

Research & Development Priorities

Feedback from the advance questionnaire

We asked 4 questions:

What do you think are the 3 main priorities for

- 1) filling information gaps in MM?
- 2) the development of methods & tools for measuring MM?
- 3) improving communication on MM measurement?
- 4) in-country capacity strengthening for MM measurement?

Response Rate:

- 12/28 questionnaires were returned
- Respondent characteristics:
 - 7 from research / academic institutions
 - 5 from UN agencies

Priorities: better data on maternal mortality

- levels, trends, differences
- cause of death
- location of death (home, hospital, elsewhere)
- strata (geographic, socio-economic)
- to evaluate interventions
- linked to other data (hospital, process, “context”)
- induced abortion

Priorities: Methods development (I)

Methods for:

- evaluation (including of small interventions)
- measuring and linking (models) “process” and outcomes (in “context”)
- data synthesis and modelling to estimate mortality
- multiple causes– spanning collection to analysis
- imputation methods

Priorities: Methods development (II)

- better methods for collecting information on...
 - causes of death
 - deaths at home
 - sibling histories
- cheaper / better methods for estimating MM...
 - sub-nationally (districts)
 - on a regular & ongoing basis
- obtaining information on MM from censuses

Priorities: Communications & Capacity (I)

- an international reference group
- an agreed, simplified set of measurement methods suitable for use by those implementing interventions
- understanding & use of “imperfect” MM data
- use of proxy indicators in decision making

Priorities: Communications & Capacity (II)

- demonstration of links between fertility & mortality
- wider advocacy (of both need to measure & need to improve MM) and “engagement” among decision-makers
- training, workshops, materials and other resources

Priorities: Communications & Capacity (III)

- Capacity to...
 - carry out, process & analyse high quality surveys & censuses
 - implement vital registration (or regular/ongoing MM estimation)
 - implement good quality registers, HIS and audits (& to analyse and use local-level data)

Priorities: Communications & Capacity (IV)

➤ Capacity for...

- statistical analysis, demographic analysis, modelling
- qualitative methods
- specific areas such as analysis of sibling history data & use of census to measure MM

1st Small Group Work (1) - Tasks (1 Hr 15 Mins):

- Agree rapporteur for feedback session (facilitator assigned)
- Discuss priorities allocated to your group, and rate as 1 of following:
 - C. Critical (needs actions now, results in short-term)
 - V. Vital (needs actions now, results in long-term)
 - L. Less important

(add other priorities if required)

- Identify broad activities & opportunities to attain the 1 or 2 most critical priorities, and 1 or 2 most vital priorities
- Complete feedback proforma for plenary

1ST SMALL GROUP WORK (2) - COMPOSITION:

Group 1: 'Data'

Zoe
(facilitator)
Carine
Carla
Ken
Rabbi
Tiziana
Wendy

Group 2: Methods

Ana
(facilitator)
Francesca
David
Francisco
Julia H
Oona
Vincent
Susan

Group 3: C&C 15-20

Fariyal
(facilitator)
Lale
Sam
Julia B
Mohamed
Peter
Alec

Group 4: C&C 21-27

Cindy
(facilitator)
Lauren
Linda
Veronique
Annet
Shea
Ann

2ND SMALL GROUP WORK (1) - TASKS (45 MINS):

- Agree on rapporteur (facilitator assigned)
- Propose next steps (including time-frame, interested parties) for critical and vital priorities allocated to your constituency
- Complete feedback proforma for plenary

2nd SMALL GROUP WORK (2) - COMPOSITION:

Group 1 - Statistics-related agencies:

Vincent (facilitator)
Carla
Alec
Francesca
Lale
Lauren
Rabbi
Sam

Group 2 - Other agencies:

Linda (facilitator)
Ana
Annet
Fariyal
Francisco
Julia B
Julia H
Shea
Susan
Ann

Group 3 - Researchers:

Veronique (facilitator)
Carine
Cindy
David
Ken
Mohamed
Oona
Peter
Zoe
Tiziana
Wendy