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**A Standard Template for Partner Collaboration**

## COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ITS PARTNERS IN IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

### Department of Health Project/Program Report Template

**Project/Program Title:** Mentors Program

**Partner Organization:** Jacaranda Health

**Date Submitted:** 21/06/2024

#### 1. Background/Overview of the Project/Program:

The aim of the program is to capacity build frontline Health Care providers with skills to handle obstetric emergencies. This is done sustainably through coaching and continuous learning. The Program is in compliance with the MOH EmONC Curriculum.

The program is based on a ‘training of trainers’ model, whereby Jacaranda Lead Mentors train and support a cohort of government nurse midwives to become maternal and newborn health quality of care champions within their respective facilities – increasing our opportunity for scale and long-term sustainability. Nurses complement their in-person training via DELTA, Jacaranda’s mHealth learning tool, which offers essential EmONC modules remotely via WhatsApp.

#### 2. Implementation/Intervention Sites/Duration:

- **Sites:** The Program is being implemented in 15 facilities across the 6 sub counties

	Sub County	Facility (As named on KHIS)
1	Kaiti	Mukuyuni Sub County Hospital
2	Kaiti	Kilungu Sub County Hospital
3	Kibwezi East	Mtito Andei Sub County Hospital
4	Kibwezi East	Nthongoni Health Centre
5	Kibwezi East	Kambu Sub County Hospital
6	Kibwezi East	Kibwezi Sub County Hospital
7	kibwezi West	Emali Model Health Centre
8	kibwezi West	Makindu Sub County Hospital

9	Kilome	Sultan Hamud Sub County Hospital
10	Makueni	Matiliku Sub County Hospital
11	Makueni	Makueni County Referral Hospital
12	Mbooni	Kisau Sub County Hospital
13	Mbooni	Kalawa Health Centre
14	Mbooni	Mbooni Sub County Hospital
15	Mbooni	Tawa Sub County Hospital

- **Duration:** EmONC Mentors was launched in Makueni in June, 2019 and is still ongoing
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### 3. Achievements and Impact:

- The Mentors Program has impacted 109 frontline health care workers with skills and knowledge of handling obstetric emergencies.
- Through Jacaranda Health, 16 Mentors were trained by The Department of Reproductive and Maternal Health on the updated MOH EmONC Curriculum which now makes them National trainers.
- Strengthened the culture of continuous learning in the facilities by having scheduled CMEs and Drill days.

### Success stories of better handling emergencies even at lower level facilities

#### Mwaani Dispensary

*“Success story of shoulder dystocia in a primigravida at gestation 40<sup>3</sup>/7*

*Mother had laboured well until at second stage; On delivering the fetal head, slight extension of the neck but restitution never occurred, tried to deliver the anterior shoulder in vain. Shouted for help, before help arrived Performed mc Roberts maneuver, tried to disimpact, the anterior shoulder but it was deeply impacted into the pubic bone, Help arrived and tried suprapubic pressure in vain, performed enter maneuvers but the anterior shoulder was still hard to rotate, then tried wood's screw maneuver on the posterior shoulders en it was perfect! It disembarked, Delivered the posterior shoulder, removed the posterior arm and here came the anterior shoulder, delivered a male infant 4.3 kgs, APGAR scoring 6/1 Instituted resuscitation and the baby responded to 8/5 then 10/10, kept baby warm, Mother stabilized, then by 45 minutes the baby was breastfed successfully.*

*Right now mother and baby are doing well.*

*Thanks for the mentorship programme that has brought the requisite skills and knowledge to handle these emergencies successfully.”*



*A demonstration on NASG during the recent Mentors update training on MOH Curriculum at Mother and Child Hospital.*

#### **4.. Challenges:**

*Identify any challenges faced during the implementation of the project/program. Describe how these challenges were addressed or mitigated.*

1. **Transfer of Mentors:** When mentors are transferred to other departments or facilities, a gap is created if they are not replaced by another trained mentor. We are collaborating with county leadership to ensure trained mentors are retained in their facility and department for at least one year to empower their peers.

2. Short-lived commitments and waning interest from some trained mentors: Since the mentoring program is ongoing and voluntary, we are collaborating with the county to develop ways to motivate the team.
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### **5. Associated Publications:**

List any publications, reports, or articles associated with the project/program. Include titles, authors, publication dates, and any relevant links or references.

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### **Additional Notes/Comments:**

Makueni county has continually been a supportive county with committed and passionate leaders and Health care workers who work towards improving health outcomes.

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Thank you for your cooperation and contribution to our efforts in promoting health and well-being.