

## **The Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) workshop**

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### **Background :**

- In 2014, with technical and financial support from UNFPA, Ministry of Health approved 8 road maps to establish Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (MDSR) in Timor-Leste. As a start point, in November 2014, Ministry of Health conducted a 3-days orientation for a team representing all hospitals.

- In 2016, the MDSR guideline was developed, and established Maternal Death Review (MDR) committee in 6 hospitals with technical and financial support from UNFPA. First MDSR report was produced in the same year.
- In 2017, Ministry of Health expanded the MDSR system to 13 municipalities and introduced the verbal autopsy to review the maternal deaths occurred in the community with technical and financial support from UNFPA and WHO. The MDSR annual report for 2017 covered maternal deaths from the communities.
- In 2019, with technical and financial support from UNICEF, the Ministry of Health incorporated “perinatal death surveillance and response” into MDSR system and now it is known as Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR).

After the integration, MPDSR program continue support technically and financially from three agencies, UNICEF, UNFPA & WHO and contributed to the some of the achievement as follow:

1. In 2019, under UNICEF support Conducted three days TOT training for all MCH districts public health officer (DPHO) from 13 municipalities followed by one batch training in Baucau covered three municipalities namely : Baucau, Viqueque and Lospalos on perinatal death surveillance and respond (PDSR).
2. End of 2020 till 2021 with jointly financial support from three agencies, conducted MPDSR orientation workshop for national hospital and referral hospital as well as municipalities level
3. In 2021, two teams of health professionals composed of National MCH staff, HNGV staff and UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO participated in WHO South-East Asia Regional virtual trainings to strengthen capacity on Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) to accelerate the achievement of SDG targets.
4. In 2022 developed MPDSR training modules based on the national MPDSR guideline for Timor-Leste and followed four days training to national MCH staff, HNGV staff, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO to become master of trainer of MPDSR
5. In the same year, with jointly financial and technical support from three agencies UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO, rollout MPDSR training to all MPDSR committee member from National Hospital, Referral hospital, 13 Municipality.
6. In 2023 re-activated National MPDSR committee with new president and vice appointed by Minister of Health and the member as well as launched of the MPDSR guidelines
7. Plan to conduct refresher training this year and roll out the training in 2024 to all PDSR member in 4 municipalities under UNICEF support



#### **Next steps :**

To have an international consultant to develop perinatal death annual report for 2020 and 2021, these are first sets of report on perinatal death following introduction of component “P” (perinatal to MDSR and became MPDSR). The main objective is to conduct in-depth analysis to identify what are the causes of perinatal death and what are contributing factors that attributed to the perinatal death. The report to come up with recommendation that can be utilized to address the causes of death and to improve the implementation of MPDSR as well as related program such as health promotion to improve community awareness, enhance quality of health care services to reduce the number of perinatal death.

This consultancy takes 3 weeks, composed from desk review, field visit and interview people.

The objective of this workshop is to present the pre-liminary findings and result of the report, gather input and feedback from National team and relevant partners to finalize the report and submit to MOH for endorse and publication.

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