

# Midwives and the Third Stage of Labour: ICM's Role

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# Objectives of this presentation

- **To share ICM's efforts to promote effective management of the Third Stage of Labour in the past 5 years**
  - **Advocacy**
  - **Materials development**
  - **Technical support**
  - **Dissemination**



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# Knowledge development and distribution

## ICM undertook a

- **Cochrane Collaborative Review of literature to inform the development of the joint statements**
- **Survey to elicit the expertise of a group of expert practitioners about the various components of AMTSL.**
- **Systematic Review of literature to assess the clinical effectiveness of the physiologic (expectant) management of the third stage of labour.**



# Advocacy

## Contributed to :

- the development of the joint statements with FIGO:
  1. Active Management of the Third Stage of Labour
  2. Physiologic Management of the Third Stage of Labour
- Policy review in countries where midwives are not allowed to prescribe oxytocic drugs.



# Materials Development

- **Contributed to the development of**
  - **Poster on Active Management of the Third Stage of Labour**
  - **CD-Rom on Active Management of the Third Stage of Labour.**
  - **Fact Sheet – Management of the Third Stage of Labour**
  - **Review of the training manual**



# Technical Support

- **Co-facilitated workshops on Active Management of the Third Stage of Labour**
  - **Zambia (2005)**
  - **Benin (2009)**
  - **Contributed to the signing of the MTSL protocol by MoH in Benin**



# Information Dissemination

- **Disseminated AMTSL materials in a variety of forums and to all ICM member Associations**
  - **Professional Association Workshops (midwives, obstetricians, nurses, pharmacists) Malawi 2007, Burkina Faso 2008, Bangladesh (2009), Arab Countries (planned in Jordan) and Latin America (planned in Bolivia)**
  - **Lund University, (International Sexual and reproductive health training for midwives and obstetricians from 17 countries), Belgium, Dutch Schools of Midwifery**

# Information Dissemination

- **At the ICM Triennial Congress in Glasgow (2008)**
  - Hard copy materials
  - AMTSL panel discussion as part of the congress sessions
- **Created a PPH thematic area on the ICM website with materials and links pertaining to AMTSL**



# Conclusions

- **AMTSL now part of ICM's activities such as workshops, lectures and presentations.**
- **The CD- Rom, the Fact Sheet and the Poster are shared at every workshop whether it is on PPH or not.**
- **ICM's advocacy and facilitation will continue to enable midwives to contribute effectively to the reduction of maternal mortality from PPH.**