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LAUNCH OF KANGAROO MOTHER CARE GLOBAL POSITION PAPER AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

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930 am New York, 330 pm Geneva, 700 pm Delhi

Every preterm or low birth weight (LBW) infant, whether in low-, middle- or high-income settings, should receive continuous and prolonged kangaroo mother care (KMC) initiated as soon as possible after birth and carried out for at least 8 hours per day.

Achieving this will require changes to the physical layout of maternal and neonatal units to enable mothers to be together with their sick preterm or LBW infants who need to be cared for inside special/intensive care units. It will also require a change in the culture of health care provision with obstetricians, midwives, paediatricians, and neonatal nurses working together in harmony caring for mothers and newborns together in one place with families as key partners in the care of their newborns.

Join the World Health Organization for the release of the new Position Paper and Implementation Strategy to support the scale-up of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC). An engaging webinar will include questions to ministries of health about their experiences scaling-up KMC and to global stakeholders about their plans to support the scale-up of KMC as the foundation for small and/or sick newborn care in order to achieve universal coverage.



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Welcome and introduction.

Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, World Health Organization, Geneva

Part 1. Overview of the KMC Global Position Paper and Implementation Strategy

Rajiv Bahl, Secretary to Govt. of India, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; & Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, India

Gary Darmstadt, Stanford University School of Medicine, US

Betty Kirkwood, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK

Part 2. Implementation experiences of KMC from programmatic settings & plans for scale-up

Ministries of Health from several countries

Part 3. Supporting countries in implementing and scaling up KMC

Mickey Chopra- World Bank

Hema Magge- Gates Foundation

Tedbabe Degefe Hailegebriel- UNICEF

Janna Patterson-American Academy of Paediatrics

Silke Mader- European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI)

Karen Walker, Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN)

WHOs ongoing work and commitment, next steps.

Anshu Banerjee, Director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, World Health Organization, Geneva

Closing remarks.

Caroline Homer, Chair, WHO Strategic Technical Advisory Group for Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (STAGE MNCAH&N)