

1. Identify key elements of national & local context

- Burden of illness & vulnerable populations
- Dominant models of care, including responsive linkages & referral systems
- Capabilities of facilities (public and private)
- Provider numbers, cadres, skills & distribution
- Cultural, financial, geographical factors impacting illness, care seeking & access; women's perspective and satisfaction
- Implementation research needed to improve access, efficiency, effectiveness & responsiveness of maternal health services

National & local
level action

IMPROVED
MATERNAL
HEALTH

Global & regional
level action

2. Develop national & local action plans to address gaps

- Human resources
- Facility & referral capabilities
- Content, quality & integration of care provision
- Health system strengthening, responsiveness & resilience
- Ensure financial sustainability
- Data & health information systems

3. Set clear timelines for action plan implementation

4. Tie action plans to local & national budgets

1. Advocate for:

- Increased attention to maternal health
- Building linkages within maternal healthcare services, between levels of care & with other aspects of healthcare
- Increased government spending on healthcare
- Women's rights and agency
- Woman-centered care

2. Provide global evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and quality improvement methods

3. Provide evidence-based case studies to guide country-level implementation

4. Provide funding for country gap analyses, improvement in measurement & implementation research

5. Ensure funding for targeted international assistance for countries in need