

DESCRIPTION

This Guide is designed to assist country stakeholders with designing a package of OB ultrasound services that targets the needs of their maternal and newborn population. This guide can be used in countries where obstetric ultrasound use is prevalent and in countries where OB ultrasound is not widely available. The tool is designed with the WHO health system building blocks as a framework for creating a comprehensive OB ultrasound strategy and implementation plan that takes into account the required inputs across the health system. This guide is a starting point for developing a national strategy and should initially be used in discussions with key stakeholders including representatives from the Ministry of Health.

Guide to develop a comprehensive approach for introducing or scaling up obstetric ultrasound services in low resources settings

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Recommended use: To use this guide, schedule a stakeholder meeting that is at least 3 full days. Key stakeholder groups that should be represented at the meeting include: the Ministry of Health (MOH; Director of Maternal and Newborn Health [MNH]/Reproductive Health), professional associations for midwives, nurses, obstetrician/gynecologists (OB/GYNs), pediatricians, and radiologists, biomedical engineers, groups that represent the community/clients, and training institutions for nursing, midwifery, medicine and radiology. This meeting can be hosted and led by a body such as the Technical Working Group (TWG) on MNH.

Day 1: Complete all the analysis tables and make a decision about moving forward with introducing/scaling-up obstetric ultrasound (OB U/S) services.

Days 2–3: Complete the action plan and determine immediate next steps, draft a long-term workplan.

Instructions for using Analysis Tables

The following is intended to assist decision-makers in analyzing a country's current situation. This will assist in making a decision about whether to introduce/scale up OB U/S services and ultimately in developing an implementation plan for introducing OB U/S.

Column 1 outlines factors that will need to be considered – Review the factors that are listed. As you review them, delete any that are not relevant to your country situation and add any factors you think need to be considered when introducing U/S into your country.

Column 2 provides checklists to guide a situational analysis as well as make decisions on how to introduce U/S – Review the items listed and check any boxes that apply to your country context. If necessary, add additional items to assist in developing an implementation plan.

Column 3 provides a space to outline action items/activities to introduction into the health system — Review the situational analysis/decisions made and then write action items/activities that will ensure a sustainable and efficient introduction.

1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
Evidence required before national deployment	 □ Adequate global evidence is available to begin national introduction □ Adequate local evidence is available to begin national introduction □ Require in-country feasibility study prior to national introduction □ Require in-country randomized control trial prior to national introduction 			
Desired outcomes of introduction (The desired outcome of introduction should target a priority MNH challenge and fit within the national roadmap/strategy for improving MNH health)	 □ Reduction in maternal mortality and/or morbidity □ Reduction in newborn mortality and/or morbidity □ Improved dating of pregnancies □ More precise gestational age estimates to help manage preterm labor/preterm birth so that survival of preterm infants is optimized □ improved detection of fetal anomalies □ Improved detection of multiple pregnancies □ Reduced induction of labor for post-term pregnancy □ Improved woman's pregnancy experience □ Increased uptake of services (antenatal care and facility-based birth) □ Increased male involvement in maternal care services □ Improved decision-making in cases of pregnancy-related complications/emergencies □ Other (specify): 	Is there evidence to support OB U/S as a tool to achieve your desired outcome? If yes, what is the full package of interventions that are needed?		
New policy and its implementation are carefully costed and the comprehensive maternal health budget is adequate to make funds available for OB U/S services	 Yes, and costed plan fits within budget Yes, and costed plan does not fit within budget (consider revising implementation plan and targets of U/S use to address budgetary constraints) No 			
Cadres to be authorized/authorized to conduct U/S examinations – Check all that apply	 □ OB/GYNs □ Non-specialist physicians □ Midwives □ Nurses □ Technicians □ Radiologists □ Other (specify): 			

1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
Cadres to be authorized/authorized to interpret U/S examinations – Check all that apply	 □ OB/GYNs □ Non-specialist physicians □ Midwives □ Nurses □ Technicians □ radiologists □ Other (specify): 			
A regulatory framework exists that defines OB U/S scope of practice for each cadre	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
Licensure, certification, and recertification requirements exist for cadres authorized to prescribe, perform, and interpret OB U/S examinations and cadres authorized to maintain and repair OB U/S machines	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
Criteria for choice of settings in which to introduce OB U/S exist, including geographic coverage to promote equity in OB U/S use and standards for the basic level of essential services that must be present at a facility before budgeting for OB U/S services	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
Staffing levels required to meet needs of conducting U/S exams exist	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Staffing levels required to ensure adequate maintenance and repair have been identified exist	☐ Yes ☐ No			
National recommendations and guidelines for use of OB U/S for routine screening	 □ Do not recommend □ Do not exist □ Exist but are restrictive □ Exist 			

1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Point	s	Column 3- Action Items/Activities	
National recommendations and guidelines for use of OB U/S to diagnosis antenatal complications/abnormalities	 □ Do not recommend □ Do not exist □ Exist but are restrictive □ Exist 			
A strategy for introducing/scaling-up of U/S exists	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for int ☐ No 	roduction		
	Staffing levels required to meet needs of conducting U/S exams and ensuring adequate maintenance and repair	□ Yes □ No		
	Clinical pathway: where is U/S obtained? Is it a stand-alone service or integrated into routine care?	□ Yes □ No		
The strategy for introducing U/S includes:	Referral system for complication management	□ Yes □ No		
	Designated cadre(s) to provide U/S and interpret U/S	□ Yes □ No		
A policy exists for disclosure of fetal gender	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
A process/system exists for measuring outcomes/impact of introduction of OB U/S	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
A process/system exists for quality assurance (QA) of sonographers and U/S technique	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 			
A process/system exists for quality control (QC) of U/S machines	☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for int☐ No	roduction		

2. HEALTH WORKFORCE			
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational A	Column 3- Action Items/Activities	
	An assessment of workforce needs (how many providers are needed, where and in what period of time?)	☐ Yes, and is up-to-date☐ Yes, but requires updating☐ No	
A workforce planning strategy is developed and includes:	An analysis of current workforce availability	☐ Yes, and is up-to-date☐ Yes, but requires updating☐ No	
	A plan for developing a workforce to implement OB U/S service	☐ Yes, and is up-to-date☐ Yes, but requires updating☐ No	
A set of essential OB U/S competencies have been determined based upon the desired outcome of introducing OB U/S (this includes a clear scope of practice for the provision of U/S)	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 		
A system exists to ensure ongoing licensure and certification for each cadre that conducts and interprets OB U/S results	 ☐ Yes, and reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ Yes, but require updating to reflect current decisions for introduction ☐ No 		
A package of learning and performance tools have been developed to for providers to obtain OB U/S competencies	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No		
	OB/GYNs	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	
Training on OB U/S is integrated into pre-service education programs for:	Non-specialist physicians	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	
	Midwives	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	

2. HEALTH WORKFORCE				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational A	nalysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities	
	Nurses	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	Radiologist	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	Other (specify):	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	OB/GYNs	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	Non-specialists physicians	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
In-service training on OB U/S is available for:	Midwives	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
in-service training on OB 0/3 is available for.	Nurses	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	Radiologist	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
	Other (Specify):	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		

2. HEALTH WORKFORCE				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
A package of learning and performance tools have been developed for providers to maintain and repair U/S machines	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Pre-service training is available for providers who will maintain and repair U/S machines	☐ Yes ☐ No			
In-service training is available for providers who will maintain and repair U/S machines	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Staffing levels are adequate to allow for U/S services (allowing 15–45 min/scan) without decreasing the delivery of other services	☐ Yes, at all points of care☐ Yes, in some points of care☐ No			

3. SERVICE DELIVERY					
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points		Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
	☐ Facilities where there is a referral pathway to a higher level of care where identified complications can be addressed	□ Yes □ No			
Settings for introduction of OB U/S are selected based	☐ Facilities where the identified problem can be managed (presence of OB/GYN, operating theater)	□ Yes □ No			
upon the criteria established by the MOH:	☐ Facilities where midwives provide maternal care services	□ Yes □ No			
	☐ Other (specify):	□ Yes □ No			
Systems are in place to manage U/S in selected sites	☐ Yes, at all points of care☐ Yes, in some points of care☐ No				
Referral pathway includes sharing of U/S images to support consultation and continuity of care	☐ Yes, and a national tool has been developed/shared☐ Yes, in some facilities☐ No				
Standardized charts and formulas for interpreting U/S results are available either preset within the machine or as a separate document for reference.	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No				
Standards exist for content and performance of OB U/S examinations by trimester, including recommended exposure time and acoustic output levels	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No				
Standards exist for disclosure of fetal gender. Risks associated with gender disclosure have been reviewed and standards have been developed to prevent adverse outcomes.	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No				
Standards exist for minimum required content for OB U/S report of results	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No				

3. SERVICE DELIVERY				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
Standards exist for reporting requirements – oral and written reports – for normal and abnormal/unexpected findings (this standard includes disclosure of results and written reports to clients and protection of privacy)	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Standards exist for following up with clients when the interpretation of the U/S scan is not done by the person conducting the U/S	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Clinical protocols exist for prescribing, conducting, interpreting and responding to abnormal/unexpected results	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Standards exist for measuring a woman's experience of care when having an OB U/S (this includes her understanding of why U/S is being performed, satisfaction with the process, information provided/questions answered, any follow-up needed, and the U/S's influence on care-seeking during pregnancy and birth)	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No			
Standards exist for assessing gestational age with U/S while taking into consideration other gestational age measurements such as last menstrual period (LMP), fundal height and quickening	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Clinical protocols exist for counseling clients on normal and abnormal findings	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Standards exist for financing U/S services at the facility level to minimize out-of-pocket costs to clients and promote equity	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			
Standards exist for the basic level of essential services that must be present at a facility before budgeting for OB U/S services	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No			

3. SERVICE DELIVERY				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational A	Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities	
The system for QA of sonographers' U/S technique and U/S machine maintenance and repair is systematically implemented	Periodic review of technique, interpretation and reports	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No		
	Mentorship	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No		
	Standards-based management and recognition	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date ☐ Yes, but require updating ☐ No		
A system is in place to monitor utilization and availability of OB U/S	☐ Yes ☐ No			
A system is in place to monitor staffing for OB U/S	□ Yes □ No			
A system is in place to monitor response and timeliness of repairs for U/S repairs	☐ Yes ☐ No			

4. HEALTH FINANCING				
Column 1 – Factor	Columr	n 2 – Situational	Analysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities
Budgets for OB U/S services have been developed and	At national level		nding is sufficient nding is insufficient	
	At regional level	☐ Yes, in all r☐ Yes, in som☐ No	_	
are backed by funds	At district level	☐ Yes, in all c☐ Yes, in som☐ No		
	☐ Yes, in all facilities with OB U/S services ☐ Yes, in some facilities with OB U/S services ☐ No			
Lifesaving commodities are prioritized in the design of a budget to support OB U/S use	 ☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient for OB U/S ☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient for OB U/S (consider revising target of U/S use to reduce cost) ☐ No, budget needs to be redeveloped 			
Financial resources have been invested for infrastructure updates to accommodate OB U/S machines	· ·	☐ Yes, at all points of care ☐ Yes, in some points of care ☐ No		
	Purchase/replaceme machines	nt of OB U/S	☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No	
Financial resources are invested for	Training and mentori sonographers and te maintain/repair OB n	chnicians to	☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No	
	QA of sonographers		☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No	

4. HEALTH FINANCING				
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational	Column 3- Action Items/Activities		
	QC of equipment	☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No		
	Routine maintenance, replacement of supplies and repair	☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No		
	Subsidization to reduce burden of cost on clients	☐ Yes, and funding is sufficient☐ Yes, but funding is insufficient☐ No		

5. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES			
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situational An	alysis/Decision Points	Column 3- Action Items/Activities
Target product profile exists for OB U/S equipment (including >1 transducer)	☐ Yes, but is either too sophisticated or	 ☐ Yes, and responds to OB U/S programs goals and objectives ☐ Yes, but is either too sophisticated or not sophisticated enough to meet OB U/S programs goals and objectives ☐ No 	
A mechanism is in place for understanding inventory projections and tracking utilization	☐ Yes, at all points of care with OB U/S☐ Yes, in some points of care with OB U☐ No		
An established supply chain is in place for U/S equipment and supplies	☐ Yes, at all points of care with OB U/S☐ Yes, in some points of care with OB U☐ No		
Personnel are available to maintain and repair U/S machines	· ·	 ☐ Yes, at all points of care with OB U/S services ☐ Yes, in some points of care with OB U/S services ☐ No 	
A reliable power supply with surge protection is available when needed for equipment use and/or charging	-	☐ Yes, at all points of care with OB U/S services☐ Yes, in some points of care with OB U/S services☐ No	
Secure storage is available that protects equipment from environmental damage and pests is available	☐ Yes, at all points of care with OB U/S services☐ Yes, in some points of care with OB U/S services☐ No		
	Routine maintenance schedules	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	
A system exists for QC of equipment	Process for repair	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	
	Guidelines for storage and general care	☐ Yes, and are up-to-date☐ Yes, but require updating☐ No	

	6. HEALTH INFORMATION A	ND RESEARCH							
Column 1 – Factor	Column 1 – Factor Column 2 – Situational Analysis/Decision Points								
Review of geographic coverage of essential MNH services has been conducted to identify coverage disparities and promote equity in OB U/S use	☐ Yes ☐ No								
Baseline assessment of OB U/S use in the country has been conducted, identifying cadres providing OB U/S, services provided and coverage of across facilities by level, geography and private/public designation	☐ Yes ☐ No								
Indicators exist to capture desired outcomes/impact of introduction of OB U/S									
	Indicators for measuring access to OB U/S	☐ Yes, and linked to health management information system (HMIS)☐ Yes, but not linked to HMIS☐ No							
	Indicators for measuring MNH outcomes related to U/S use	☐ Yes, and linked to HMIS ☐ Yes, but not linked to HMIS ☐ No							
Indicators are being used to evaluate use of OB U/S and for decision-making	Indicators for measuring cost to health care system	☐ Yes, and linked to HMIS ☐ Yes, but not linked to HMIS ☐ No							
	Indicators for assessing impact on service delivery	☐ Yes, and linked to HMIS ☐ Yes, but not linked to HMIS ☐ No							
	Indicators for assessing quality of U/S services	☐ Yes, and linked to HMIS ☐ Yes, but not linked to HMIS ☐ No							
A process has been identified for measuring outcomes/ impact of introduction of OB U/S	Baseline	□ Yes □ No							

	6. HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH												
Column 1 – Factor	Column 2 – Situationa	Column 3- Action Items/Activities											
	Data on OB U/S services are routinely collected in the HMIS	☐ Yes ☐ No											
	Routine reports on data are available at facility, district, regional, and national levels	☐ Yes ☐ No											
	Special studies	□ Yes □ No											

Go/No Go Analysis Matrix

Use this table to list advantage and disadvantages of introducing/scaling-up or not introducing/scaling-up OB U/S services and make a decision on whether to move forward or not with introducing/scaling-up OB U/S services.

	GO	NO GO
ADVANTAGES		
ADVANTAGES		
DISADVANTAGES		

Template for Action Plan:

If a decision has been made to introduce/scale-up OB U/S services, use these tables to plan the activities that are developed based upon the analysis tables.

		1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE												
	Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Steps/Tasks	Anticipated challenges	Owner	Partners	Timeline (Start/ Completion)	Resources/ Costs	Success criteria	Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress				
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2. HEALTH WORKFORCE												
Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Steps/Tasks	Anticipated challenges	()Wher Partners			Resources/ Costs	Success criteria	Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress			

	3. SERVICE DELIVERY												
Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Steps/Tasks	Anticipated challenges	Owner	Partners	Timeline (Start/ Completion)	Resources/ Costs	Success criteria	Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress				

	4. HEALTH FINANCING												
Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Steps/Tasks	Anticipated challenges	Owner	Partners	Timeline (Start/ Completion)	Resources/ Costs	Success criteria	Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress				

5. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES												
Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Steps/Tasks	Anticipated challenges Owner Partners Timeline (Start, Completion)				Resources/ Costs	Success criteria	Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress			

6. HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH												
Target	Anticipated impact	Action/Stens/Tasks Owner Partners							Monitoring metrics/ Communication of progress			

Sample Workplan for Introduction of Obstetric Ultrasound

		1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVER	NAN	CE							
	ACTIVITY	TASK	F	Y1 TI	MELIN	IE	F	Y2 TI	MELIN	IE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	1		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	0011010,0220
		 a) Provide evidence to key stakeholders and decision-makers to assist in shaping policy and to advocate for the introduction of OB U/S into maternal care services 	х								National MOH buy-in secured for OB U/S introduction
	<u>Secure</u>	b) Conduct situational analysis									Buy-in for OB U/S
	national MOH buy-in for	c) Conduct a go/no-go analysis									introduction secured from global agencies,
1.1	introduction of OB U/S and	d) Make a decision to introduce OB U/S	Х								donors, educational institutions, professional
	TWG for OB	e) Develop champions for OB U/S: Key government officials, members of professional associations, pre-service and in-service educational programs and influential clinicians can all be powerful champions	х								associations, local NGOs and maternal health stakeholders
		f) Get buy-in and generate support from government counterparts, global agencies, donors, educational institutions, professional associations, local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and maternal health stakeholders	х								Champions identifiedPlans made to address information gaps
		 a) Consult with national MOH and key reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) stakeholders to get buy-in on establishment of a national TWG to support and lead introduction of OB U/S 	х								National MOH buy-in secured for secured establishment of a TWG
		b) Consult with national MOH and key RMNCH stakeholders to draft OB U/S TWG terms of reference									to lead introduction National MOH and RMNCH stakeholder buy-
1.2	Establish national TWG to support and lead	c) Consult with national MOH, including Secretary General's office, to gather names of potential members (individuals and organizations) for the TWG	х								in on members of the TWG TWG terms of reference
	introduction of OB U/S	d) Recruit TWG members, in close collaboration with MOH and other key RMNCH stakeholders	х								 drafted and validated Role and responsibilities
		e) Determine and prioritize capacity building activities for TWG and counterpart MOH staff, with input from MOH and other key RMNCH stakeholders	х								of OB U/S TWG TWG members selected, oriented, updated, and providing support to
		g) Provide ongoing technical support to TWG members (share latest global evidence, best practices, and experiences)	Х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х	х	national MOH for introduction of OB U/S
1.2	Establish desired	a) Collect comprehensive data pertinent to OB U/S-identifiable complications	Х								Desired outcomes
1.3	outcomes of introduction of OB U/S	b) Establish desired outcomes of introduction	Х								identified

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А	ACTIVITY	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
		a) Establish intended use/Indications	Х	Х							
		b) Select cadres to be authorized to prescribe, perform, and interpret OB U/S examinations	Х	Х							
	<u>Establish</u>	c) Select cadres authorized to maintain and repair OB U/S machines	Х	Х							 Pathways to achieve
.4	pathways to achieve desired outcomes	d) Select criteria for settings to introduce OB U/S, including standards for the basic level of essential services that must be present at a facility before budgeting for OB U/S services	х	Х							outcomes established • Workplan developed fo introduction
	odcomes	e) Identify minimum infrastructure requirements for storage and use of OB U/S equipment	х	х							
		f) Develop alternatives to attain expected outcomes	Х	Х							
		a) Review geographic coverage of essential maternal newborn health services to identify coverage disparities and promote equity in OB U/S use	Х	х							
		b) Conduct a baseline assessment of OB U/S use in the country, identifying cadres providing OB U/S, services provided and coverage of across facilities by level, geography and private/public designation	Х	Х							
		c) Review geographic coverage of essential maternal newborn health services to identify coverage disparities and promote equity in OB U/S use	Х	х							
		d) Select settings to introduce OB U/S	Χ	Χ							
	Develop a national	e) Conduct an assessment of workforce needs (how many providers are needed, where and in what period of time?) and current workforce availability	Х	х							
5	strategy for introduction	f) Establish how to integrate OB U/S (screening and/or diagnostic) into maternal care services	Х	х							 National strategy developed
	of OB U/S	g) Review the comprehensive maternal health budget for adequacy of expenditures for other lifesaving commodities and services to determine budget available for OB U/S services	х	Х							
		h) Develop a plan that prescribes strategies and alternatives to attain expected outcomes	Х	х							
		i) Cost the new policy and its implementation, including possible subsidization of/sliding scale for payment of U/S examinations	Х	х							
		j) Monitor implementation of the strategy			Х	х	х	Х	х	Х	

			F	Y1 TII	MELIN	E	F	Y2 TI	MELIN	1E	
	ACTIVITY	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
		a) Develop a regulatory framework for OB U/S scope of practice	Х	х							
	<u>Develop</u>	b) Develop/strengthen/revise competencies based upon the desired outcome of introducing OB U/S	Х	Х							
L.6	national professional guidelines for	c) Establish a process by which health professionals keep updated to meet the needs of patients, the health service, and their own professional development	Х	Х							 Professional guidelines for OB U/S examination developed
	OB U/S	d) Develop a code of professional practice for obstetric sonographers	Х	Х							
		e) Update/develop licensure and certification/recertification requirements for conducting and reading U/S results	Х	х							
		a) Develop guidelines with professional bodes and organizations that accurately describe the range of U/S examinations undertaken	Х	х							
		 b) Develop guidelines for safeguarding patient confidentiality (acquisition, archiving and use of U/S data; use of mobile telephones and other electronic devices) 	Х	X							
		c) Develop guidelines for the scanning of persons for non-clinical purposes	Х	х							
L.7		d) Define policy for disclosure of fetal gender	Χ	Х							National guidelines for National guidelines for
		e) Develop guidelines on need for and obtaining informed consent	Х	Х							OB U/S developed
		f) Develop national guidelines for reporting results of OB U/S	Х	х							
		g) Develop national practice guidelines for OB U/S (procedure, indications, timing, prevention and management of work-related musculoskeletal disorders)	Х	Х							
		h) Develop national examination-specific guidelines_for OB U/S (minimum content of the examination)	х	х							
	Establish processes to	a) Establish indicators to measure outcomes/impact of introduction			_					Indicators identifie Process for measu	
8	measure outcomes/	b) Establish a process to measure outcomes/impact of introduction	Х	Х							outcomes/impact identified
	impacts of introduction	c) Develop tools for monitoring and evaluation	Х	Х							Monitoring tools developed

		1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVE	RNAN	CE							
	ACTIVITY	TASK	I	PY1 TI	MELIN	ΙE	F	Y2 TI	MELIN	JE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
		a) Develop a framework through which organizations are accountable for continuously improving the quality of OB U/S services and safeguarding high standards of care	Х	X							QA tools
	<u>Develop</u> <u>systems to</u>	b) Develop/adapt QA tools	Х	Х							 QA tools Strategy for ongoing QA Supportive supervision tools Supervision reports
1.9	<u>assure</u> <u>quality</u> of OB	c) Develop supportive supervision tools	Х	Х							
	U/S services	d) Monitor quality of care across sites/facilities			Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
		e) Identify and address providers' barriers to OB U/S use			Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
		a) Develop a strategy for controlling quality of OB U/S machines, including frequency of preventive maintenance	Х	х							
		b) Develop routine maintenance schedules	Х	х							
	<u>Develop</u> systems to	c) Develop process for repair	Х	Х							• QC tools
1.10	control	d) Develop guidelines for storage and general care	Х	х							Strategy for ongoing QCPreventive maintenance
	quality of U/S	e) Develop/adapt QC tools	Х	Χ							reports
		f) Monitor quality of care across sites/facilities			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X X
		g) Identify and address providers' barriers to OB U/S use			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	

		2. HEALTH WORKFOR	CE										
	ACTIVITY	TASK	ı	Y1 TI	MELIN	IE	F	PY2 TI	MELIN	IE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES		
	ACTIVITY	IASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES		
		g) Develop a plan for developing a workforce to implement OB U/S services	Х	Х							Plan developed to assure deployment and training		
		h) Identify potential coaches and mentors to provide ongoing support		Х	Х						of workforce to implement OB U/S		
2.1	Implement strategy to plan for workforce	i) Identify potential candidates for training		Х	Х						services • Staffing levels are		
	deployment	j) Monitor adequacy of staffing for performing/interpreting OB U/S				х	Х	Х	х	х	adequate to allow for U/S services (allowing 15–45 min/scan) without		
		k) Monitor adequacy of staffing for maintaining/repairing OB/US				Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	decreasing the delivery of other services		
		a) Define a set of essential OB U/S competencies for cadres that will prescribe, perform and interpret OB U/S exams	х	х									
		b) Define a set of essential competencies for cadres that will maintain and repair OB U/S machines	Х	х							Updated clinical protocols		
	Update/adapt	c) Develop/strengthen/revise national in-service courses and pre-service training curricula	х	х	х						Updated in-service training curricula		
2.2	training curricula for sonographers	d) Develop/strengthen/revise national in-service courses (Reference Manual, Facilitator's Guide, Participant's Guide)	X	х	Х						OB U/S integrated into pre-service education programs		
		e) Develop/strengthen/revise national pre-service training curricula and integrate into existing curricula	X	Х	Х						Job aids developed to facilitate OB U/S use		
		f) Develop and disseminate simple and adapted job aids	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х			
	<u>Update/adapt</u>	a) Develop/strengthen/revise competencies for technicians providing preventive maintenance of OB U/S	X	Х	Х						Updated standards for preventive maintenance Updated training		
2.3	training curricula for personnel responsible for preventive maintenance and repair of OB U/S machines b) Develop/strengthen/revise nationa and repair of OB U/S machines (Ref Participant's Guide)	b) Develop/strengthen/revise national courses on preventive maintenance and repair of OB U/S machines (Reference Manual, Facilitator's Guide, Participant's Guide)	X	Х	Х						curriculum on preventive maintenance Updated training curriculum on repair		
		c) Develop and disseminate simple and adapted job aids	х	х	х		Х	х	х	Job aids developed to facilitate OB U/S preventive maintenance and repair			

		2. HEALTH WORKFOR	(CE								
	ACTIVITY	TASK	ı	PY1 TI	MELIN	ΙE	I	PY2 TI	MELIN	NE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	ACTIVITY	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OOTFOTS/DELIVERABLES
		a) Develop a training strategy	Х	Х							
	Tunin conograph are	b) Develop a system for ongoing coaching and mentoring of newly trained sonographers	Χ	Х							Training strategy Coaches/mentors trained Providers trained as sonographers Post-training support provided Training strategy Personnel trained to repair and perform preventive maintenance Coaches/mentors trained Post-training support provided Strategy for keeping licensure/certification upto-date
2.4	<u>Train</u> sonographers	c) Train mentors/coaches		Х	Χ						
		d) Train providers				Χ	Χ				
		e) Provide ongoing post-training support/mentorship				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Train personnel to	a) Develop a training strategy	Х								0 0,
	perform preventive	b) Train mentors/coaches		Χ	Х						
2.5	perform preventive maintenance and repair of U/S	c) Train personnel to perform preventive maintenance/repair				Х	Х				· ·
	machines	d) Provide ongoing post-training support/mentorship				х	х	Х	Х	Х	9
	Maintain licensure/	a) Establish facility-based system for monitoring ongoing licensure/certification	х	Х							
2 6	certification of sonographers and technicians repairing/	b) Provide opportunities for keeping licensure/certification up-to-date			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	 Sonographers/repair
2.6		c) Provide ongoing funding for continuing education			Х	х	Х	х	х	х	

		3. SERVICE DELIVERY									
	ACTIVITY	TASK		PY1 TI	i i			PY2 TI			OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
		a) Update/adapt standards for charts and formulas for interpreting U/S results	Q1 X	Q2 X	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	QЗ	Q4	
		b) Update/adapt standards for content and performance of OB U/S examinations	^	^							
		by trimester, including recommended exposure time and acoustic output levels	Х	Χ							
		c) Update/adapt standards for disclosure of fetal gender	Х	Х							
		d) Update/adapt standards for minimum required content for written report of OB U/S results and reporting forms	х	х							Standards updated/adapte
		e) Update/adapt standards for reporting requirements – oral and written reports – for normal and abnormal/unexpected findings (this standard includes disclosure of results and written reports to clients and protection of privacy)	х	Х							for: charts and formulas for interpreting U/S results
	Update/adapt	f) Update/adapt standards for following up with clients when the interpretation of the U/S scan is not done by the person conducting the U/S	х	х							 performing OB U/S examinations disclosure of fetal gen
1 stand	standards for OB U/S use	g) Update/adapt clinical protocols exist for prescribing, conducting, interpreting, and responding to abnormal/unexpected results	х	х							 disclosure of retail gend minimum required content for written
		h) Update/adapt standards for measuring a woman's experience of care when having an OB U/S	х	х							report of OB U/S result oral reporting
	i) Up co	i) Update/adapt standards for assessing gestational age with U/S while taking into consideration other gestational age measurements such as LMP, fundal height and quickening	Х	х							requirements oral reporting requirements
		j) Update/adapt standards for counseling clients on normal and abnormal findings	х	Х							
		k) Update/adapt standards for financing U/S services at the facility level to minimize out of pocket costs to clients and promote equity	х	х							
		Update/adapt standards for the basic level of essential services that must be present at a facility before budgeting for OB U/S services	Х	Х							
	<u>Establish</u>	a) Work with facility staff to ensure integration into maternal care services	Х	Х							Systems in place to manage U/S services
.2 m se	systems to	b) Choose a "gatekeeper" for the U/S machine	Х	Х							 Logistics systems in pla to ensure availability of
	manage U/S services in selected sites	c) Establish referral pathways that include sharing of U/S images to support consultation and continuity of care	х	х							commodities • U/S services available
		d) Monitor use of referral pathways									Referral pathways effectively used

		3. SERVICE DELIVERY									
	ACTIVITY	TASK	P	Y1 TII	MELIN	E	F	Y2 TII	MELIN	E	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	0011 010/ 5221 0210 15220
		e) Strengthen logistics systems to plan and procure sufficient commodities to meet quality of care standards			X	х	х	X	х	х	Patient satisfaction regularly monitored
		f) Monitor patient satisfaction with U/S services			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
		g) Monitor utilization and availability of OB U/S			Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	
		h) Monitor availability of commodities and state of functioning of U/S machines			Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	
	Implement the	a) Develop QA teams				Х	Х				QA teams establishedQA activities
	system of QA for	b) Implement QA processes						Х	Х	Х	implemented
3.3	sonographers	c) Provide ongoing QA reports						Х	Х	Х	 U/S services are available when needed
	and repair technicians	d) Provide ongoing supportive supervision				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	U/S services are utilized appropriately

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ACTIVITY	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	 Develop national, regional, district and facility budgets and invest funding for commodities to support OB U/S use 	х	х							
	b) Develop national, regional, district and facility budgets and invest funding for training of sonographers and repair technicians	х	Х							
	c) Develop national, regional, district and facility budgets and invest funding for QA of sonographers and repair technicians	х	Х							
	d) Develop national, regional, district and facility budgets and invest funding for QC of equipment	х	х			X X X X	 Lifesaving commoditie are prioritized in the design of a budget to 			
Develop	e) Develop national, regional, district and facility budgets and invest funding for routine maintenance, replacement of supplies and repair					support OB U/S use Financial resources are				
financial systems for	f) Invest financial resources for infrastructure updates to accommodate OB U/S machines	х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	invested for QA of sonographers
ongoing service delivery and	g) Invest financial resources/seek funding for purchase/replacement of OB U/S machines	х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	х	Х	 Financial resources are invested for QC of
QA	h) Invest financial resources/seek funding for training and mentoring sonographers and technicians to maintain/repair OB U/S machines	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	 equipment Financial resources are invested for routine
	i) Invest financial resources/seek funding for QA of sonographers	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	maintenance,
	j) Invest financial resources/seek funding for QC of equipment	х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	replacement of supplic and repair
	k) Invest financial resources/seek funding for routine maintenance, replacement of supplies and repair	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	
	I) Develop systems/seek funding to reduce burden of cost on clients	Х	Χ							
	m) Financial resources are available for OB U/S services	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	

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	ACTIVITY	TASK	ا	PY1 TI	MELIN	ΙE	ı	PY2 TI	MELIN	NE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	ACTIVITY	IASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTFUTS/DELIVERABLES
5.1	Select and register an OB U/S based on target product profile (TPP)	 a) Establish TPP for OB U/S based on selected indications b) Choose an OB U/S based on TPP c) Register OB U/S if not yet registered 	X X	X							TPPOB U/S chosenOB U/S registered
	Upgrade infrastructure	Upgrade/ensure availability of electricity or alternative energy sites at sites where OB U/S will be introduced	Х	х							Infrastructure upgraded Secure and stable
5.2	to facilitate introduction of	b) Purchase and install equipment to protect U/S equipment from unstable power supply and power surges	Х	Х							 physical environment Service or maintenance available on-site
	OB U/S	c) Purchase and install equipment to secure U/S machines	Х	Х							Security system installed
		a) Develop a mechanism for understanding inventory projections and tracking utilization	Х	Х							
		b) Establish a supply chain for U/S equipment and supplies	Х	Х							OB U/S procured
	Procure and deliver OB U/S	c) Procure OB U/S and commodities	Х	Χ							Acceptance testing
5.3	to selected	d) Clear customs	Х	Х							performedOB U/S machines
	sites	e) Perform acceptance testing on all new OB U/S machines	Х	Х							delivered to selected
		f) Deliver OB U/S to selected sites	Х	Х							sites
		g) Ensure availability of equipment and supplies for U/S machines			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Conduct QC	a) Monitor quality of machines across sites/facilities			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
5.4	activities of machine	b) Ensure functionality of the system in place for routine maintenance and QC of equipment			х	х	х	Х		Measures regularly controlled for quality	

			ı	Y1 TII	MELIN	ΙE	F	Y2 TI	MELIN	1E	
	ACTIVITY	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
		a) Conduct a review of geographic coverage of essential MNH services to identify coverage disparities and promote equity in OB U/S use	Х								
6.1	Conduct a baseline of OB	b) Conduct a baseline assessment of OB U/S use in the country, identifying cadres providing OB U/S, services provided and coverage of across facilities by level, geography and private/public designation	X								Baseline data available Recommendations for introduction based on
	U/S services	c) Analyze results		Χ							baseline study results
		d) Provide results to government bodies to inform development of national strategy		х							
		a) Integrate indicators for OB U/S into facility and district HMIS	Х	Х							
	<u>Monitor</u>	b) Monitor results			х	Х	Х	x x x x	Monitoring data available		
6.2	results of OB U/S services	c) Ensure data are used for decision-making			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	 Implementation research results available
		d) Gather information or make a plan to conduct implementation research to address knowledge gaps identified by the MOH	Х	х							
		a) Develop and implement a knowledge management (documentation) plan to capture program process, outputs and voices	Х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	
		b) Choose topics to enhance learning on introduction of OB U/S	Х	Χ							
		c) Receive country approval for special studies			Х	Х					
	Conduct	d) Establish an in-country Technical Advisory Group to provide guidance on research design and other topics			Х	х					Knowledge management (documentation) plan
6.3	national	e) Develop a research protocol and plan for implementation				Χ	Х				Study protocol Study protocol
	<u>surveys</u> of OB U/S services	f) Submit to and receive approval from all necessary institutional review boards for approval					Х	х			Study report Article published in peer reviewed journal
		g) Conduct study						Х	Χ		reviewed journal
		h) Analyze data and write report						Х	Х		
	i) Disseminate results X	Х									
		j) Publish findings								Χ	

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	1. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE										
	ACTIVITY	TASK	F	Y1 TII	MELIN	E	P	Y2 TII	MELIN	E	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	0011 010, 52211210 15220
1.1.											
1.2											
1.3.											

	2. HEALTH WORKFORCE										
	ACTIVITY	TASK	I	PY1 TI	MELIN	E	P	Y2 TI	MELIN	E	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	ACTIVITI	TACK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OON OTS/DELIVERABLES
2.1.											
2.2											
2.3.											

3. SERVICE DELIVERY											
	ACTIVITY	TASK	ا	PY1 TII	MELIN	E	P	Y2 TII	MELIN	ΙE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	0011 010, 5221121015223
3.1.											
3.2											
3.3.											

	4. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES											
	ACTIVITY	TASK	ı	Y1 TI	TIMELINE PY2 TIMELINE	OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES						
	ACTIVITI	TASIK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OOTFOTS/DELIVERABLES	
4.1.												
4.2												
4.3.												

5. HEALTH FINANCING											
ACTIVITY		TASK	PY1 TIMELINE				PY2 TIMELINE				OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
	ACTIVITI	TASK	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OOTFOTS/DELIVERABLES
5.1.											
5.2											
5.3.											

6. HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH											
ACTIVITY		TASK	PY1 TIMELINE				PY2 TIMELINE				OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OUT 013/DELIVERABLES
6.1.											
6.2											
6.3.											