



AFGHAN MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION

6th Annual Congress

Report

3-4 May' 2010

Afghanistan Needs Competent Midwives: Education,
Regulation and Professional Association

Paiwand-e-Qalbha Wedding Palace –Kabul, Afghanistan



BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Afghan Midwives Association (AMA) is to advocate for the midwifery profession and strengthen the role of midwives to ensure the wellbeing of the women and their families in Afghanistan.

The AMA has been established since May 3, 2005. Thereafter, it has grown significantly across the country and had great achievements during the past few years.

To achieve the goals of AMA, 6th annual congress was conducted by Afghan Midwives Association (AMA) with technically and financially support of the USAID funded Health Service Support Project (HSSP).

Acknowledgements:

AMA would like to thank HSSP for their financial support for this congress. AMA would like to acknowledge efforts of midwifery programs and midwifery education implementing & BPHS implementing NGOs for their active contribution in this regard and AMA executive board members for their valuable inputs.

Background of congress:

In order to review the progress of the midwifery profession in the world and particularly in Afghanistan and to review the AMA performance AMA has conducted regular annual congress since 2005. During those congress participants identify challenges and opportunities to advocate and improve midwifery profession and in order to improve the midwifery service for women and their family in Afghanistan.

Opening of the 6th annual congress:

Congress with more than 550 participant including Midwives and High level guests and with this theme(**Afghanistan needs competent midwives : education , regulation and professional association**) was opened by recitation of holy Quran and Afghanistan national Anthem then Ms Pashtoon AMA president welcomed, honorable guests and midwives and congress was adorned by Afghanistan Midwifery National Song (AMNS) then her Excellency Deputy Minister of Public Health, Dr. Nadera Hayat Burhani and American Kabul ambassador, HSSP Chief of Party. These main speakers emphasized on role of professional associations as a

most important effort to improve the quality of health care with aim of reduction of maternal mortality in Afghanistan.

Main Objective of the congress:

The aim of The Annual Congress is to provide an opportunity to share midwifery experiences and learn new approaches to care for mothers and families. The Congress will also allow members to exchange experiences and best practices. Moreover, it provides opportunities for networking system in the country as it is a combination of different people from different regions. And it has been approved as an effective manner for the capacity building the midwives in Afghanistan.

Supporting Objectives:

At the end of the congress the participants were able to:

1. Introduce new researches in the field of midwifery and reproductive health.
2. Update their professional knowledge through variety of presentation.
3. Update their professional skills in different areas through demonstration.
4. Recognize and appreciate midwives who had great contributions through their professional knowledge and skills.
5. Exhibit success stories of the midwives through posters and quilts.

Congress plenary and workshop methodology:

- Sharing information by presentations and discussions
- Interactive presentation
- Practical by simulation
- Group work

Congress Activities:

First day:

plenary session: new studies in pre and in-service field were presented (Partograph Study Result by Dr. Farzana Salimi, Afghan Public Health Institute (APHI), Norwian midwives Association presentation by NMA vice president, Post Partum Family Planning (PPFP) by Dr. Rahila Joya, FP Advisor, HSSP)

Concurrent session: update presentations were presented (inter personal communication change presented by Dr. Kawsar Sahehi, professionalism presented by Mozghan Mohammadzai, Labor Support by Ms. Fahima, Newborn Care Learning Resource Package (LRP) Orientation by Dr. Popal, POA Result by Dr. Najia Tariq,

Partograph by Hekmat Jami & Gulalai Naseri

Skills practice: in this session participants were update in some important skills which simulated by midwives trainers in two days

Maternal care skills

Shock management & manual vacuum aspiration (MVA)

Newborn care skills

Initial Steps & Newborn Resuscitation

Maternal health skills

Post Partum IUD Insertion

Maternal care film

Normal Delivery Film/ Partograph

Second day:

Plenary session: new studies in pre and in-service field were presented (Pre-service evaluation and EmoNC survey result by Dr Partamin, Jhpiego/HSSP Monitoring and evaluation manager, Midwifery Regulation by Fatima Gohar, Midwifery& Nursing Coordinator AKU

Concurrent session: update presentations were presented (Gender Awareness by Basir Nader, Gender Advisor, HSSP, Fistula by Victoria Parsa, AMA Officer, Nasrin from CURE hospital

Skills practice: in this session participants were update in some important skills which simulated by midwives trainers in two days

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At the end of AMA 6th annual congress Best Midwife of year and best poster of year awards presented to Ms Guhar from Bamyan and Dykondy province by his Excellency Deputy Minister of Public Health Dr. Sadrudin Sahar .

Congress followed by distributed appreciated letter to best AMA officer that they had more achievement .

Outcome of the congress:

- Participants updated to new researches in the field of midwifery and reproductive health.
- Participated midwives updated on their professional knowledge through variety of presentation.
- Participated midwives updated on their professional skills in different areas through demonstration some needed skills by midwifery trainers.
- AMA officers and other potential partners were recognized and appreciated midwives who had great contributions through their professional knowledge and skills.
- Shared and encouraged midwives through exhibit success stories of the midwives through posters and quilts.

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a. Time table and Agenda

b. Pictures

c. List of participants

d. National midwifery theme

e. Criteria for selection of best midwife

Annex A: congress Agenda:

Day 1: Monday – May 3, 2010

Time	Subject	Presenter
۷:۳۰-۸:۳۰	Registration	Wais M. Qarani
9:00-9:50	Recitation of the Holy Quran National Anthem Welcome of Honored guests Congress report Midwifery song	Munira Qarizada Naveed Nayib Pashtoon Azfar Mozhgan Mohammadzai Song team
09:50- 10:05	Opening speech	H. E. Minister of Public Health

10:05—10:15	Ministry of Women Affair speech		H. E. Minister of Women Affairs
10:15- 10:25	US Ambassador speech		
10:25- 10:35			
10:35- 10:40	MOPH RH directorate speech		
10:40- 10:45	Message of AFSOG		
10:45- 10:50	Message of Pediatrician Association		
10:50- 10:55	Message of Public Health Association		
10:55- 11:00	Message of Health Workers Association		
11:00- 11:05	Message of AfNA		
11:05-11:10	Announcement of Seminars, Posters, Condolence and opening of the skills Hall.		
11:10- 11:30	Tea Break		
11:30- 01:00	First Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre- service evaluation - EmONC Survey Result - Norwian Midwives Association Presentation 		Partamin Manali Masood Arzoiy NMA Vice President
01:00-02:00	Lunch and Prayers		
02:00- 03:50	Skills Practice <i>Station 1:</i> Shock Management <i>Station 2:</i> MVA <i>Station 3:</i> Newborn Care <i>Station 4:</i> IUD Insertion <i>Station 5:</i> Normal Delivery	Seminars <i>Diamond Room:</i> - Professionalism - IPCC <i>Emerald Room:</i>	Mozhgan Mohammadzai Kawsar

	(video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor Support - NBC In Service Training Program <p><i>Ruby Room:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - POA result - Tuberculosis 	<p>Victoria Parsa</p> <p>Niaz Mohammad Popal</p> <p>Najia Tariq</p> <p>Hamidi</p>
03:50- 04:00	Closing of the day		

Day 2: Tuesday May 4, 2010

Time	Subject	Presenter	
08:30- 08:40	Welcome Review of the Congress agenda	Feroza Mushtary	
08:40- 10:10	Second Plenary Session 1) Midwifery Regulation 2) Partograph Study Results 3) PFP	Fatima Gohar Farzana Salimi Rhahila Joya	
10:10-10:30	Tea Break		
10:30- 12:30	<p>Skills Practice</p> <p><i>Station 1:</i> Shock Management</p> <p><i>Station 2:</i> MVA</p> <p><i>Station 3:</i> Newborn Care</p> <p><i>Station 4:</i> IUD Insertion</p> <p><i>Station 5:</i> Normal Delivery (video)</p>	<p>Seminars</p> <p><i>Diamond Room:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender - Fistula <p><i>Emerald Room:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PP IUD Insertion - QA MNH result <p><i>Ruby Room:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPH Prevention - Effective 	<p>Basir Nadir</p> <p>Victoria Parsa</p> <p>Rahila Joya</p> <p>Hamidi / Zulfia</p>

		Supervision	Pashtoon Amiri Basir Farid
12:30- 01:30	Lunch and Prayers		
01:30- 02:00	Auction		Marketing Team
02:00- 02:05	Closing the congress:		
02:05- 02:25	Recitation of the Holy Quran		Munira Qarizada
02:25- 02:45	AMA Speech		Pashtoon Azfar
02:45- 02:50	MOPH Speech		MoPH representative
	USAID/HSSP Speech		USAID/HSSP Representative
02:50- 03:00	Announcement for the celebration of IDM		Pashtoon Azfar
03:00- 04:00	Recognition of Midwives for their outstanding contributions		

Annex d: National midwifery theme

You make life green for us,

You (midwife) friend try to make save life for us with that struggle which its base is
honestly and believe

Yeah you really decreased from our silent mortality

حضورت سبز آمد زندگی را از دعای ما
تو ای مونس که بر بستی کمر بهر بقای ما
با آن عزمی که بنیادش صداقت است و ایمانست
نهایت کاستی آری ز مرگ در خفای ما

تنها نبوده ای بی ما نبوده ای

ما با تو بوده ایم نامت ستوده ایم

You are not alone, you weren't alone

We are with you (mothers) , we were with you

ای موری انتظار د قابلوئی په بامیان کی
پکتیکا او په هلمند په ننگرهار په بدخشان کی
فراه او په گردیز په فاریاب او نورستان کی
مقر په لیری سیمو غور بادغیس او په لغمان کی

Mothers! That you waiting for midwives (mentioned the Afghanistan provinces name
here)

تنها نبوده ای بی ما نبوده ای

ما با تو بوده ایم نامت ستوده ایم

You are not alone, you weren't alone

We are with you (mothers), we were with you

You are sun and you shine at our homes and your kindness makes our life warm

تو خورشیدی و آئین ات صفای کلبه های ما
و لطف گرمی آورده به هر در هر سرای ما
چه هرات و سمنگان و ارزگان، لوگر و کندز
کنر، کابل، چه کاپیسا چه پنجشیر، هر کجای ما

تنها نبوده ای بی ما نبوده ای
ما با تو بوده ایم نامت ستوده ایم

You are not alone, you weren't alone

We are with you (mothers) , we were with you

دعا راته کوه موری سرپل، زابل پروان کی
مصون داستا ژوندون غوارو وردگ قندهار فراه کی
په شنډو سنا مسکا تل خوست نیمروز بلخ او بغلان کی
نور مکره انتظار په دایکندی تخار جوزجان کی

We pray to god and want save life for you (mothers) every where (and there mention all Afghanistan provinces name)

تنها نبوده ای بی ما نبوده ای
ما با تو بوده ایم نامت ستوده ایم

You are not alone, you weren't alone

We are with you (mothers), we were with you

Annex e: Criteria for selection of best midwife

Having midwifery or nurse midwifery license

Active member of the AMA

Commitment to her profession

Doing according her job description and new national midwifery standards (having, skill, knowledge and good behavior in wok area and community)

Professional

Having three years experience

Having interest to build her capacity and their midwives colleagues

Agreement of $\frac{3}{4}$ provincial brunch members with her selection

Approval of the AMA executive board members with her selection