

GLOBAL NETWORKING PLATFORM FOR PREVENTABLE MATERNAL AND CHILD MORTALITY

GLOBAL NETWORKING PLATFORM FOR MCH –

You are invited -please join together and take collective action !

Place - Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room – 803 B

Date/Time – Saturday the 23rd June ,2018 from 12:30 to 14:00

Proposal – Create a frame work of partnership between RAGs, Fellowships, Academics, Experts and Volunteers to act as a guide and support for programmes achieving progressive reduction of preventable maternal and child deaths, in the SDG era (*reduction of MMR to 70 per 100,000 births and universal health coverage*) in low resource settings.

Background – Rotary Initiatives for reduction of maternal and child mortality in low resource countries, is undergoing changes in many areas including

- **input** (through not only funding, but also vocational hands on efforts, advocacy, and partnership/collaboration).
- **output and outcome measurements** and evaluation (Maternal and Perinatal death surveillance and response), moving towards universal health coverage(UHC).
- **Collaborative action by RAGS and Fellowships** can play a very important role in these, through advisory support, provision of volunteers, training resources and technical expertise, reducing gaps and avoiding duplication of efforts.
- **Recent collaborative pilot initiatives** supported by Rotary Foundation Grants and Vocational Training Team have achieved skills enhancement of professional workers, empowerment of communities and accelerated reduction of maternal mortality (www.calmedrotary.org). These validated the importance of a joined-up approach (below).

District Resource Network -recent addition of District Resource Network (DRN) provides much needed technical and professional support and guidance to Rotarians, not familiar with a comprehensive Global Grant VTT in maternal and child health area of focus. Sources of information and guidance include related RAGs, Fellowships, Cadre advisers and coordinators.

However, the expertise is not always available at the District level -global networking and pooling of expertise is necessary.

Can we do better? Programme quality, output and measurement of impact can be enhanced through partnership (please see below)

Joined Up Approach - This approach allows development of resources and implementation of strategic innovative holistic initiatives, countering the impact of medical, public health and cultural issues surrounding child birth related deaths, in a low-cost environment.

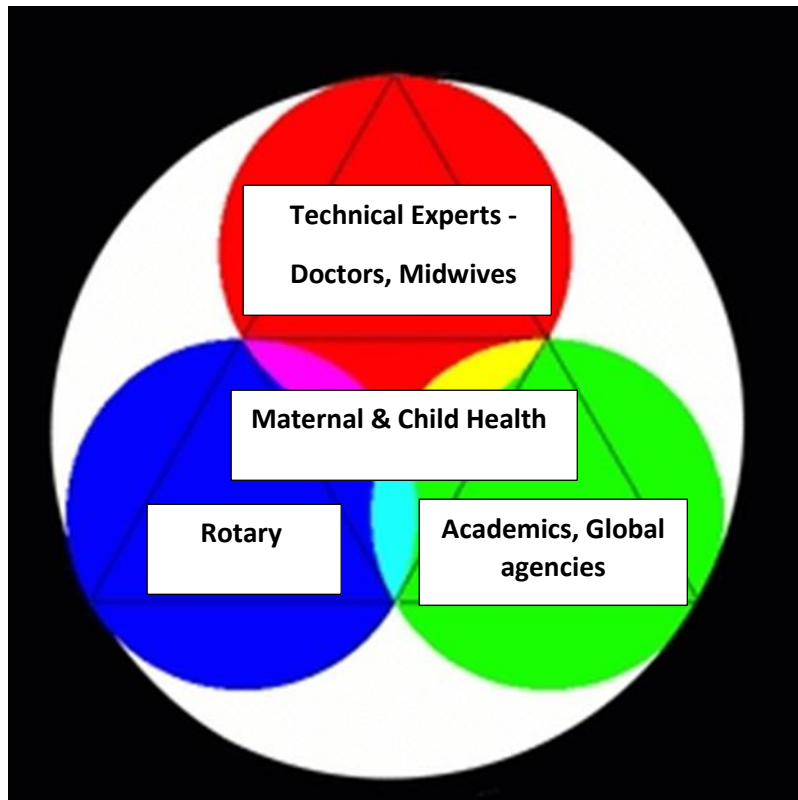
Rotary Global Networking Framework - This will consist of

Internal Partnership -An internal partnership /collaboration (relevant Rotarian Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships and Cadre Advisors/Coordinators based on a global data base),

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Alumni (specially volunteers from VTT) will be a powerful frame work for supporting programmes based on MCH area of focus.

External Collaboration - This additional grouping will facilitate drawing in external expertise where needed from non-Rotarian Doctors, Midwives, Nurses, Academic bodies (Universities), Public Health organisations, global organisations (WHO, FIGO), and NGOs in the move towards achieving relevant SDG 3 targets, specially universal health coverage (UHC)



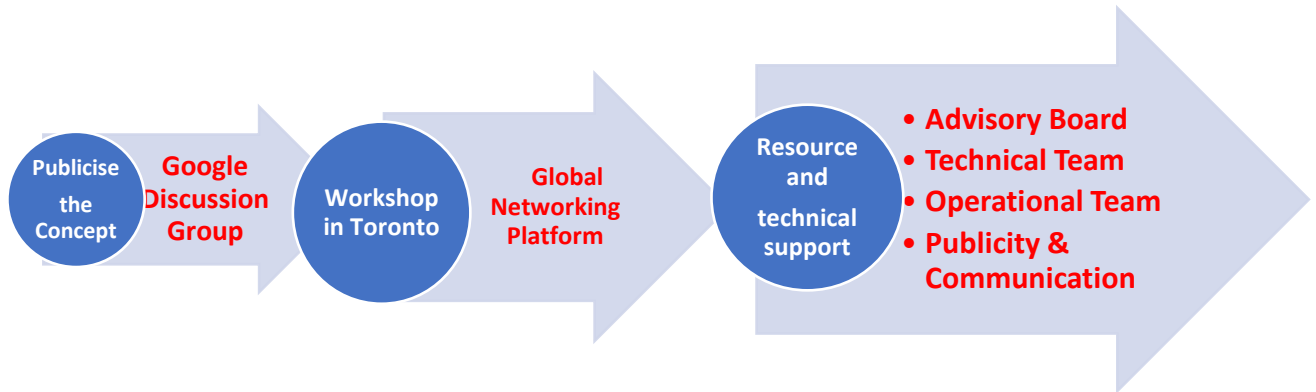
Benefits: The partnership /collaboration framework has the potential to support country or area-based action in providing a package of low/no cost resources including materials for needs assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programmes (E-resource) as well as professional volunteer and technical support as part of a strategic initiative.

The framework will be of particular help in low resource settings, in

- a. establishing a resource for planning, implementation and follow on of quality programmes, utilising high tech and low-tech solutions.
- b. assembling good practice examples/guides in the MCH area of focus – making programmes more successful, cost effective and sustainable.
- c. coordinating actions from relevant RAGs (and Fellowships) to prevent duplication or gaps towards Universal Health Coverage(UHC)
- d. creating a cadre of volunteers who will provide practical guidance and hands on efforts from doctors, midwives, and nurses -within and beyond Rotary.
- e. fostering a mentoring group for Rotarians involved in programmes for reduction of avoidable maternal and child deaths.

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Way forward : Widespread discussion through a google discussion group (stopmothersdying-globalnetwork@googlegroups.com) will be helpful in identifying many more Rotarians wishing to share their views and establish an action plan ,at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto.



A suggested pathway is shown in a template as above – the decision to proceed and details have to be developed at and following the workshop on the 23rd June,2018

Please join us and help stop mothers dying! –Together we will fulfil Rotary’s vision.



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