



building evidence to support equitable improvement
in newborn and maternal health

Progress in newborn and maternal health is highly uneven in many low and middle income countries. Effective interventions are known, but rarely reach those who need them most. Newborn and maternal health outcomes are systematically worse among those at the lower end of the socio-economic ladder.

This workshop will bring together policy makers, practitioners and researchers from the South Asian region to share and discuss the **latest evidence** on how to address **inequalities in newborn and maternal health**.

A consortium of partners from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and the UK will present new evidence from their **randomized trials of women's group interventions** that have shown impressive impacts on newborn outcomes. **Representatives of international, national and civil society organisations** will share their experience on equitable approaches in newborn and maternal health.

The program includes presentations and discussions on:

- Setting evidence-based priorities in addressing inequalities in newborn & maternal health;
- How to partner with communities to reach the most in need;
- How to involve young primigravida women in maternal health interventions;
- Role of government incentive schemes in addressing newborn health inequalities;
- Role of the private sector in inequalities in newborn & maternal health;
- Experiential evidence from policy makers and practitioners on what works to address inequalities;

Workshop outputs include recommendations for country action plans to address inequalities in newborn and maternal health, including the **Every Newborn Action Plan**.

Workshop New Evidence Supporting Equity in Newborn & Maternal Health

8-9 May 2014

Hotel Shanker, Kathmandu, Nepal

Objective: to share & discuss new evidence for an equity-based approach in newborn and maternal health

Participants: policy makers, practitioners and researchers with an interest in evidence-based strategies for equitable, pro-poor, interventions in the South Asian region

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