What is the MSF?

• A step-by-step approach to developing new or strengthening existing midwifery services in all countries

• Integration into HRH strategies

• Key concepts of quality midwifery care

• Brings together existing tools and approaches in all of the steps
What is the MSF?

• Sits at the operational level of existing global and national dialogues and initiatives tools, approaches, strategies

• A practical approach to help ensure that all women and families have access to quality midwifery services
1. **Package of care**
   - Agree on package of SRMNH care women and families receive and define the care that midwives will provide

2. **How SRMNH services should be organised**
   - Agree how the service network should be organised to deliver midwife-led care with effective back-up that guarantees AAAQ

3a. **Develop the workforce**
   - Required no./distribution of MWs
   - Recruitment, deployment, retention
   - Education/regulation capacity, institutions, faculty, curricula
   - Regulation, regulatory bodies, roles and responsibilities

3b. **Create enabling environment**
   - Facilities, commodities, equipment, transport, communication
   - Mentorship and peer support, professional & career development
   - Respectful & safe work environment
   - Integrated care along continuum

4. **Test, evaluate, adapt, monitor**
   - Ongoing
   - M & E
   - Adaptation of services to local need & situation

**Ongoing**: Develop or strengthen the midwives association
The Process

Expression of Interest
• Starting point

Introduce the MSF
• Explain & discuss
• Plan assessment workshop

First Workshop
M&E built in from the start

Support from ICM
• Facilitation
• Working groups
• Specific expertise

National Stakeholders
• Co-facilitation
• Discussion/decision on changes
• Ownership

MSF can be re-run at intervals to check progress and fine-tune
Thank you

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