

MEASURING MATERNAL MORTALITY: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES.

EXPERT MEETING.
DFID LONDON - SEPTEMBER 28th 2006

“An MDG which cannot be monitored, cannot be met or missed”

“What you count is what you do”

Why this meeting now?

- 2010 Decennial census round
- *Lancet* Maternal Survival Series: highlights data gaps and limitations
- Need for networking and a focal group
- Informing work of HMN and of IMMPACT's phase II

Objectives:

- to identify research and development priorities for measuring maternal mortality
- to propose ideas, opportunities and next steps for addressing top priorities
- to facilitate networking among measurement players
- to explore the case for establishing an “international reference group” on maternal mortality measurement

Why do we want to measure maternal mortality?

- advocacy (resources, accountability)
- population (development) monitoring (MDGs)
- identify determinants & differentials
- planning of services and interventions
- monitoring and quality assurance of services
- evaluation of interventions

Potential Outputs:

- ? Journal commentary on R&D priorities
- ? Proposed action plan for next steps
- ? Plan for network of measurement players &/or international reference group
- Brief record of the meeting

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Update from HMN and IMMPACT
- Feedback on R&D questionnaire

Coffee

- 1st small group work – 3 mixed groups (1hr 15mins)

Lunch

- Plenary and consensus on 8-10 top priorities
- 2nd small group work – 3 constituency groups (45 mins)

Tea

- Plenary and consensus on next steps for top priorities
- Case for international reference group
- Follow-up actions

Dinner (7pm)