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The QCPC Collaborative

This brochure introduces and seeks support for a new Collaborative among the constituency of technical experts, programme implementers and organisations concerned with improving the quality of care for pregnancy and childbirth. The proposed name for the initiative is the **QCPC Collaborative**.

The Collaborative addresses a widely-accepted gap and a crucial obstacle to achieving MDG4 & 5. It seeks to add value and complement the work and operations of other relevant groups, with a flexible and responsive structure built upon guiding principles of technical excellence, inclusiveness, transparency and country relevance. The QCPC Collaborative will provide a community of practise which cuts across conventional boundaries of expertise, disciplines and professions, and promotes strong linkages between institutions, agencies and groups.

The scope of the term “quality of care” adopted by the Collaborative is broad, encompassing the capacities of the health system and specific programmes to deliver quality care, the interactions between caregivers and receivers, and the outcomes in terms of health and satisfaction. The specific objectives of the QCPC Collaborative are to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of and options for monitoring and assuring the quality of care for pregnancy and childbirth;

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- Strengthen national and international monitoring of quality of care indicators for pregnancy and childbirth;
- Advise on best practices, including costs & benefits, in the capture and use of data at national, district and provider levels to improve quality of care for pregnancy and childbirth.

Building confidence in and commitment to the proposed Collaborative is best achieved through the conduct of a small number of targeted activities. Three principal tasks are envisaged for the first two-year period (2009-2011), for which funds are currently being sought:

1. Consolidate the Collaborative
2. Undertake quality of care reviews
3. Offer recommendations on measuring quality of care in the Demographic and Health Surveys.

The WHO Department of Making Pregnancy Safer catalysed the consultative process culminating in this Collaborative, and will continue to be an active partner in this initiative.

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