

Maternal & Child Health Program Strategic Plan 2009 - 2011



Safe motherhood initiative strengthened towards having a healthy mother and a healthy newborn

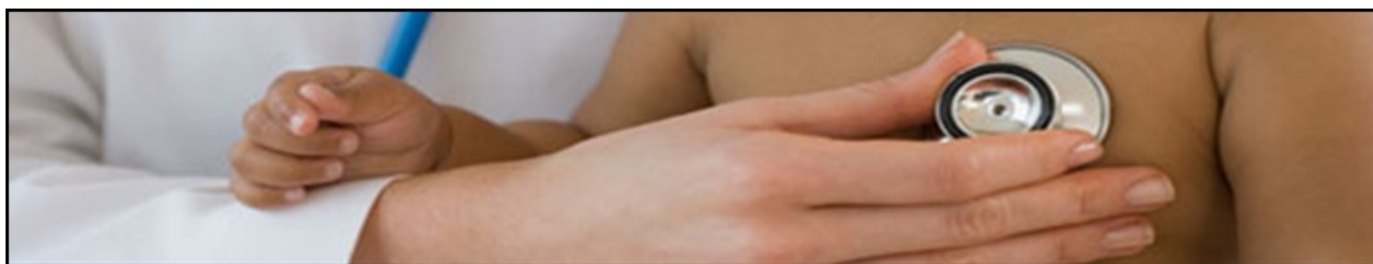
We plan to:

- Provide quality comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health services to non-pregnant females > 10 years of age
- Provide quality health care services for the prevention and control of cervical cancer
- Provide quality health care services – (prevention, detection, and management and referral services) to female and male survivors of gender based violence
- Provide quality youth friendly health services to male and female adolescents

Provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services with a human rights based approach (gender, culture, race, religion, sexual orientation among others) throughout the life cycle

We plan to:

- Provide comprehensive care for women during pregnancy to prevent control, manage and refer patients with obstetric complications
- Provide quality obstetric care to women and newborns during childbirth
- Provide quality health care services to women during postnatal care to prevent complications in women and their infants
- Ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of interventions towards improving maternal and child health through the Safe Motherhood and Child Health Committees and District level



The Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) strengthened with emphasis on the areas of nutrition and immune preventable diseases

The IMCI strategy has proven to be cost-effective in the reduction of under-five mortality rates. Its main goal is to ensure standardization of holistic assessment of children when demanding services.

We plan to:

- Provide holistic care to all children utilizing the IMCI tools for management and follow-up
- Certify hospitals as Mother-Baby Friendly and conduct re-evaluation to ensure adherence to the ten steps outlined for successful breastfeeding

- Promote adequate growth and development among children less than three years of age at community level
- Develop and implement nutrition surveillance system for early detection of maternal and child malnutrition. Define pocket of susceptible and apply cost-effective interventions to reduce its prevalence
- Maintain gains in the Expanded Program on Immunization – reduced morbidity, zero mortality and high vaccination coverage by ensuring adherence to protocols in the cold chain management, training and epidemiological surveillance, social mobilization, monitoring and evaluation and research interventions

Comprehensive prevention of vertical transmission of HIV and syphilis provided to pregnant women and their exposed infants

We plan to:

- Provide comprehensive services to pregnant women for early identification of HIV and syphilis infections and exposed infants to reduce the transmission rate of HIV and syphilis (screening, care and treatment, follow up and referral)

Data management of MCH services improved

We plan to:

- Improve data management by training staff on the use of the Belize Health Information System (BHIS), providing resources and enforcing its use in the delivery of health services



