



# 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH HANDBOOK (MCHHB)

## **BURUNDI COUNTRY REPORT TOKYO**

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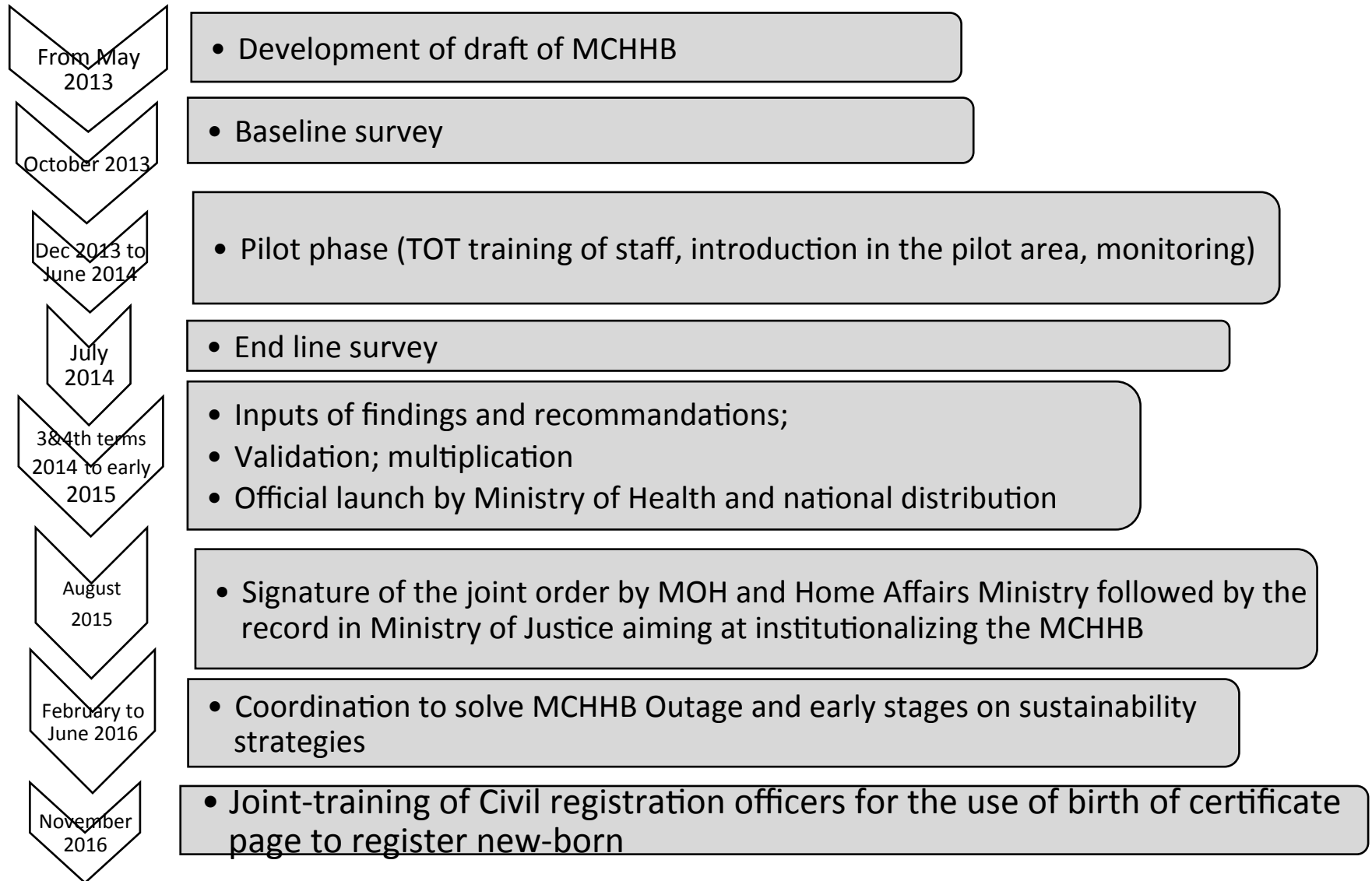
Ministry of Public Health and Fight Against AIDS (MOH)

## 2. Basic information about MCH Handbook implementation and Value of MCH Handbook for BURUNDI

### Value:

- Integration of the monitoring and evaluation of given care
- Improvement of the quality of services
- Improve accurate mother and health data availability for National Information System (ANC, immunization, maternal deaths) allowing evidence based policy making for the future.
- Useful for civil registration: civil registration officers record birth earlier, a pilot experience is being launched (based on maternity records reviewed 3 times a week, the local administration/Civil officers will visit the community to register birth as early as possible)

### 3. Process/plan of integration of MCH Handbook to Health System (Stage of implementation):



## 4. Impact/ Evidence so far

In year 2013 and 2014, a pilot study was conducted in Gitega District. The positive results had led concerned authorities of MOH to scale up the use of MCHHB nationwide.

Since then, no other efficiency assessment of any kind could be done. Nevertheless two Ministries of Home Affairs and MOH are committed to continue the use of MCHHB and to solve the current outage running since Feb-Mar 2016

## 5. Good Practices (and the process “how to”) Link Community Health and Medical Care

In 2014 two innovations in community health care :

- Implementation of the Integrated Community Care Management\* (iCCM), for infants (2 to 59 months old) diseases (malaria, pneumonia, diarrhea)
- Scale up of use of MCHHB

MCHHB had since been the record and monitoring tool of care provided by community health workers.

It is planned that MCHHB's records be referred to in community performance based financing (PBF) that is being set, to promote better care by community health workers.

Community health workers providing mother and infant care will also have access to RapidSMS technology innovation for instant record and report of care linking the community to health facilities.

## 6.Challenges

- Financing gap (printing MCH handbook, monitoring, supervision, effect assessment);
- Sustainable low retention capacity of the MCH handbook;
- Inadequate knowledge or explanations about the importance of the MCH handbook;
- Low coverage of early interventions for the health of mothers and children in the target population: early ANC1 coverage is very low: 30.60% (Statistical Yearbook 2015);
- Private medical clinics data not centralized firstly at health district lever and finally at national information health system

## 7. Way Forward

- Sensitization at the high lever: The 1st Lady, Ministries of Health, Education, Home Affairs during Week for Mother and Child Health organized two times a year, African Week on Immunization

Promoting iCCM at national level and the use of MCH handbook as a manager tool for CHW (Community Health Workers)

Strengthen the coordination among stakeholders for sustainability strategy (funding, procurement, efficient use)