ACHIEVEMENTS:
- Signing of MoUs with the MoPH and partners like CAMNAFAW, NOLFOWOP and OFSAD.
- Participating in the update and revision of policy documents on the invitation of the MoPH in Cameroon.
- SOGOC has developed protocols on the space allocated by the media on maternal and new born health issues as well as the cost of Users fees in RH for hospitals in Yaoundé – used as advocacy documents at the level of the MoPH.

CHALLENGES:
- Administrative bottlenecks (Took almost 15 months before Signing MoU with the MoPH)
- Engagement and commitment of stakeholders especially with regards to MDR activities.

OPPORTUNITIES:
- Existing MoU with the Ministry of Public Health in particular and partners in general.
- The functional steering committee that exists between the MoPH, SOGOC and partners.

WAY FORWARD:
- Continuous collaboration with the MOPH and partners (Steering committee and National committee)
“OBJECTIVE 2- PRACTICE”

ACHIEVEMENTS:
- Training in Maternal Death Reviews (MDRs) and the creation of multi-disciplinary MDR committees in 06 hospitals in the country (Total: 03 regions/88 trainees and 06 functional MDR committees)
- SOGOC is recognized as a leader amongst other professional associations especially in RH activities in the country.

CHALLENGES:
- Administrative bottlenecks (Obtaining authorization to evaluate RH activities / role of government to scale up MDR activities)
- Obtaining MDR reports from the functional MDR committees created.
- Lack of motivation of MDR committees (except that of the Yaoundé central hospital) in hospitals that have received MDR training.

OPPORTUNITIES:
- Government’s commitment in achieving the MDGs especially 4 and 5
- SOGOC is recognized as having a pool of trainers in RH activities by the government as well as partners.
- Interest of the government and International Organizations like UNFPA and WHO in scaling-up Maternal Death Review trainings in the country.
- Cameroon is a priority country amongst 17 countries in West and Central Africa for the Prevention of unsafe abortions.

WAY FORWARD:
- Scale up of MDR trainings and the creation of MDR committees with the support of the Ministry of Public Health and partners like UNFPA and WHO.
- Expanding pool of trainers in all regions of the country.
- Advocating that Hospital hierarchy support their MDR committees to keep them functional. (need for motivation of committee members).

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"OBJECTIVE 3- CAPACITY BUILDING"

ACHIEVEMENTS:
- SOGOC now has an equipped and staffed national head quarters in Yaoundé.
- SOGOC obtains bench fees from partners after each training session.
- SOGOC made remarkable progress in the areas of legal/political framework; linkages/networks; efficiency; relevance; strategy; values; and rewards/incentives as evaluated during the Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) workshop facilitated by Mrs Liette Perron.
- SOGOC Membership has increased over the last 05 years.
- SOGOC was able to revise her constitution, by-laws and develop her 1st ever strategic plan, bound in booklet form and distributed to members and partners.
- External audit done by an independent consulting firm.

CHALLENGES:
- Obtaining funds for the sustainability of the society.
- Increasing the participation of young ob/gyns especially those out of the centre region.

OPPORTUNITIES:
- Annual subventions by the MoPH.
- Relationship and support of FIGO.
- Relationship with SAGO.
- Close relationship with the Cameroon Medical Council and other professional associations like the Midwifery and the pediatric associations.

WAY FORWARD:
- Grant writing and trainings during SOGOC Scientific General Assembly Meetings.
- Motivation of SOGOC members to be pro-active (especially the young members).
- Developing basic financial policies and procedures (with the aid of MANGO training); reviewing and expanding the strategic plan’s operational plan section re: financial sustainability.

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