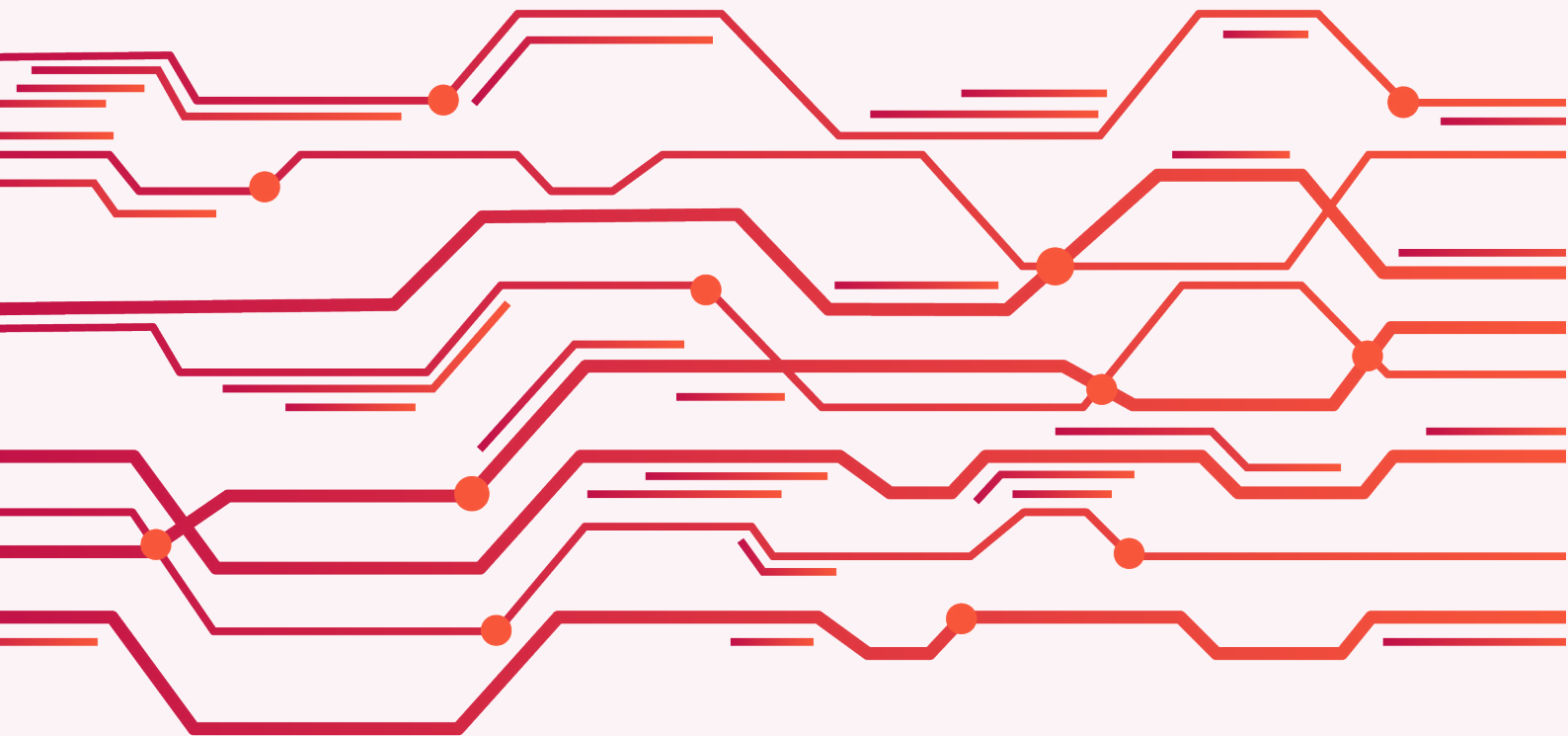
Developing country and global versions of the Safe Delivery App is a lengthy and time-consuming process. However, Maternity Foundation is committed to expanding the app's coverage by releasing a global Spanish version, which would significantly increase access across Latin America.

Throughout 2022, we collaborated with various partners to translate and review the app. Our partners included UNFPA, the University of Chile, Maternity Foundation's global expert network, as well as visual and audio partners. These efforts aimed to ensure that the app is adapted to the needs and language of Spanish-speaking users. Following the release of the Portuguese global version, Maternity Foundation carried out an initial mapping of potential partners and initiatives in Brazil.

IT and Tech

We achieved significant advancements in our technology projects in 2022. Among these achievements, we successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tattva Foundation, UNICEF's tech partner, to integrate the Safe Delivery App with MaNTRa (Maa Navjaat Tracking), allowing the users to engage with our content through deep-linking.

In our commitment to improving user experience and engagement, Maternity Foundation introduced a WhatsApp login/integration feature. This new feature aims to accommodate the needs of numerous end-users who lack an email address but possess a phone number. Users now have the option to synchronise their profile, just as they would with an email address, enhancing convenience and accessibility.







A collaboration was initiated between our IT & Tech team and AI:DK which will engage professors from University of Aalborg to test the implementation of AI techniques over the course of six months. This includes identifying and testing initial ideas for creating a more personalised learning experience within the Safe Delivery App. Additionally, a research partnership was established with a group of three master's students from IT University, Copenhagen. Their objective is to analyse how MyLearning can be augmented for an improved user-experience.

In addition to that, four students from University of Copenhagen, HESP School of Public Health, and the Polytechnic University of Turin collaborated with us on different projects. Their topics include:

- 1) an internal evaluation of the Training-of-Trainer approach
- 2) remotely delivered clinical trainings to midwives in Bangladesh
- 3) pilot-testing of the Safe Abortion module.

The synopsis of learnings from each project has been internally shared and will help apprise our work in future.

- 4) a geospatial analysis of the App events in Ghana.

By end of 2022, Maternity Foundation also published two learning briefs. The first learning brief explores enhanced features in the App and investigates usage patterns of Rwanda App users on the More Happy Birthdays version, which includes Helping Babies Breathe features. The second brief delves into the use of WHO Quality of Care standard measurement framework for evaluation of projects.



Global Learning Event

Maternity Foundation hosted its first Global Knowledge Share Event with partners on 24th November 2022. The event was an opportunity for participants to learn from our partners from Ethiopia, Cambodia, Ghana, and India on various modalities of integrating the Safe Delivery App into the national the education systems.

Integration of digital tools into national health education systems is an important step in ensuring sustainable uptake and usage of a digital tool.

Representatives from the Indian Nursing Council, the Ministry of Health Ethiopia, the Ministry of Health Cambodia, and the Ghana Registered Midwives Association shared their best practices on integration of the Safe Delivery App into national health education systems in their respective countries.

More than 100 people attended the event, representing national midwifery associations, nursing councils, ministries, UN agencies, NGOs, foundations, etc.

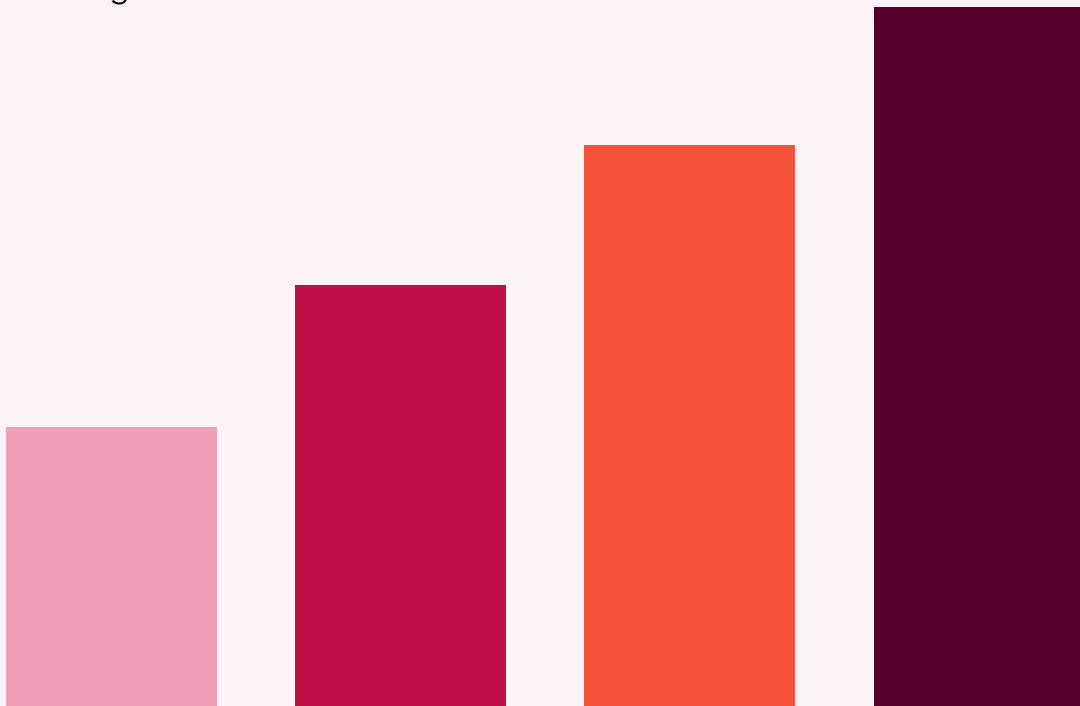
A sustainable business model

Maternity Foundation has a scalable and sustainable business model with a high return of an invested dollar. Most projects that we engage in are not reflected in our accounts as they are financed by existing in-country engagements and activities. In addition, the variable costs associated with technical advisory, trainings, local adaptations, data collection etc. are financed by the country programme in question and not by our global funds. Our global investors and partners thus invest in the cross-organisational development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of our activities as well as the catalytic effect in initialising broader in-country programmes.

Annual finances

In 2022 the total expenses for the global Safe Delivery Programme and key projects across our hubs in India, Ethiopia, and Denmark were 18.7 million DKK. Funds collected totalled 18.9 million DKK; thus, we had a minor surplus in 2022.

The funds collected are a combination of project funding, investments in our global Safe Delivery Programme as well as unearmarked funding.



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Last, but not least, thank you to all the midwives and healthcare workers who work passionately, skilfully and tirelessly to ensure safer childbirths for women and new-borns - everyday, everywhere.

