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PAPUA NEW GUINEA MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVE – PHASE II

WORKSHOP ONE 2015 (23rd TO 25TH MARCH)

KOKODA TRAIL HOTEL, SOGERI, CENTRAL PROVINCE, PNG

The fourth Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) workshop for Phase II was held at the Kokoda Trail Hotel, Sogeri, in the Central Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG) over three days in March.

There were 22 participants at the workshop including national midwifery course coordinators, midwifery course educators, clinical midwives, clinicians, clinical midwifery facilitators (CMFs) and obstetricians. The workshop was developed and facilitated by the UTS WHO Collaborating Centre (Ms Alison Moores, Prof Caroline Homer, Ms Amanda Neill); with Ms Mary Kililo from the National Department of Health (NDOH) and the midwifery course coordinators from the five PNG midwifery schools – Mrs Paula Puawe - University of Goroka (UOG), Mrs Elizabeth Natura - Lutheran School of Nursing, Madang (LSON), Ms Lillian Temo - University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), Anne-Rose So-Onguku - Pacific Adventist University (PAU) and Ms Francesca Bevi, St Mary's School of Nursing (SMSON), and with assistance from Professor Pat Brodie. The midwifery course coordinators contributed significantly to coordinating and facilitating sessions throughout the three days.

The overall objectives for the Maternal and Child Health Initiative Phase II are to:

- improve the standard of midwifery clinical teaching and practice in the five teaching sites;
- improve the quality of obstetrical care in two regions through the provision of clinical mentoring, supervision, and teaching.

The theme of the first workshop for 2015 was teaching antenatal care and strengthening competency assessment skills in midwifery education.

Objectives of this workshop were to:

- discuss the components of Essential Antenatal Care (ANC);
- build knowledge about how to strengthen midwifery education and practice through reflection, assessment and feedback;
- demonstrate and practise contemporary approaches to facilitation and assessment of competency in both classroom and practice settings as a key strategy to build confidence and competence of all midwifery educators;



- continue to build consistent approaches to midwifery education across PNG which reflect the relevant national and international regulations, standards and guidelines.

After morning travel on Day One to Sogeri, the Workshop was opened by MCHI key stakeholders Mrs Mary Killilo - Technical Advisor Pre-service and Health Training, NDoH; Ms Christine Sturrock - Counsellor (Development Cooperation) Health & HIV, PNG, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Aid; and Professor Glen Mola - Professor of O&G, SMHS/UPNG, with Professor Caroline Homer, MCHI Project Leader and Director of the Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health at UTS.

The topics for the afternoon of Day One included key advice for teaching essential antenatal care in PNG by Professor Mola, and effective teaching strategies in the antenatal clinical setting of PNG by one of the MCHI obstetricians Dr Gad Nassar.

Day Two began with a session by Professor Homer and Ms Alison Moores on Competency Standards – what they are and why do we need them, and the essential skills for midwifery educators of teaching, assessing and giving feedback. This was followed by presentations from three schools: LSON team - Communication, history taking with an adolescent woman; PAU team - Advising and counselling a woman living in a remote area on how to develop a birth preparedness plan; SMSO team - Providing antenatal care, advice and treatment and referral for a woman presenting with signs suggesting HIV infection. The day was concluded with a session assessing competency in different antenatal scenarios, and reflecting on learning from presentations of the day. A meeting was then held with the MCHI team – Course Coordinators, CMFs and the obstetrician – to review team action



plans. A local sing-sing group entertained the workshop participants in the early evening.

Day Three began with a presentation by the UOG team on clinical assessment and management of woman with a significant variation in fundal height measurement, including estimating due date. This was followed by the final team presentation made by UPNG educators on recognising, responding and providing ongoing management for a woman who presents in late pregnancy with no fetal movements or heart sounds. Dr Nancy Buasi and Ms Anne Yates provided an update on activities undertaken with the PNG Midwifery Society, before the workshop conclusion and presentation of certificates.

The varied sessions included small group work, individual presentations and a range of activities, facilitated by the Midwifery Course Coordinators Ms Elizabeth Natera (LSON), Ms Annie-Rose So-Onguku (PAU), Ms Paula Puawe (UOG), Ms Lillian Temo (UPNG) and Ms Francesca Bevi (SMSO) over the three days. The midwifery educators, clinicians, obstetricians and CMFs also contributed throughout the program.

At the completion of the workshop, participants reported that they had an increased knowledge and awareness of issues around teaching ANC and strengthening competency assessment skills.

They had the opportunity to share knowledge and information on these issues with their colleagues and counterparts. They also had the chance to learn more about ANC, competencies, and improve their teaching and learning skills in the clinical setting.

The two further workshops for the MCHI Phase II are planned for 2015, with the next scheduled for September in Madang, and with a Stakeholder Forum in Port Moresby in November.