



Kabul 15 May 2017 - With the support of WHO, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) and Kabul Medical University (KMU) inaugurated a centre for pre-service training in Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) at the Shahr-Ara Teaching Hospital in Kabul in April 2017 to strengthen care provided to pregnant women and newborns.

The centre serves as a competency-based, hands-on theoretical and practical skills teaching site for 4th and 6th year students of KMU. After completion of the 3-week training, graduates are expected to manage normal delivery and postpartum care for mothers and newborns, as well as identify and address signs of complications and provide referrals when necessary. Endorsed by the Ministries of Public Health and Higher Education, the training curricula is based on WHO and national standards.

WHO supported the Kabul Medical University in training OB/GYN faculty lecturers, developing the BEmONC training curricula and conducting 12 batches of training for students in 2017. WHO also provided support for the renovation of the training centre at Shar-Ara Hospital and provided essential non-medical equipment and supplies. Together with MoPH, WHO fostered close partnerships with UNFPA, UNICEF and USAID/HEMAYAT who delivered training models and newborn care units to support the project.

