



# Child Health Task Force Quality of Care Subgroup

Kick-off meeting  
October 30, 2019

# Format of today's meeting

Introductions to co-chairs - Dyness Kasungami-Matoba

The Quality of Care Standards - Blerta Maliqi

The Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal Newborn and Child Health - Blerta Maliqi and Benedicte Walter

The QoC Subgroup - Co-chairs

Rationale, Purpose, Scope, Intended outcomes

Discussion - all

# Rationale

QoC standards for MNH issued in 2016

Launch of the pediatric care QoC standards in 2018

Lancet commission on high-quality health systems advancing HSR on QoC

Primary Health Care Performance Initiative compiling country profiles in PHC

Uptake and momentum on the pediatric QoC standards slow

Child health representation and engagement in the QoC Network limited

**Compelling need to advance QoC for child health**

- increased visibility of the child health agenda
- global and country-level engagement and coordination
- push towards quality in community health services

# Purpose of CHTF QoC Subgroup

- I. Create a platform in the child health community to advocate for and provide targeted support to countries to improve QoC for children in QoC Network and non-Network countries where TF members are active
- I. Understand current activities, opportunities and define priority actions to advance pediatric QoC in countries
- I. Engage, align and collaborate with existing networks for quality of care
- I. Foster a culture of quality through cross-group collaboration and innovation within the CH TF

# Scope

## Child health

- beyond pediatric care
- alignment with and in mutual support of QoC for maternal and newborn health
- beyond facility-based care

# Intended Outcomes

Increased attention to QoC for child health at the global and country level

Support for global and country level guidance and policies for promoting QoC for child health

Framework for country engagement and global coordination around child health QoC, in support and alignment with the QoC Network

Support to the development and implementation of common child health QoC indicators, in collaboration with metrics groups such as the QoC M&E Technical Working Group, CHTF M&E subgroup and CHAT

Collaboration with maternal/newborn QoC leaders, WHO, and UNICEF to adapt existing standards for community level QoC

Strengthened focus on quality of care as an overarching principle across subgroups

Discussion re: purpose, scope,  
intended outcomes

# Potential Scope of Work

- Advocate for QoC for child health and increase engagement of child health stakeholders in global and country QoC discussions
- Foster increased engagement of Task Force members to support countries in their efforts to implement suitable approaches to improve and maintain the quality of care
- Contribute TF membership technical expertise to global QoC efforts, including as an example, the development and streamlining of indicators to measure quality
- Examine approaches to strengthening the quality of community-based care for children
- Offer platform for multi-sectoral dialogue on strengthening the quality of care (e.g. Energy, WaSH in health facilities, organizational behavior)





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