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Every Premie — SCALE

Every Premie—SCALE (Scaling, Catalyzing, Advocating, Learning, and Evidence-Driven) aims to catalyze global uptake of interventions for preterm and low birth weight infants, overcome obstacles to the delivery of interventions and services, and increase coverage and utilization of perinatal care services.

Overview

Every Premie is a five-year, \$9 million United States Agency for International Development (USAID) cooperative agreement designed to expand delivery of evidence-based strategies, building on existing, integrated platforms in maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and family planning in 23 USAID priority countries in Africa and Asia.

Every Premie is a consortium of the Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth (GAPPS), Project Concern International (PCI), and the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). USAID, through its Global Health office and its country missions, is a key partner, as are organizations including Ministries of Health, academic institutions and NGOs at the country level.

GAPPS leads evidence and knowledge sharing, program learning, and implementation research activities, PCI leads community capacity building and mobilization activities, and ACNM leads healthcare provider capacity building and performance improvement activities.

Core Program

In each of the 23 USAID-targeted countries, available health data has been reviewed to assess the policies, services and outcomes related to maternal care, preterm (PT) and low birth weight (LBW) infants. Additional data has been collected through interviews with local leaders of national child health teams. The data has been synthesized to create a maternal-newborn dashboard unique to each country that captures key indicators so progress can be easily recognized.

As the World Health Organization issues new recommendations for care and treatment they will be interpreted into an easily accessible language and formatted and collated into an Evidence Tool Kit, to be disseminated at a local level through the Healthy Newborn Network.

Every Premie is also convening a PT/LBW *Global Technical Working Group on Implementation Challenges and Solutions* to provide a multi-discipline forum for emerging evidence, research and learning relevant across the range of PT and LBW interventions and maternal and newborn health implementation in low-income countries.

Country Demonstration Package

Implementing partners in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, and Malawi have been selected to demonstrate success in improving perinatal care and treatment of PT and LBW infants. These country demonstrations will promote country-to-country connections to successes in the field. Elements include:

- Stakeholder workshops focusing on advocacy, policy and key evidence, while identifying barriers and improving implementation
- Implementation research to evaluate availability and uptake of PT and LBW care in maternal and newborn health programs and identify improvement opportunities
- Small grants to professional organizations, academia, and local NGOs to catalyze commitment and engagement among strategic country leaders.

Targeted Technical Assistance Package

At the request of the USAID Global Health office or a USAID country mission, members of the consortium will provide technical assistance.

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