mHealth for Maternal Health Meeting: Bridging the Gaps

The Maternal Health Task Force (MHTF), in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the World Health Organization, is convening a technical meeting on **mHealth for maternal health: how it can be applied, who can use it, and to what effect it is needed.** The meeting brings together a diverse group that includes representatives from high-, middle- and low-income countries who are researchers, program implementers, and evaluators from both the maternal health and mHealth communities. Discussions will include the current state of mHealth for maternal health, prioritizing future evidence needs, and determining opportunities. Innovative technologies including mobile devices are increasingly being deployed to respond to health care delivery challenges in low-resource settings, and demand for their systematic integration into reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health (RMNCH) programs is growing.

**About the Presenter**

As Deputy Director and Technical Lead on the USAID ASSIST Project, Dr. Hill provides technical leadership for the adaptation of improvement approaches to strengthen quality of care and health systems in low- and middle-resource settings. She works closely with colleagues, Ministry of Health counterparts, and front-line providers in sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Latin America and Caribbean region to identify and overcome quality of care gaps at community, primary, and reference levels, using local data to measure and track quality. On Monday, April 7th, Dr. Kathleen Hill will present about mHealth within the context of Universal Health Coverage, and why a systems approach is necessary to strengthen and improve care. The powerpoint presentation case-study which she will present at the meeting is attached.

**Date:** Monday, April 7, 2014 - 09:00 to Tuesday, April 8, 2014 - 05:00  
**Location:** Boston, MA  
**Topic(s):** Innovative Technologies, mHealth, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health  
**Attachment:** Dr. Kathleen Hill presents about why a system's approach is vital to saving mothers' and babies' lives
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