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Learnings

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Communication - Results uptake - Data use Countdown to 2030 – Ethiopia Collaboration study implementation process –

**Inception Workshop – Focused on objectives, data sources, methods of analysis, indicators**

- The inception workshop on the implementation of MNH Exemplar study and country collaboration study conducted with participants from the Ministry of health regional health office, academic and research institutes, and partners working on the maternal and neonatal health.

- Preliminary results presented. Objectives and data sources discussed with the participants.

- Prioritization of strategies for the maternal and neonatal mortality discussed with participants.

**Validation Workshop – Validation of preliminary Findings**

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- “EPHI will continue and strengthen collaboration with regional and international research partners (like APHRC and Countdown to 2030) to fill the evidence gap in the health system. We will review our research efforts that to be in line with the HSTP-II and SDG 2030, for supporting the HSTP-II transformation agenda, such as equity, quality, and information revolution...” Dr Messay Halu, EPHI Director General

**Panel discussion on Evidence utilization**

- The main goals of this panel discussion are to assess how the Countdown to 2030 - Ethiopia country collaboration study has addressed evidence gaps in RMNCAH-N over the last three decades, how the evidence will be used by the ministry of health, and what major findings have been generated in this collaboration study.

- It helps in informing policymakers and program owners about the success elements that must be preserved and the issues that must be addressed in the health system through supported evidence.

- It also aimed to identify the important research topic areas in which the MoH need evidence to close the gap, so assisting in the achievement of national and international objectives; HSTP-II and SDG 2030.

- Moderator: Prof. Mirkuzie will briefly introduce each of the panelist with their name, current responsibility experience. Panelist from right to left: 1. Dr Getachew Tollarla, Deputy Director General EPHI 2. Mr Shewag Mulu, PPMED -MoH 3. Mrs Zemzem Mohamed, MCH -MoH 4. Dr Dessalegn Melesse, Countdown to 2030

**Communications – through social media and newsletter**

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**Can Ethiopia achieve HSTP-II Target by 2025 ? Flyer**

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**Publications:**


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