Members' Meeting

Virtual Conference: Accelerating progress towards the 2030 SDGs – Reducing inequities in child health

April 19, 2023

Overview

Currently 54 countries, 41 from Africa, are off-track to achieving the SDG target for under-five mortality, and need urgent action to reverse this trend.

The Task Force is organizing a virtual conference to unite child health partners around how we address inequities to enable children, especially the marginalized, and throughout the lifecourse to survive and thrive.

Conference Planning Committee Members

- **Amit Bhanot,** Frontier Health Markets/Chemonics, Private Sector Engagement subgroup
- **Akriti Singh,** USAID Advancing Nutrition, Nutrition subgroup
- **Ayesha Kadir,** Save the Children, Emergencies and Humanitarian Settings subgroup
- **James McQuen Patterson,** UNICEF, Emergencies and Humanitarian Settings subgroup

- **Joseph Monehin,** USAID, Commodities subgroup
- **Malia Boggs,** USAID Point of Contact for the Child Health Task Force.
- **Megan Christensen,** UNICEF, iCCM subgroup
- **Senait Kebede,** Emory University, Private Sector Engagement subgroup
- **Child Health Task Force Secretariat**

Purpose

Strengthen the Task Force's network to achieve its strategic plan outcomes by providing members with opportunities to:

- **share** learnings and innovative solutions to child health programmatic challenges across countries and community contexts
- **network** through virtual chat rooms
- **build capacity** through skills-oriented sessions

Format

- Virtual, featuring a combination of pre-recorded and live Zoom
- plenary opening and closing sessions
- concurrent sessions organized around three tracks
- skills-building workshop(s)
- virtual booths for each subgroup including posters
- opportunities for networking in virtual chat rooms

Objectives

1. **Identify** key vulnerabilities and risk factors that perpetuate inequities in child health across the countries represented in the Task Force membership.

2. **Exchange** promising and innovative programmatic and systems-strengthening solutions for reaching hard-to-reach children with lifesaving interventions.

3. **Share** experiences, models, and frameworks for accountability, measuring, and evaluating progress in achieving child health equity.

4. **Gather** inputs to develop recommendations for advocating for governments, global partners, and donors to commit to addressing inequities in child health through renewed energy and focus on child survival and wellbeing.

Thematic Tracks

Presentations will showcase research results, emerging evidence, tools, program approaches, partnerships, policy action, financing, successes, and implementation failures across three topics:

1. Defining and identifying inequity: vulnerabilities and risk factors for inequities in child health (tools, examples or experiences)

2. Strengthening health systems (focus on primary health care, inclusive of community) that impact delivery and care-seeking of child health services (approaches, tools, experiences, gaps to addressing inequity)

3. Measuring impact and defining success, monitoring and tracking progress in child health (approaches, tools, experiences, gaps in measuring inequity)

Draft Agenda - Day 1

- Welcome and opening address

- Opening Plenary: Understanding Inequities: Where, between Whom, Why it Matters (keynote speech, discussants, moderated Q&A)

- Track 1: Defining and Identifying inequities (3 concurrent sessions)

- Networking break/browse virtual booths

- Track 2: Addressing Inequities through PHC (3 concurrent sessions)

Draft Agenda - Day 2

- Skills building session(s) – interactive workshop-style

- Networking break/browse virtual booths

- Track 3: Measuring Inequities, Monitoring & Tracking Progress (3 concurrent sessions)

- Closing Plenary: The Way Forward to Reduce Inequities and Improve Children's Health Across Settings (panel discussion, moderated Q&A, and closing remarks)
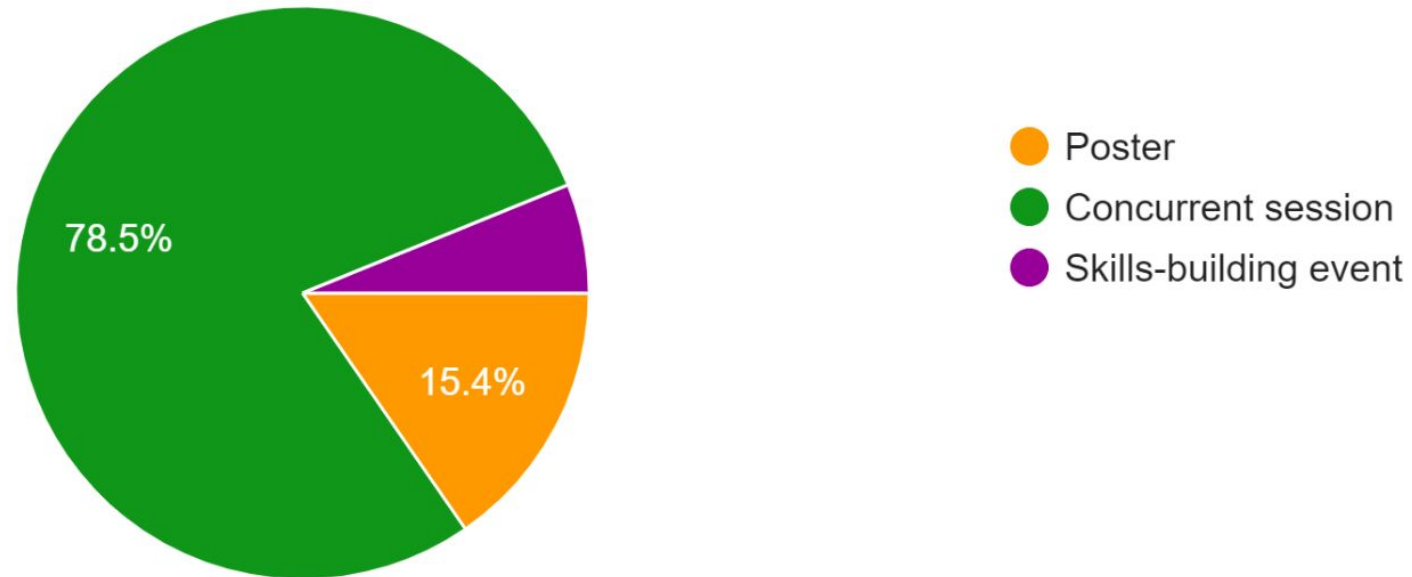
Abstracts Received

- **65** total abstracts

- Abstracts for concurrent sessions (51) by theme:
    - Defining and identifying inequity - **15**
    - Addressing inequities through strengthening PHC - **20**
    - Measuring inequities, monitoring and tracking progress - **16**

- **60** English and **5** French sessions submitted

Abstracts by Session Type

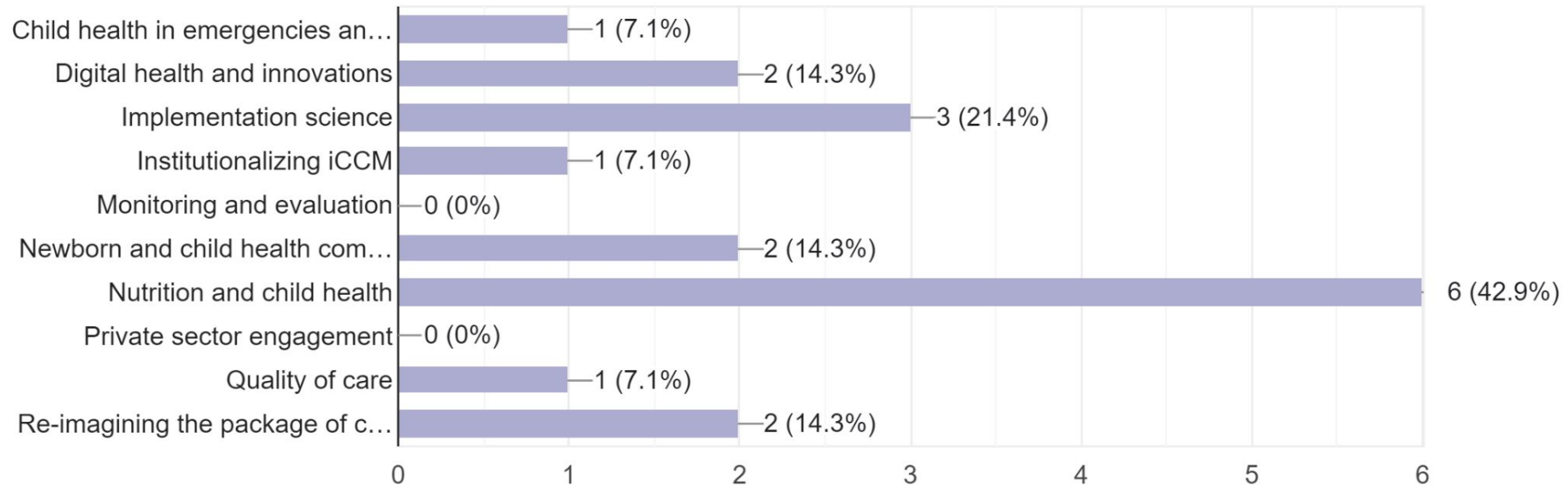What is the format of your presentation (see guidance for details)?

65 responses

- 🟠 Poster
- 🟢 Concurrent session
- 🟣 Skills-building event

78.5%

15.4%

Poster Abstracts by Subgroup

If it is a poster, which of the subgroup(s) virtual booths would it belong in?

14 responses

Subgroup	Count
Child health in emergencies an…	1 (7.1%)
Digital health and innovations	2 (14.3%)
Implementation science	3 (21.4%)
Institutionalizing iCCM	1 (7.1%)
Monitoring and evaluation	0 (0%)
Newborn and child health com…	2 (14.3%)
Nutrition and child health	6 (42.9%)
Private sector engagement	0 (0%)
Quality of care	1 (7.1%)
Re-imagining the package of c…	2 (14.3%)

Become involved!

1. **Submit an abstract** **for a poster presentation:** Abstracts are due **April 28th**; posters will be aligned to one of the subgroup topics.

2. Check back to the **conference webpage** for new information on the program and registration.

3. **Spread the word** – encourage colleagues to submit an abstract and to attend.

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We welcome suggestions for improvement or additional resources. Please email
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Thank you for your participation today!