

**SOUTH SUDAN, REPUBLIC OF**  
**National Reproductive Health Strategic Plan, 2013 – 2016, Government of**  
**the Republic of South Sudan, Ministry of Health, February 2013**

**2. The Reproductive Health Policy**

**2.2. Policy Theme**

Present and future prosperity through safe motherhood and healthy childhood

**2.5. Expected Outcomes**

The expected RH Policy outcomes throughout South Sudan will include: ...

- Progressive decline in maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality; ...

**3. Statements on Core Reproductive Health areas**

**3.1. Safe Motherhood**

**Key Issues ...**

- High maternal morbidity and mortality, largely due to haemorrhage, retained placenta, obstructed labour, abortion (these are the direct causes) and anaemia, poor nutrition, malaria, and poor state of health facilities for referrals and emergency response (these are the indirect causes); ...

To respond to the identified safe motherhood issues in South Sudan, the Ministry of Health (in collaboration with its partners) shall:

**(a) Obstetric & Neonatal Care and Services ...**

- Increase access to skilled birth attendants through training and recruitment of midwives and training on life-saving skills including an authorisation of mid-level cadres namely, nurses, clinical officers, and midwives to function as Clinical Associates (CAs) to provide essential obstetric care and selected life-saving obstetric and neonatal care (task-shifting/sharing);
- At the community level, encourage and support community and home-based initiatives on life saving skills. Emphasis will be on building the capacity of community health workers/groups on health promotion (including referral for deliveries to the Primary health care centres (PHCC)); ...

**(c) Abortion and Post Abortion Care**

- Include Comprehensive Post Abortion Care (CPAC) in the list of services to be provided by EmONC as an integral part of its Integrated Reproductive Health Services.
- Train and deploy mid-level health providers, such as non-physician clinicians as skilled attendants for PAC, to complement the efforts of doctors. These skilled providers will be equipped with the requisite skills to use Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) to manage patients presenting with incomplete/inevitable

abortion and those with medical conditions which endanger the survival of the mother.