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## VIDEO: Uganda Regional Learning Network

### Overview

The Regional Learning Network in Uganda was designed to provide coordinated newborn health services across two levels of care:

- standard newborn care (Health Centers III and IV and the District Hospital) and
- specialized care (Regional Referral Hospital).

The Regional Learning Network was conceived of as a network of health facilities including and within the catchment area of the Hoima Regional Referral Hospital (RRH) that are linked through an improvement collaborative to provide high quality MNH services based on national evidence-based standards and guidelines. The network was established in 2016 in Western Uganda, in response to a MOH request, as part of a collaboration between Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives (SNL) program and the Center for Human Services/University Research Co., LLC (CHS/URC).

### More about the Regional Learning Network

- The Regional Learning Network included one Regional Referral Hospital, 4 hospitals, 6 health centers (HCs) IVs, and 3 HCs III located in Hoima, Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Bullisa, Masindi and Kiryandongo districts.
- Each facility in the network had a quality improvement (QI) team that addressed gaps in the quality of maternal and newborn care through rapid testing of changes to care delivery. Teams were supported through regular coaching and mentorship visits by URC/CHS and district coaches. QI teams measured improvement against performance monitoring indicators defined by MOH and WHO guidelines and shared progress against these indicators at quarterly learning sessions.
- The learning component of the Regional Learning Network was aimed at building MNH clinical knowledge and skills through the establishment of a Skills/Learning lab at the Regional Referral Hospital. In May 2017, operation and management of the learning lab was handed over to the Hoima Regional Referral Hospital.

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