

WHO/FIGO All-country meeting

Technical Report

Introduction

The all-country meeting was the final activity in the Accelerator phase of the WHO/FIGO project on Family Planning. The meeting was organised by FIGO and the WHO to bring together participants from all 4 previous phases of the workshops aimed at training on FIGO/WHO updates on family planning guidelines and tools.

All-country meeting

The all-country meeting took place virtually on Thursday 8 September 2022 via Zoom. All countries involved in the FIGO/WHO collaboration to-date were invited to take part in this all-day meeting. Each representative was asked to present a brief (5-10 minute) overview and evaluation of the rollout of training in their country to-date. FIGO also presented an update on the monitoring & evaluation findings of the project to-date.

A total of 50 participants from 17 countries attended the meeting. Participants included OBGYNs, midwife, regional and national WHO office representatives, and Ministry of Health representatives. The meeting was organised and facilitated by two representatives from FIGO and several representatives from WHO HQ. The list of participants can be found in Appendix A. The meeting agenda can be found in Appendix B.

The meeting took place in English with simultaneous interpretation in French available.

Notes on virtual coordination

The live meeting took place virtually over Zoom. Materials, including the PowerPoint Presentations, were shared with participants via email after the meeting.

Morning

Opening and introductions

Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran delivered an opening remark and welcomed all participants. Dr Petrus Steyn delivered an introductory presentation about the Accelerator project on behalf of the WHO and Dr Anita Makins gave an introductory presentation on behalf of FIGO.

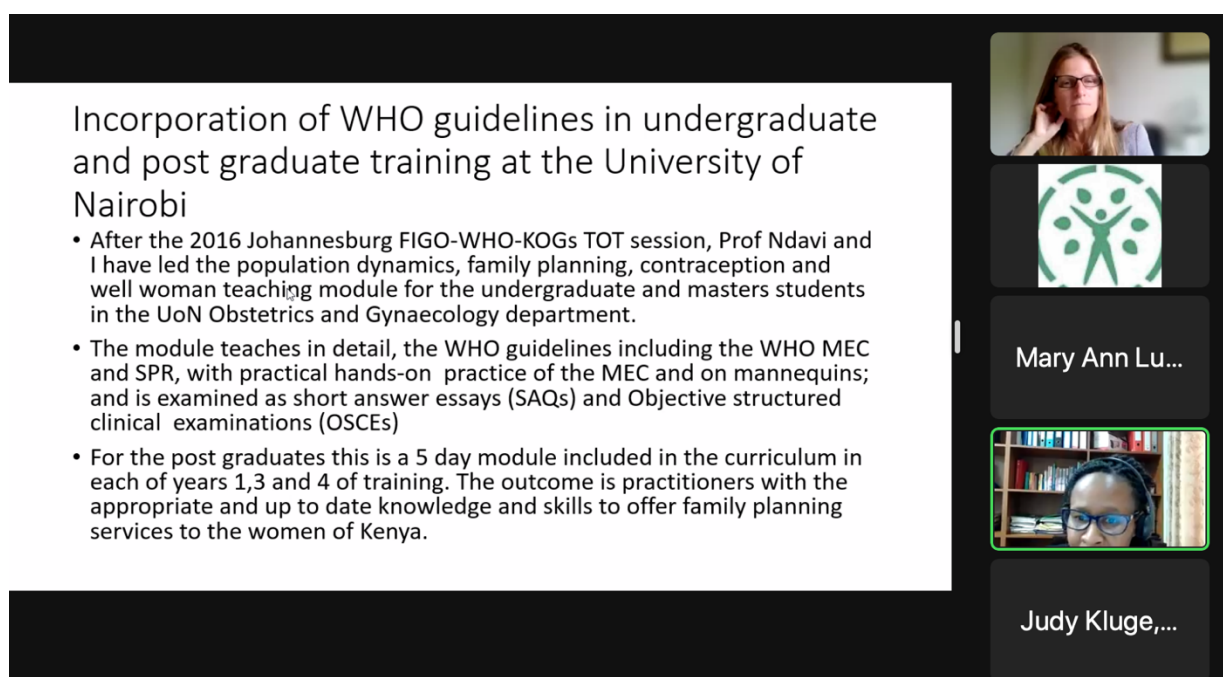
Participants from each country were then invited to introduce themselves and their teams.

Subsequently, presentations were given by each country team, taking place in 4 rounds. 10 minutes were allotted for each country's presentation followed by 10 minutes for questions and answers and discussion.

Country presentations

Kenya

Dr Margaret Kilonzo presented an update on training in Kenya, including the Kenya FIGO-WHO-KOGS MEC Workshop, which had involved 30 participants, and reported on participant feedback. Dr Kilonzo mentioned topics such as the incorporation of WHO guidelines in undergraduate and postgraduate training at the University of Nairobi, opportunities for future dissemination in the private sector, inclusion of minority groups such as oncology patients, and pharmacy inclusion in the WHO family planning trainings. Dr Elly Odongo also responded to questions about family planning training and provision in Kenya.



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide is displayed with the following content:

Incorporation of WHO guidelines in undergraduate and post graduate training at the University of Nairobi

- After the 2016 Johannesburg FIGO-WHO-KOGs TOT session, Prof Ndavi and I have led the population dynamics, family planning, contraception and well woman teaching module for the undergraduate and masters students in the UoN Obstetrics and Gynaecology department.
- The module teaches in detail, the WHO guidelines including the WHO MEC and SPR, with practical hands-on practice of the MEC and on mannequins; and is examined as short answer essays (SAQs) and Objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs)
- For the post graduates this is a 5 day module included in the curriculum in each of years 1,3 and 4 of training. The outcome is practitioners with the appropriate and up to date knowledge and skills to offer family planning services to the women of Kenya.

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Image 1 (above): A screenshot of Dr Margaret Kilonzo's presentation from Kenya.

Malawi

Dr Luis Gadama presented an update on family planning and training in Malawi, noting in particular regional partnerships, the availability of different methods, and challenges to the use of emergency contraception, which is low in the area, relating to information and issues with delivery and supply.

Nigeria

Dr Habib Sadauki, President of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON), presented an update on family planning and training activities in Nigeria, and discussed with other participants about acceptability and implementation of family planning task sharing at the national level. Dr Sadauki also reported on the widespread nature of postpartum family planning training in Nigeria, highlighting the low demand from clients as a challenge.

South Africa

Professor Zozo Nene presented an update on family planning and training activities in South Africa, which began with the WHO rollout in 2017, followed by a workshop in the 2018 Reproductive Medicine Conference, plus involvement in a 2018 national update on family planning Guidelines, and later national training curriculum updates. Over 500 healthcare professionals from both the public and private sector were reported to have received face-to-face training, which had been cascaded across all provinces. The training was also available online through a knowledge hub, which over 1000 healthcare providers had accessed to complete training. The key take-home message of Professor Nene's presentation was the successful and sustainable transfer of skills from FIGO-WHO country trainers to both public and private sector healthcare providers and their ability to influence policy.

Pakistan

Professor Sadiya Ahsan Pal presented an update on family planning and training activities in Pakistan, from the 3 day regional Training of Trainers in 2017 to country dissemination with 30 master trainers in Karachi in November 2017 with the Ministry of Health. This was reported to be followed by further trickle down Trainings of Trainers in teaching hospitals in multiple cities across the 4 provinces between August to September 2018. Professor Pal reported that, as a result of country-wide trainings in Pakistan, including additional meetings with individual medical institutions, in collaboration with nurses, midwives, students, and other healthcare workers, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP) has included PPIUD, implants, and MEC as a skills station as part of their training.

Niger

Dr Lawali Chékarou presented an update on maternal, neonatal and infant health statistics in Niger. These have improved over the period of 2012 to 2021. Fertility rates have dropped from 7.6 to 6.2 with a reduction in adolescent fertility rates. Modern contraception uptake has increased from 5% to

10% in 2021. More recently, the use of the oral contraceptive pill and lactation amenorrhoea has dropped slightly with a relative increase in the use of injections and the implant.

India

Dr Madhuri Patel, FOGSI Secretary General, presented an update on family planning and training activities in India. Modern contraceptive prevalence rates have increased to 56.5% and total fertility rates have dropped to 2.0 in the last fertility survey in 2021, meaning India achieved many of its FP2020 goals. Strategies used were discussed, including FOGSI/FIGO PPIUD initiative, the WHO/FOGSI respectful abortion care project, and the continued engagement of FOGSI's subcommittees with the Ministry of Health.



Image 2 (above): A screenshot of Dr Madhuri Patel's presentation from India.

Myanmar

Professor Aye Aung and Professor Hnin Hnin Lwin presented an update on family planning statistics in the country. The most recent TFR is 2.3 with a mCPR of 51% (2016). Training activities since the regional meeting have been extensive with the provision of more than 4500 MEC wheels in 2020 and a further 3500 in 2021 provided by the Myanmar Medical Association (MMA). Cascade training also took place to over 500 Assistant surgeons, medical officers as well as to 180 GPs and postgraduate trainees at the universities. CME talks and involvement in the Myanmar Medical Association adolescent SRH program also took place in 2022 and 2021 respectively.

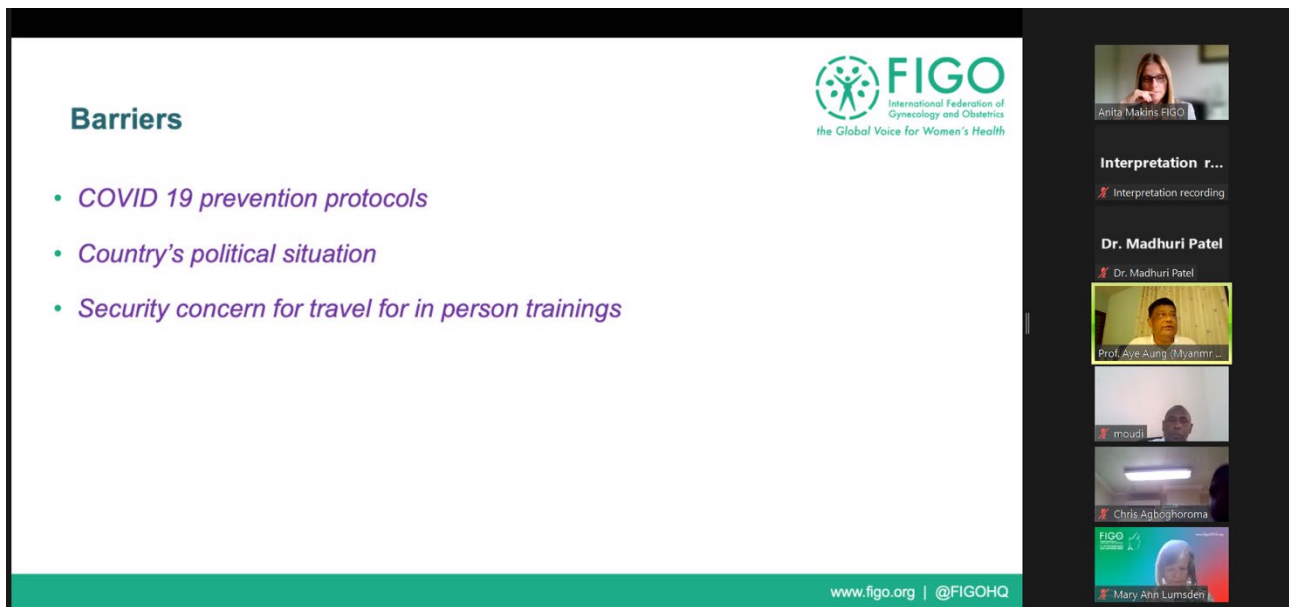


Image 3 (above): A screenshot of Professor Aye Aung's presentation from Myanmar.

Tanzania

Aysha Fakih from the Zanzibar Nurses and Midwives' Council, presented an update on family planning statistics in Zanzibar, Tanzania. TFR is 5.1 with a mCPR of 14% with some significant regional variation. Training in country has been considerable amongst both medical doctors and midwives with curricular changes implemented to ensure continued learning and up to date practice.

Guinea

Dr Ibrahimia Conté presented an update on family planning indicators for the country. TFR stood at 4.8 in 2018, a mCPR of 13% in 2020 with a drop in adolescent pregnancy rates from 34% to 26% in 2018. Two training workshops have occurred since the on line regional meeting and a further dissemination at the societies national meeting in July 2022.

Mali

Professor Youssouf Traore, President of the Malian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (SOMAGO) explained that Contraceptive prevalence rate in Mali was 6%, with adolescent birth rates at 30% and an unmet need of 21%. He presented an update on family planning and training activities in Mali, including collaboration with the Midwives' Association of Mali, local WHO offices, and other stakeholders.



Image 4 (above): A screenshot of Professor Youssouf Traore’s presentation from Mali.

Morocco

Finally, Dr Rachid Bezaad presented an update on family planning and training activities in Morocco. He explained that the unmet need for contraception stood at 11.3% and the contraceptive prevalence rate 71% in 2018. Following their participation at the regional meeting activities in country occurred in 4 phases:

1. TOT for 20 private OBGYNs from 12 regions of the country
2. 2 conferences organised by the society on contraception – 250 participants
3. Adaptation of MEC guidelines into ministry of health guidance
4. Expansion method choice to include subcutaneous depo injection (UNFPA collaboration).



Image 5 (above): A screenshot of Dr Rachid Bezaad's presentation from Morocco.

Monitoring and evaluation – FIGO

Dr Anita Makins, on behalf of Dr Neda Taghinejadi, presented the monitoring and evaluation of the project. This included quantitative assessment of all 4 rounds and qualitative assessments of the final two rounds. The regional meetings were found to have been very well attended, have increased the knowledge of participants and to have resulted in widespread dissemination in countries through cascade trainings – some to a greater extent than others. Qualitative in depth interviews revealed that barriers to contraception in country are widespread and multiple including: financial, cultural, systems provision, as well as availability and training of health care professionals. Cascade training allowed providers to improve their knowledge, and hence the quality of services as well as influencing in country policy. The WHO/FIGO collaboration promoting cascade trainings in country was highly cost effective and successful in the widespread dissemination of up to date knowledge and practice on a global scale. Participants were keen for further engagements and investments in this area both from the WHO and from FIGO.

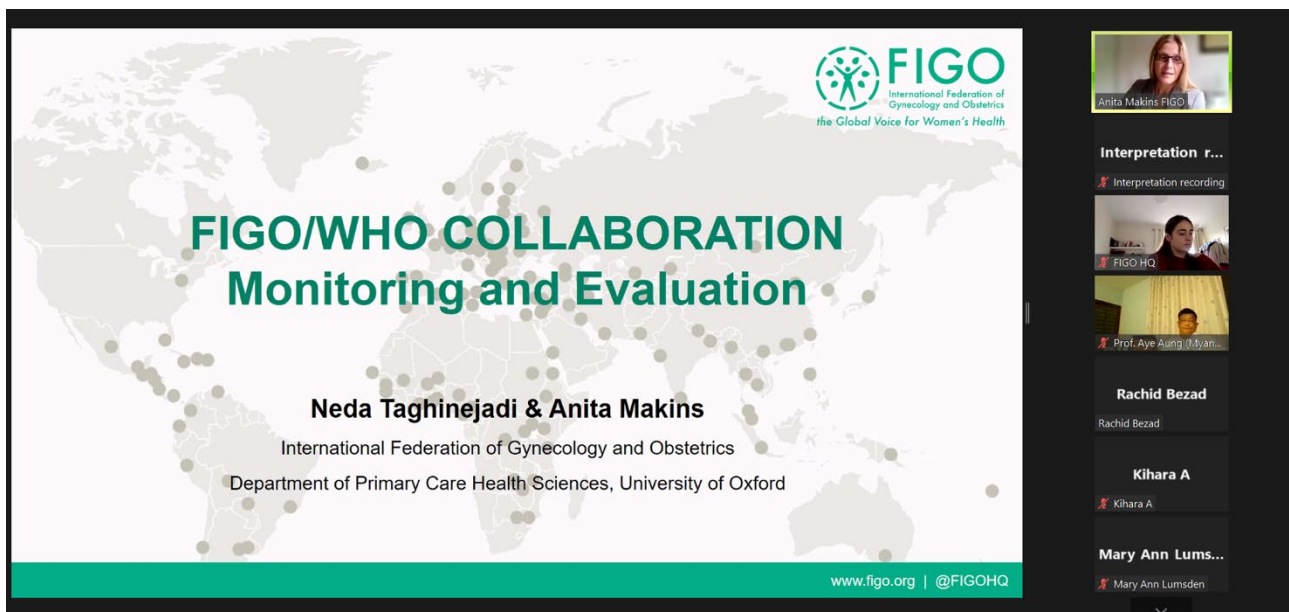


Image 6 (above): A screenshot of Dr Anita Makin's presentation on behalf of FIGO.

Discussion and closure

The meeting ended with discussion and concluding remarks from James Kiarie and Professor Mary Ann Lumsden, CEO of FIGO.

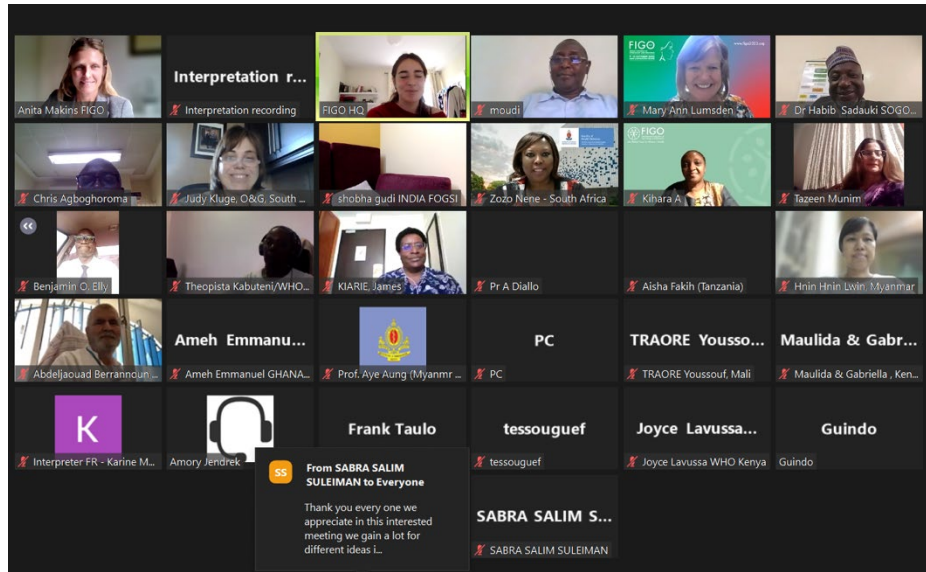


Image 6 (above): Group photo.

Appendix A

Name	Country	Organisation/function
Mamdouh Wahba	Egypt	Egyptian Family Health Society
Karima Emro	Egypt	WHO Egypt
Emmanuel Ameh	Ghana	
Diallo Abdourahamane	Guinea	
Ibrahima Conté	Guinea	
Sy Telly	Guinea	SOGGO President
Shantha Kumari	India	FOGSI President
Madhuri Patel	India	FOGSI Secretary
Shobha N Gudi	India	
Margret Kilonzo	Kenya	
Gabriella	Kenya	
Maulida	Kenya	
Anne B. Kihara	Kenya	FIGO President Elect
Elly Odongo	Kenya	
Frank Taulo	Malawi	
Luis Gadama	Malawi	
Aoua Guindo	Mali	Mali Association of Midwives President
Youssouf Traore	Mali	SOMAGO President
Houcine Maaouni	Morocco	SRMGO President
Rachid Beza	Morocco	

Abdeljaouad Berrannoun	Morocco	
Aye Aung	Myanmar	
Hnin Hnin Lwin	Myanmar	
Moudi Lawali Chekarou	Niger	
Habib Sadauki	Nigeria	SOGON President
Chris Agboghroma	Nigeria	Imm. Past Sec Gen SOGON
Aziz Un Nisa Abbasi	Pakistan	SOGP President
Sadiah Ahsan Pal	Pakistan	Ex Vice President & Chair Academic Board SOGP
Nusrat Shah	Pakistan	Ex Secretary General SOGP
Ellen Mpangananji Thom	Pakistan	WHO Pakistan
Qudisia Uzma	Pakistan	WHO Pakistan
Theopista Kabuteni	Rwanda	WHO Rwanda
Zozo Nene	South Africa	Chair: Subspecialist Committee of College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (SA)
Judy Kluge	South Africa	
James Kiarie	Switzerland	WHO HQ
Petrus Steyn	Switzerland	WHO HQ
Aysha Fakhri	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	Zanzibar Nurses and Midwifery Council.
Sabra Suleiman	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	Zanzibar Nurses and Midwifery Council.
Mounira Mahfoudhi	Tunisia	Pte de l'Association Tunisienne des sages femmes
Bechir Zouaoui	Tunisia	

Anita Makins	UK	FIGO OBGYN Lead for FIGO/WHO collaboration
Francesca Hearing	UK	FIGO secretariat
Mary Ann Lumsden	UK	FIGO CEO
Tsitsi Mildred Magure	Zimbabwe	President, Zimbabwe Society for OBGYN
Joyce Lavussa		WHO
Komal Allagh		WHO
Marsden Solomon		
Nancy Kidula		WHO
Patrick Ndava		
Tazeen Munim		
Jeffrey Muchiri		

Appendix B