



**UNFPA'S CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH SYSTEMS
STRENGTHENING: THE HUMAN RESOURCES
FACTOR**

**SECOND MEETING OF THE ACP SENIOR HEALTH
OFFICIALS**

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Presentation Outline

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- Health Systems Strengthening building block: Human resources for Health
- The UNFPA Midwifery Program, 2014 highlights
- The Mano River Midwifery Initiative

Health System Strengthening: changing the paradigm

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Shift from emphasis on disease-specific approaches to HSS

Importance of strong HSS underlined by Ebola Outbreak

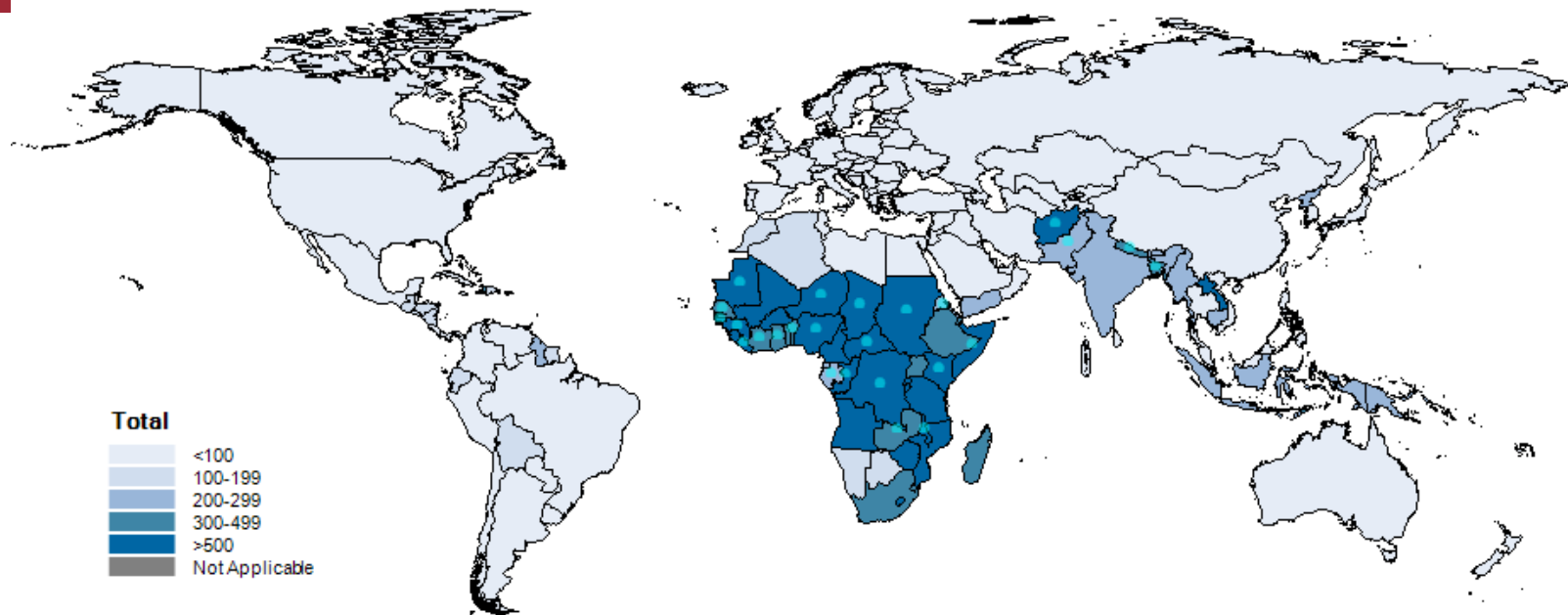
HS Characteristics: 1. procurement and services for those in need, 2. health workers/ right skills, 3. Financing & Monitor

UNFPA contribution through SRH: Policies, financing, commodities, human resources for health

Human Resources for Health, Midwifery: training, regulation, association

Maternal Health Thematic Fund

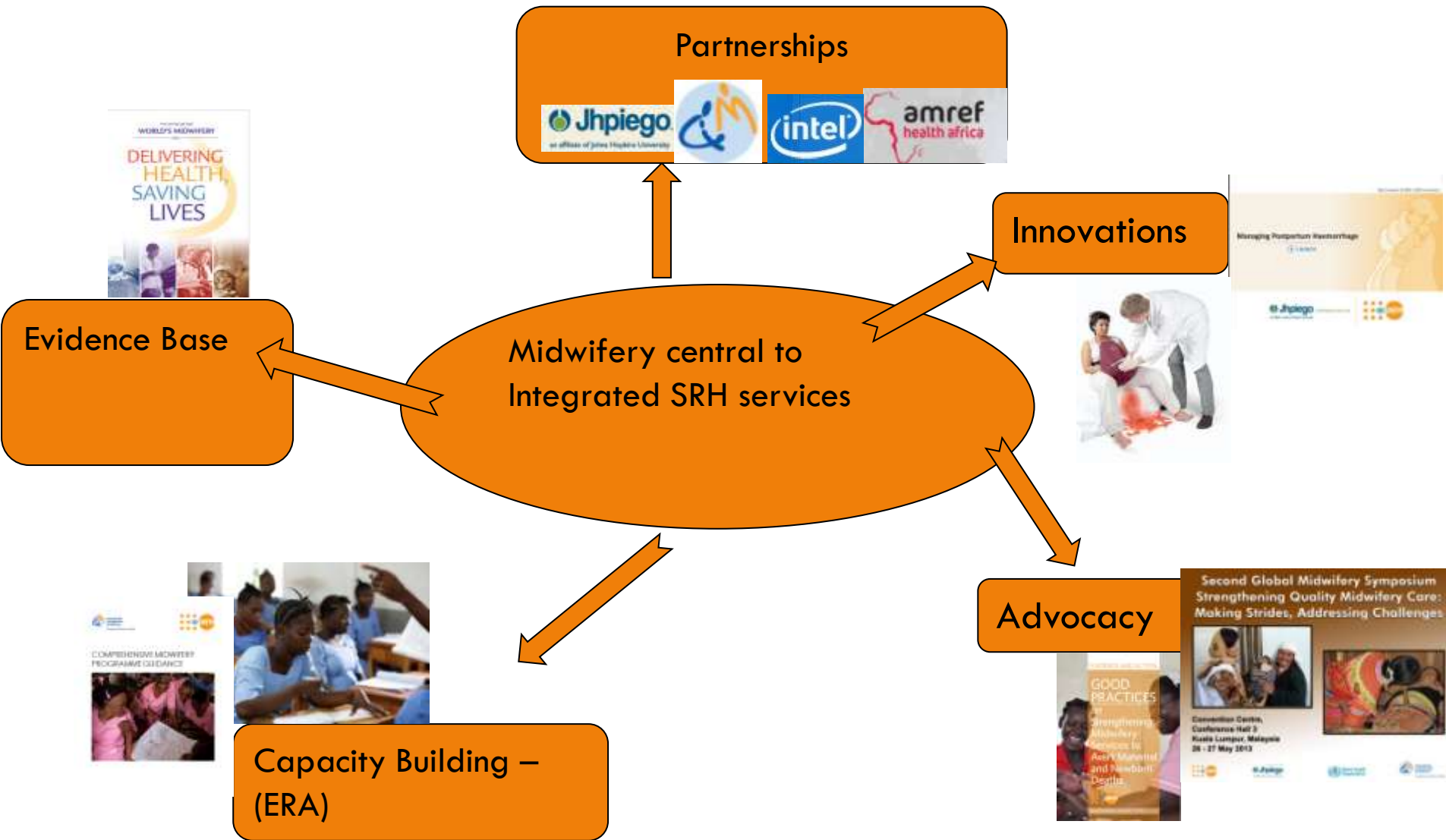
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- Programmatic focus on high impact, low cost maternal and new born health interventions:
 - Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care
 - Midwifery
 - Obstetric Fistula
 - Maternal Death Surveillance and Response

Midwifery –2014 Highlights

Midwives can help prevent 2/3rds of maternal and newborn deaths



Midwifery - Highlights of 2014

- ❑ 200 midwifery schools. New schools in Haiti and Somalia
- ❑ 7,000+ midwives trained
- ❑ 1,000+ midwifery tutors trained
- ❑ 9 e-learning modules launched, and 400 midwives already inducted in their use
- ❑ Launch of the Confederation of African Midwives Associations (CONAMA)
- ❑ State of the World Midwifery 2014



Country Focus: South Sudan

Education &
Trainings



Students at Juba College of Nursing and Midwifery enacting a critical birthing situation.

I-UNV



4 Schools



South-South



**National Midwifery
Association + 2
Branches**

**CANADA 4 year \$19.5m
GRANT (2012-15) +
Additional \$10.6m Grant
(2013) for IUNV program**

The Mano River Midwifery Initiative

- Re-establishment of essential health services in response to EVD outbreak
- 800,000 women will get pregnant in the next 12 months
- 1,3 million women will need FP
- Liberia 30% reduction attended deliveries, 43%; ANC, 88% FP
- 45 U\$ million initiative



The Mano River Midwifery Initiative

- ❑ Country assessments conducted in 3 countries
- ❑ Provision of access to essential and emergency obstetric and neonatal care and other SRH
- ❑ Mobile Clinics, outreach, FP, delivery kits, natal and newborn care
- ❑ 20 PHC centers in each country with referrals to hospitals selected
- ❑ 500 national and international midwives (operational team in each country on board)





Ensuring that every pregnancy is wanted and every child birth is safe