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Informing Policy for Practice: Africa's Health in 2010

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Africa's Health in 2010: Purpose

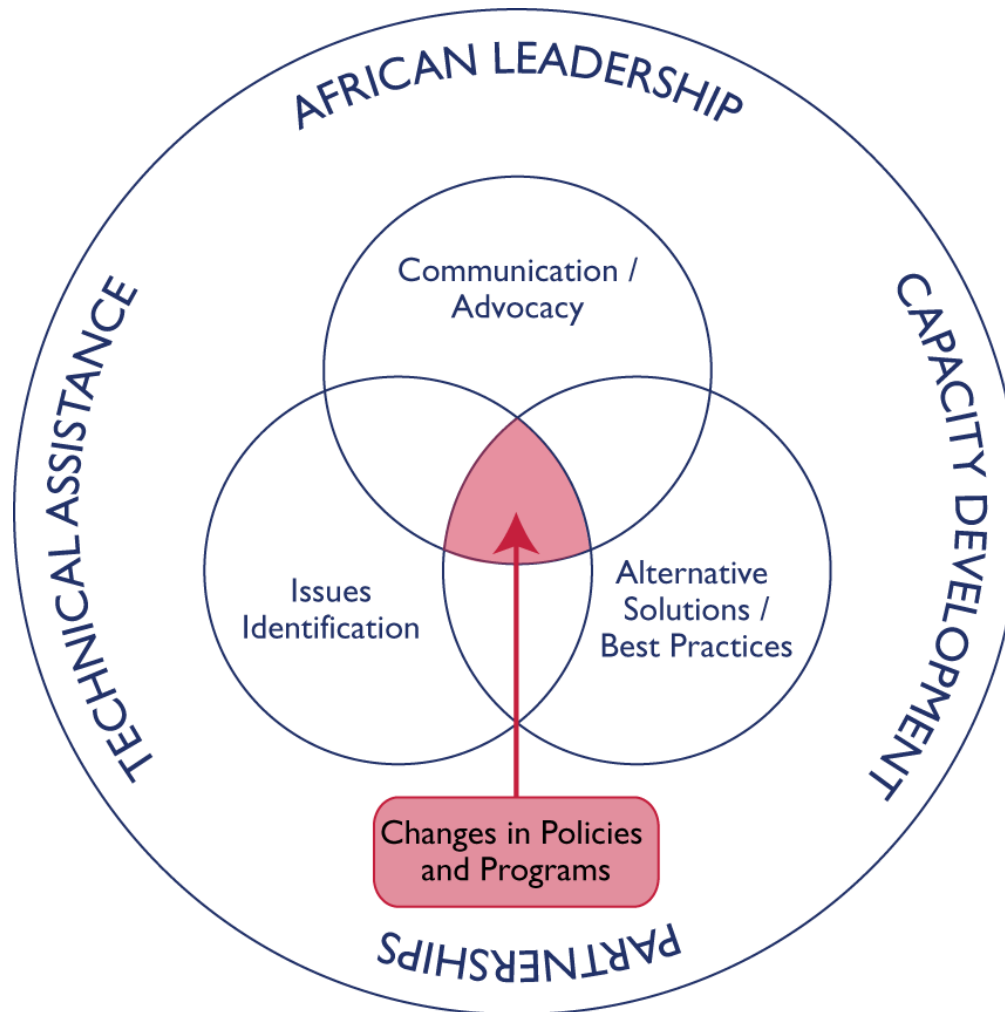
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Influencing Policies and Programs





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Efforts to Influence Policy & Practice on AMTSL

- Capacity Building
 - ECSA –HC conducted the AMTSL survey in Ethiopia and Tanzania in 2006 and in Uganda in 2007
- Advocacy
 - Dissemination of AMTSL findings at national, regional and international forums
 - ECSA-HC held a regional orientation on AMTSL in November 2008: national action plans developed
 - Regional launch of practice of AMTSL: Health Ministers' Conference in February 2009 – using policy briefs, posters, media briefing, press statement, IEC/promotional materials
 - Training of journalists from ECSA countries (2007, 2009)



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Efforts to Influence Policy & Practice on AMTSL (2)

- Regional Policy Reform

- ECSA Health Ministers' Meeting, February 2008: Resolution ECSA/HMC46/R4 adopted to promote AMTSL in the region
- Regional Health Ministers' Conference, February 2009: Resolution ECSA/HMC48/R9
 - Member States:
 - Accelerate institutionalization of AMTSL in @ least 40% of h/facilities by 2010
 - Ensure delivery by skilled attendants in 75% of women by 2012
 - ECSA-HC: develop a prototype policy for AMTSL for country adoption and adaptation by 2010



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Efforts to Influence Policy & Practice re AMTSL (3)

- Technical assistance to countries
 - ECSA-HC providing TA to Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda to review & disseminate AMTSL guidelines
 - ECSA-HC developing a prototype policy for country-level adaptation
- African leadership
 - ECSA-HC taking the lead at regional level
 - African experts leading efforts at country level
- Partnerships
 - Africa 2010, POPPHI, USAID/East Africa, MOHs, Professional Associations (ESOG in Ethiopia)



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Country-level Results: Ethiopia

- Advocacy:
 - Created a favorable policy environment in support of AMTSL (ESOG advocacy with MOH)
- Guidelines & protocols
 - Prepared national PPH prevention & treatment guidelines
 - Included misoprostol in national essential medicines list
- Capacity Building
 - Trained & authorized health extension workers to provide oral misoprostol/ergometrine, practice CCT and manual removal of placenta
 - Introduced AMTSL in preservice training curriculum in 90% of mid-level health professional training institutions; & misoprostol in curriculum in 50% of training institutions



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Country-level Results

Ethiopia (contd.)

- Capacity Building
 - Included misoprostol in lower-level professionals preservice training curriculum
 - Conducting in-service and cascade training nationwide
- Metrics
 - Revised national HMIS captures information on AMTSL use, CCT and uterotonic drugs (oxytocin, ergometrine, misoprostol)

Tanzania:

- Guidelines and Protocols
 - MOHSW in process of developing new guidelines including AMTSL



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Country-level Results: Uganda

- Policy
 - Oxytocin adopted as first-line drug for management of PPH
- Guidelines and Protocols
 - MOH planning to revise guidelines to include AMTSL
- Capacity Building
 - Association of Ob-Gyn trained tutors in advanced labor and risk management including AMTSL



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Informing Policy for Practice: Lessons Learned

- Partnerships/collaboration with African leadership to solve African problems is critical for success (e.g., ECSCA-HC, professional associations)
- Regional policy reform through Ministers of Health resolutions is a key first step to country-level action
- The media can be an important stakeholder/ally for the adoption and scale-up of proven interventions



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Way Forward (i)

- Harmonization of guidelines and provider updates(1 minute v. 3 minutes)
- Capacity building:
 - Inservice: Other cadres need to be trained in AMTSL (medical officers, nurses, clinical officers, midwives, retired professionals), & community-based workers
 - Preservice training - to update knowledge and practice
- Integration/Incorporation of AMTSL into PHC



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Way Forward (ii)

- Scale-up AMTSL in ECSCA region:
 - TA from ECSCA-HC and leverage regional and in-country resources
 - Documentation & dissemination of country experiences
 - Lessons from countries using Misoprostol at community level
 - Annual progress report to Health Ministers' Conference
- Expand to ECOWAS countries through West African Health Organization (WAHO)



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