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MOMENTUM INTEGRATED HEALTH RESILIENCE
South Kordofan (SK)

Programme/Project Title:	MOMENTUM INTEGRATED HEALTH RESILIENCE (MIHR) – SOUTH KORDOFAN - 2023
Consultancy/Services Title:	Small and Sick Newborn Care Consultant
Consultancy Mode:	National <input type="checkbox"/> International <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type of Contract:	Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>
Mode of Selection:	Competitive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Source <input type="checkbox"/>
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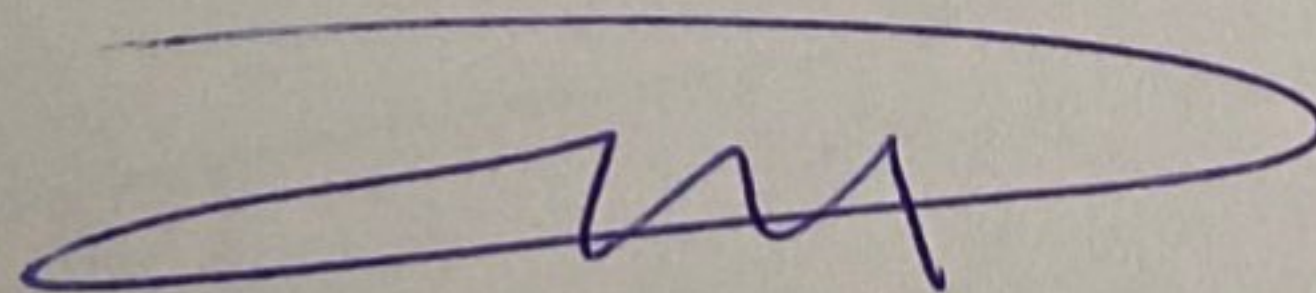
Background:

MIHR, in collaboration with the newly launched South Kordofan Midwives' Associations (SKMWA), aims to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with pregnancy and childbirth for both women and newborns. MIHR supports 15 health facilities, including 3 hospitals and 12 primary healthcare centers, in 3 localities in South Kordofan. Across Sudan, there is a low institutional delivery rate (20%). Most healthcare providers and midwives working in South Kordofan have limited knowledge, skills, and resources to manage small and sick newborns at the primary and hospital levels. Few health workers, particularly the community midwives who attend community deliveries and staff primary health centers, have been adequately trained to identify, stabilize, and refer or manage medical emergencies for small and sick newborns. This results in a high preventable newborn mortality rate driven by preterm birth complications and intrapartum related events.

A national Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) readiness assessment found substantial gaps in human resourcing and supplies for newborn care. MIHR has completed baseline assessments in Kadugli. While Kadugli Hospital was ready to provide care for obstetric complications and routine newborn care, services for small and sick newborns were lacking. Small and sick newborn care was limited due to staff capacity, facility infrastructure, and available supplies and equipment. Facilities in Dilling and Habila are currently being assessed for readiness to provide newborn care. Using baseline findings and stakeholder engagement, MIHR would like a consultant to support with establishing clear referral criteria and pathways for small and sick newborns across community, PHCC, and hospital levels in South Kordofan

Scope of Work:

The objective of this activity is to understand the feasibility and establish appropriate small and sick newborn care and referrals at various levels of care in South Kordofan. The consultant will lead the work on drafting SSNC referral criteria and pathways using input from stakeholders and global guidelines. The consultant will lead a workshop will be held in South Kordofan to orient stakeholders on the new SSNC guidelines, ensure buy-in, and plan for implementation.



Additionally, the consultant will work with MHR to determine a prioritized list of indicators to monitor the quality of SSNC through routine facility data and supportive supervision visits. Findings from these activities will feed into global learning on small and sick newborn care in fragile settings.

Expected Deliverables:

1. Develop SSNC Guidelines for South Kordofan including referral criteria and guidelines
2. Prepare and share Powerpoint slides for orientation on adapted SSNC referral guidelines for South Kordofan stakeholders
3. Develop action plan for implementing SSNC referral guidelines in South Kordofan
4. Draft prioritized list of indicators to monitor quality of SSNC, including data sources and methods of measurement

Required Knowledge, Expertise, and Skills:

- Medical doctor with specialty in Pediatrics
- 8-10 years of experience in neonatal care
- Experience working with government, NGO, UN, and local stakeholders to create guidelines related to newborn care
- Experience facilitating multi-level stakeholder workshops
- Proficiency in written and spoken Arabic and English

Desired Knowledge, Expertise, and Skills:

- Experience and familiarity with humanitarian and fragile context
- Knowledge of the South Kordofan health care system and context

Time Frame:

Activity	Description	Days	Month
Clear referral criteria and pathways for SSNC defined across levels (core funds) and operationalized through EmONC referral network activities (supported by field support funds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend monthly meetings with relevant stakeholders (UNFPA, IMC, Alima, etc.) to solicit input on referral criteria and pathways across all levels of care • Draft adapted SSNC referral criteria and pathways summary tool using input from stakeholders and global guidelines • Host implementation launch to orient everyone on the updated criteria and tools and ensure relevant buy-in for 	10	March

	implementation across South Kordofan		
Routine monitoring indicators for SSNC prioritized and integrated into facility data collection and supportive supervision for global learning on SSNC in fragile settings like South Kordofan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small number of indicators are prioritized for routine monitoring of quality of SSNC, and respective monitoring tool developed (or adapted existing tool) with local partners • SSNC indicators integrated into routine facility monitoring and supportive supervision visits • Preliminary findings compiled into a drafted case study on SSNC in fragile settings like South Kordofan 	10	April