CUAMM’S STRATEGY FOR MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY REDUCTION IN YIROL WEST COUNTY

Doctors with Africa CUAMM intervention in Yirol West County, South Sudan, started in 2006 with the aim of increasing quality, access and utilization of Mothers and Children health care. The strategy follows the «Continuum of care» model, working towards the provision of adequate care at all levels, from hospital to communities. Furthermore, activities are specifically designed to tackle the three types of delays that pregnant women experience everyday: delay in deciding to seek care, delay in reaching care and delay in receiving adequate care (Figure 1). CUAMM’s intervention has been implemented with a particular perspective, starting from ensuring comprehensive health care provision and then going down incentivizing demand, in this way guaranteeing quality and responsive offer to ground needs. Results from 2009 to 2017 show a significant increase in institutional deliveries both at hospital and health centres (Figure 2). The challenge will be to maintain and further improve such encouraging achievements in a Country that is experiencing high levels of conflicts with consequent instability and fragility and which health system still depends on external support.

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**Figure 1:**
Cuamm’s intervention activities within the “continuum of care” and “3 delay” models.

1. **Delay in deciding to seek care**
   - Are the conditions for women to access the Hospital?
     - 24/7 FREE OF CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES, direct call

2. **Delay in reaching care**
   - Are there the conditions for women accessing the HFs and to be referred in case of need?
     - Transport voucher
     - HFs motorbikes
     - HFs radios / mobile phone

3. **Delay in receiving adequate health care**
   - Are women finding quality comprehensive maternal health services in the County?
     - YIROL COUNTY HOSPITAL REVITALIZATION-CEmONC
       - Staff payment, motivation, training, supervision
       - Equipment and drugs
       - Infrastructures

And then, are we aware of the impact we are having on maternal health?

- MDOH data collection and analysis
- Maternal Death Audit
- TBAs reporting

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**Figure 2:**
Institutional deliveries in Yirol West County from 2009 to 2017 in hospital and at health facilities.