



CLINICAL TRAINING *for*
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
in EMERGENCIES

Emergency Obstetric Care



EmOC theory session at the RAISE Training Centre in Nairobi

RECOGNISING THE NEED

Quality comprehensive reproductive health (RH) care is a basic human right.

Although the right of displaced people to such care was recognised at the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, it has been shown that provision of emergency obstetric care (EmOC), clinical family planning methods, care for survivors of gender-based violence, and management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) is lacking in most emergency settings. These are the four priority areas of the RAISE Initiative.

EmOC refers to the care of women and newborns during pregnancy, delivery, and the time after delivery, and is a vital component in reducing maternal and neonatal death. Globally, 75% of maternal deaths are due to five treatable causes, namely haemorrhage (bleeding), obstructed labour, sepsis (infection), high blood pressure, and unsafe abortion.

One of the key barriers to the provision of emergency obstetric services is the current lack of skilled providers.

In response, the RAISE Initiative has developed a comprehensive EmOC training package, including training manuals, which is delivered to RAISE partners at the RAISE Training Centre at Eastleigh Nursing Home in Nairobi, Kenya. Training is competency based, uses behaviour modeling and humanistic learning techniques, and combines theoretical and practical work in all RAISE priority areas.

TRAINING MANUAL

Published in late 2008, "Clinical Training for Reproductive Health in Emergencies: Emergency Obstetric Care" is part of a clinical training package designed to prepare participants to manage obstetric emergencies and work effectively as members of an EmOC team. This manual is based on existing material and has been updated and adapted for use in emergency settings. This manual has been pretested at the RAISE Training Centre.

THE RAISE TRAINING CENTRE

Located in Nairobi, Kenya, the Marie Stopes Eastleigh Nursing Home has been a centre of quality health care for the local population since 1990. Renowned for its commitment to providing family planning and EmOC in particular, Eastleigh now serves another function: it is the site of the RAISE Training Centre.

Formally opened in April 2007, the RAISE Training Centre provides a much needed venue for training health care providers in RH care skills for use in emergency humanitarian situations.

The RAISE Training Centre offers health professionals operating in humanitarian crises the opportunity to develop and update their clinical skills in a top-quality environment, thus enabling them to provide critical RH services upon return to the refugee camps and health facilities in which they work.

RAISE also collaborates with the *l'Institut Africain de Santé de la Reproduction (IASAR) (African Institute of Reproductive Health)* in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, to provide the clinical training and follow-up in French.

Excellent . . . [It] was a great advantage to me to receive such wonderful training. Whether this is first-time training or a refresher course, all students of this material will truly benefit.

- RAISE Training Participant, May 2008

RAISE has added greatly to my knowledge and the manner of teaching is very strong. The approach is enjoyable and informative at the same time.

- RAISE Training Participant, May 2008

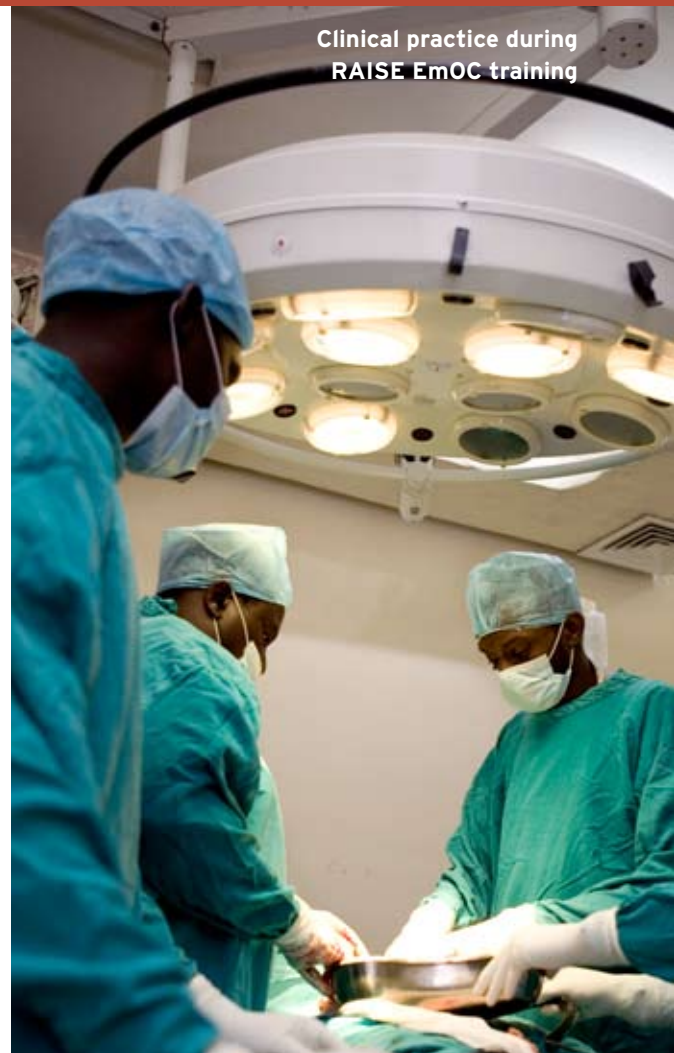
This training is critical in helping our communities overcome the difficulties in [emergency obstetric care] setup and service delivery.

- RAISE Training Participant, November 2007

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ABOUT THE RAISE INITIATIVE

The Reproductive Health Access, Information and Services in Emergencies (RAISE) Initiative is catalysing change in how RH is addressed by all sectors involved in emergency response, from field services to advocacy, from local aid providers to global relief movements.

Developed by the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and Marie Stopes International (MSI), the RAISE Initiative aims to address the full range of RH needs for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) by building partnerships with humanitarian and development agencies, governments, United Nations bodies, advocacy agencies, and academic institutions.