



**World Health
Organization**

CHTF Steering Committee Update

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Broad activities of interest to CHTF

Area	Scope of activities
Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive pneumonia and diarrhoea evidence reviews • Comprehensive rheumatic heart disease guidelines plus selected NCD conditions • Update of clinical care guidelines (IMCI, Pocket book for hospital care)
Strategic directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive agenda for the health and well-being of children and adolescents • Prioritizing actions to address health of children 5 – 9 years of age
Country support, norms, standards & tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention compendium for Universal Health Coverage • Programmatic guidance for well and chronic child care • Re-imagining IMCI and updated IMCI materials • Digital Smart dIMCI course in collaboration with WHO Academy • Digital tools for uptake of guidelines in emergencies and humanitarian settings
Country support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building and support for improving paediatric quality of care • Building capacity and scaling up of effective interventions • Building capacity for well child care in line with Nurturing care framework
COVID-19 response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating of COVID-19 guidelines • Implementation research to specify COVID-19 disease in hospitalized children • Mitigation strategies to maintain essential health services

Prevention and management of childhood pneumonia

Three broad areas of childhood ARI were identified for review

- Pneumonia burden, programming, and context
- Pneumonia aetiology, prevention, and case management
- Pneumonia in children 5-9 years of age

Under each area, several reviews are conducted, e.g., for pneumonia burden, programming and context, two reviews are being conducted:

- pneumonia *morbidity and mortality trends*, and ARI programme implementation,
- gaps and opportunities, in *pneumonia indicators* and quality monitoring tools.

In total, 15 reviews are in progress and will be completed by March 2021.

Prevention and management of childhood diarrhoea

Three broad areas of childhood diarrhea were identified

- Diarrhoea burden, programming, and context
- Diarrhoea aetiology, prevention, and case management
- Diarrhoea in children 5-9 years of age

Under each area, several reviews are conducted, e.g., for diarrhoea prevention, three reviews are being conducted:

- *WASH interventions and other health promotion interventions beyond rotavirus and WASH*
- *Nutrition intervention*
- *Vaccine efficacy*

In total, 12 reviews are in progress and expected by March 2021.

Child health redesign work streams in progress

Vision and framing of child health programming

- Series of background published in BMJ: <https://www.bmj.com/child-health-redesign>
- Framework document for STAGE and publication
- Establishment of the IRG to support programming rethinking

Evidence synthesis for health and wellbeing programming

- monitoring healthy growth and development
- programmatic approach to delivering health and wellbeing services
- 5-9 years age group interventions and delivery platforms

Health Promoting schools going for publication

- school health services guidelines
- health promoting schools standards
- implementation guidance

Early childhood development

- Nurturing Care Handbook for planning
- Nurturing Care Practice Guide for strengthening services
- Indicator catalogue for programme monitoring
- Learning platforms and information exchange

Home based records

- Review of the child health records

Community platforms

- Strategy for delivery of interventions in context of PHC

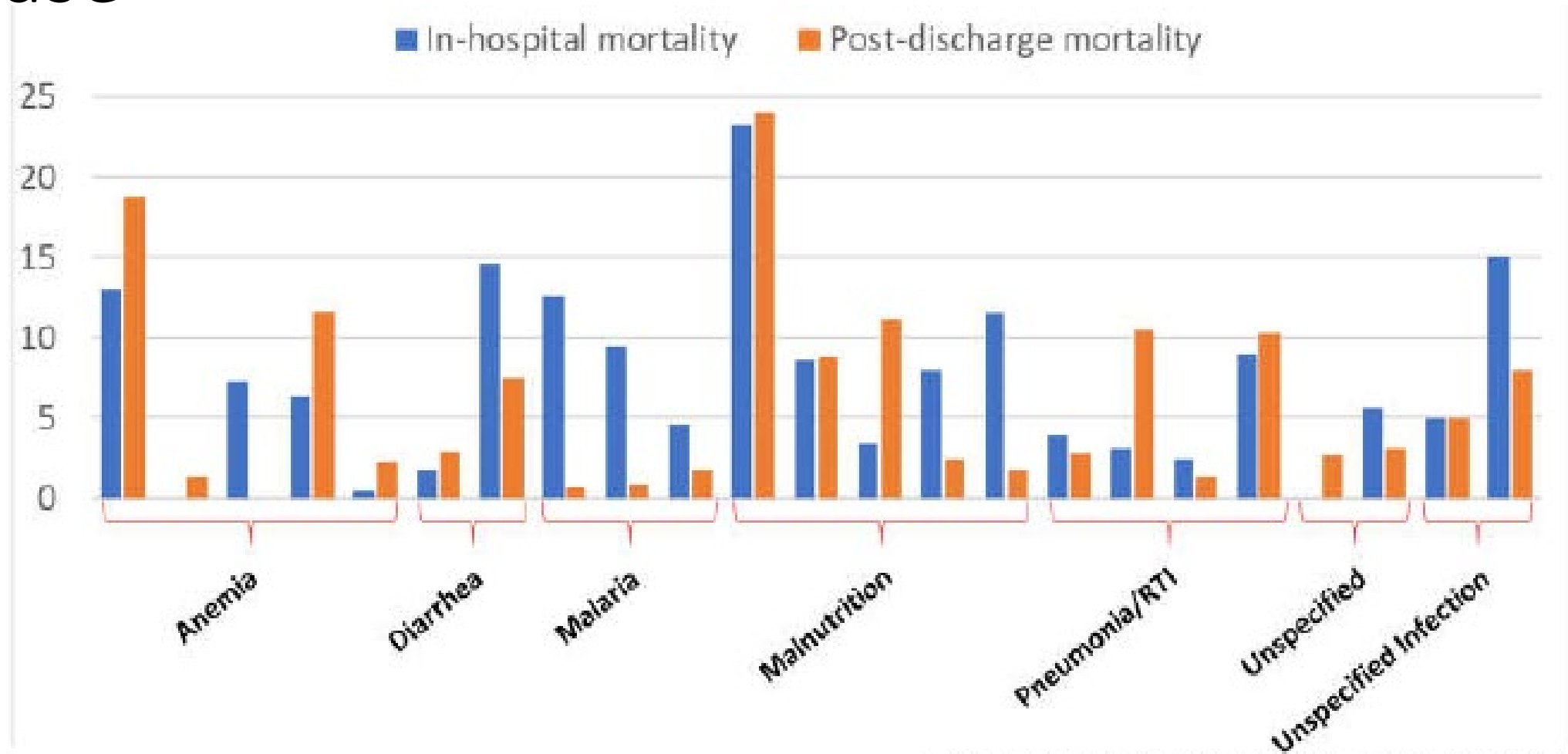
Next program of work Highlights for 2021

Intervention
packages for well
child

Redesign and
update of sick
child materials up
to 9 years of age

Development of
the well child
programme
guidance and tools

Post discharge mortality: Growing evidence base



New
approach to
acute care of
childhood
conditions

1. Identification of vulnerable and at risk children
2. Recognition and risk stratification
3. Post-discharge follow-up for high-risk children (health worker and caregiver)
 - Facility
 - Local/community follow up
4. Good post-discharge health practices
 - Early/Local health seeking
 - Nutrition
 - Preventative care
 - Resilience building