
Subject: Re:
DHS-8-PGSSC-Maternal_Mortality-Template_and_POMR-REVISED_Template
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Thank you for leading this important initiative.

POMR has been included in the WHO 100 Core Health Indicators, yet very few countries produce high quality POMR data (Holmer H, Bekele A, Hagander L et al. Evaluating the collection, comparability and findings of six global surgery indicators. Br J Surg. 2019 Jan;106(2):e138-e150).

An estimated 4.2 million people die within 30 days of surgery each year (Nepogodiev D, Martin J, Biccard B, Makupe A, Bhangu A, on behalf of the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery. Deaths within 30 days of surgery in low-, middle-, and high-income countries. Lancet. 2019 Feb 2;393(10170):401), but there is little contextual data for who these people are or why they died.

Integrating POMR/ c-section mortality in to DHS will support high level health outcome surveillance via the WHO 100 Core Health Indicators, whilst also unlock a huge wealth of contextual data to better inform strategies aimed at improving patients' peri-operative care around the world.

I strongly support inclusion of both indicators in future DHS surveys.

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