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# WHO Webinar

# First Perinatal Mortality Audit in North Macedonia 2019

**Thursday 19 November 2020, 13:00 – 14:00**

**Background**

Maternal and neonatal health is among the key priorities for North Macedonia. In the last three years, MoH with UN support has put in place a series of interventions that have contributed to achieving better pregnancy outcomes and saving babies’ lives, including practical on-the-job training for effective perinatal care and rapid assessment of delivery facilities according to WHO’s curricula and recommendations.

In order to ensure high-quality care for mothers and their infants during pregnancy, childbirth and the neonatal period MoH established the National Working Group for Neonatal Mortality Audit which with support of the WHO and UNICEF undertook the first perinatal mortality audit in the country for the year 2019.

This first perinatal mortality audit provides better insight into babies deaths and evidence-based recommendations that will inform remedial action for system errors and barriers wherever they emerge and reinforce areas of strength. By counting the number of stillbirths and neonatal deaths, gathering information on where and why these deaths occurred and trying to understand the underlying contributory causes and avoidable factors, health care providers, programme managers, administrators and policy-makers can help to prevent future deaths and improve the quality of care provided throughout the health system.

**Objectives of the meeting**

* The audience will be more familiar with the results of the Perinatal Mortality Audit 2019 in North Macedonia for the year2019
* Gather more insight into the root causes of babies mortality in North Macedonia and enrich current plans with participants feedback and suggestions for the next steps.

**Programme**

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| 13:00 – 13:20 | **Opening session**  Dr Venko Filipche, Minister of Health  Dr Jihane Tawilah, WHO Representative  Dr Nino Berzuli, Director, Division of Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe  Ms Patrizia Di Giovanni, UNICEF Representative |
| 13:20 – 13:40 | **Findings from of the first perinatal mortality audit in North Macedonia for the year 2019**  Dr Gligor Tofoski, President of the National Perinatal mortality audit committee  Ms Natalie Roos, Karolinska Institute, WHO Consultant  Dr Khatuna Lomouri, WHO Consultant |
| 13:40 – 13:55 | **Feedback from the audience**  Session moderated by Ms Margarita Spasenovska, WHO North Macedonia |
| 13:55 – 14:00 | **Closing remarks**  Dr Elizabeta Georgievska, First Lady  Dr Jihane Tawilah, WHO Representative |

**List of participants**

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| **National participants** | |
| Ministry of Health | Dr Venko Filipche, Minister of Health  Dr Bojan Boskovski, WHO National Counterpart  Dr Gligor Tofoski, President of the Committee for perinatal mortality audit  Dr Ana Daneva, President of the Committee for Safe Motherhood  Ms Sanja Sazdovska  Ms Nermina Fakovic  Ms Ljubica Taseva |
| Ministry of Health | Members of the Committee for Safe Motherhood  Members of the Committee for Perinatal Mortality Audit |
| Ministry of Health | Ms Keti Geteva  Head of the PR Department of the Ministry of Health |
| Office of the president | Ms Biljana Radevska, PR department |
| Office of the First Lady | Ms Elizabeta Gerogievska, First Lady |
| Government of North Macedonia | Representative, PR department |
| Institute of Public Health | Prof Dr Elena Kosevska  Specialist for Social Medicine and Public Health and Head of Department for Health Promotion and Monitoring of Diseases |
| Secondary Health Care | Managers and Heads of maternity wards of all hospitals that submitted information for the perinatal mortality audit |
| Agency for Quality and Accreditation of Health Institutions | Dr Ante Poposki |
| Institute for Occupational Health | Dr Jovanka Bislimovska |
| Institute for mothers and children | Dr Brankica Mladenovik |
| Macedonian Medical Association | Dr. Goran Dimitrov, Presidentt |
| Association of Neonatologists | President |
| Association of Family Medicine | Dr Katerina Kovacevic |
| Association of Family Medicine | Dr Vancho Apostolovski |
| Association of Family Medicine | Dr Ljuben Shukriev |
| Association of Family Medicine | Dr Monika Jaric Bojoska |
| Association of Family Medicine | Dr Bekim Ismaili |
| Association of Private Doctors | Dr Lilija Cholakova |
| Association of Doctors for Interdisciplinary Approach for Children with Disability | Dr Kiril Soleski |
| Association of Doctors for Interdisciplinary Approach for Children with Disability | Dr Marija Mihajlova, |
| Association of Private Gynecologists-Obstetricians | Dr Dushko Filipovski, |
| Association of Paediatricians | Dr Natalija Shaurek |
| Association of Paediatricians | Dr Elizabeta Zisovska |
| Doctors Chamber | Dr Kalina Stardelova, |
| Doctors Chamber | Dr Igor Dabeski, |
| Association of Nurses and Midwives | Ms Velka Lukic |
| Association of Nurses and Midwives | Ms Tanja Trajkovska |
| Association of Nurses and Midwives | Ms Valentina Goricanec |
| Macedonian Medical Association | Dr. Goran Dimitrov |
| Association of Neonatologists | Representative |
| Project Hope | Representative |
| **UN participants** | |
| UN RC Office | Mr Aleksandar Dimiskovski, Communication Officer |
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