Welcome to the 5th issue of our Newsletter

In this issue we include updates and some recent publications and news. Our goal is to keep you informed on Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health Care in Ethiopia, in Africa and beyond.

May we wish all Ethiopian Orthodox Church followers a Happy Meskel (The finding of the true cross)

Five ways Canada is contributing to the fight against Ebola

Canada is deeply concerned with the unprecedented rate at which the Ebola virus is spreading and the dire effect that this outbreak is having on the people of West Africa.

Canada is providing additional support to combat this terrible disease and address the urgent humanitarian needs of those affected. The support is being provided to experienced humanitarian partners within the United Nations system, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement including the Canadian Red Cross as well as other Canadian and international non-governmental organizations on the ground. To Read more [http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/five-ways-canada-is-contributing-to-the-fight-against-ebola-1.2021392](http://www.ctvnews.ca/health/five-ways-canada-is-contributing-to-the-fight-against-ebola-1.2021392)
World Contraception Day

World Contraception Day (WCD) is celebrated each year on September 26th. It is a worldwide campaign whose vision is a world where every pregnancy is wanted. Its mission is to improve the awareness of contraception to enable young people to make informed decisions on their sexual and reproductive health. See more http://www.your-life.com/

The world celebrates a fall in child mortality rate

New data released by the United Nations show that under-five mortality rates have dropped by 49 per cent between 1990 and 2013. The average annual reduction has accelerated – in some countries it has even tripled – but overall progress is still short of meeting the global target of a two-thirds decrease in under-five mortality by 2015.

According to UN report issued from New York, new estimates in Levels and Trends in Child Mortality 2014 show that in 2013, 6.3 million children under five died from mostly preventable causes, around 200,000 fewer than in 2012, but still equal to nearly 17,000 child deaths each day. See more http://allafrica.com/stories/201409230792.html

Mefloquine fails to replace SP for malaria prevention during pregnancy

Two large randomized controlled trials conducted in Africa tested an alternative drug for malaria prevention in HIV-negative and HIV-positive pregnant women.

See more http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/09/140923142729.htm

We are now on Twitter!!
@ETMNCH

Another great source of information! We will be tweeting articles from the newsletter and other sources.

More articles....

If you want to read more articles, you can access them from our MNCH Dropbox. The articles cover a wide range of MNCH topics from a variety of sources.

For more information on how to access the approximately 200 articles in Dropbox, email us at: ETMNCH@ualberta.ca
Why older women can have babies with Down Syndrome

Researchers studying cell division in fruit flies have discovered a pathway that may improve understanding of molecular mistakes that cause older women to have babies with Down syndrome.

See more http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/09/140911135440.htm

Acetaminophen use during pregnancy – A cause of behavioral problems

Maternal acetaminophen use during pregnancy is associated with a higher risk for HKDs and ADHD-like behaviors in children. Because the exposure and outcome are frequent, these results are of public health relevance but further investigations are needed. See more


Delaying umbilical cord clamping better for baby

There are suggestions that the practice of early cord clamping may have far-reaching detrimental effects on the infant, such as autism, infant anemia, childhood mental disorders and hypoxic ischemic brain damage. To read more: http://midifewisignight.com/articles/cord-clamping-please-wait/
Cabbage leaves for breast engorgement

Lactation consultants frequently suggest compresses made from green cabbage leaves to reduce swelling in moderate to severe engorgement. References to cabbage compresses for swelling and engorgement date back to the early 1800's. Cabbage compresses were used to reduce the swelling in sprains and broken bones.

See more [http://midwifeinsight.com/articles/cabbage-leaves-for-breast-engorgement/](http://midwifeinsight.com/articles/cabbage-leaves-for-breast-engorgement/)

Factors affecting women’s intention to use long acting and permanent contraceptive methods in Wolaita Zone, Southern Ethiopia

Intention to use LAPMs was low and nearly half of women had a negative attitude to use such methods. Positive attitude, absence of myths and misconceptions on LAPMs and secondary and plus level of education predicts intention to use LAPMs. Educating communities to change the attitude, myths and misconceptions on LAPMs should be aggressively done. See more [http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6874/14/109](http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6874/14/109)

News resources

The UNICEF 2014 Progress Report:

Trends in Maternal Mortality: 1990 to 2013

The State of the World's Midwifery 2014

Investing in Midwifery Pays
Do you want to be a member of Ethiopian Midwives Association?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A woman, as long as she lives, will remember how she was made to feel at her birth.”

Anna Verwaal, labor support specialist

Canadians take the lead at United Nations General Assembly in saving lives

Canada is making a difference in improving the lives of women and children in the developing world. To read more: http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/1416510/canadians-take-the-lead-at-united-nations-general-assembly-in-saving-lives

Because

“Saving the lives of mothers and children is the foundation for building prosperous communities for this generation and the next.”

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Senior Midwife Tutor Story Corner—Tell us what’s in yours!

Do you have an idea or a success story to share? Maybe you’ve heard of an event that we should all support. Did you just find a solution you’d like to suggest to others? Please send us your news, events and postings for future editions. There are so many interesting experiences to share and opportunities to learn in our newsletter.

Please submit your stories directly to Meseret Desta Haileyesus.

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