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Foreword

Improving maternal and child health is a global priority. An estimated 1 000 women – most of them in developing countries— die every day due to complications related to pregnancy or childbirth. Many of these deaths are due to conditions that could be prevented or treated with access to quality services, contraceptives and medicines. The access and availability of medicines at public health facilities are limited in many areas. In this case, exact information about the limitations in terms of geographical areas, types of services and logistic items are essential.

In Myanmar, Ministry of Health has made efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals, especially reducing maternal mortality and child mortality by providing quality services covering the whole country. Reducing maternal and child mortality needs comprehensive care not only for mother and child but also adolescent reproductive health services as well as contraception, prevention & treatment of reproductive tract infections. Maternal and Child Health Division is responsible for providing comprehensive & quality services with the technical and financial collaboration of related local and internal organizations.

Although, maternal and child health services have been strengthened and significant inputs have been invested for improving, there are still many challenges. Health workforces at different levels need to be improved. Midwives are taking responsibilities for many integrated projects and thus they are overwhelmed with many tasks. Infrastructures like communication tools and facilities also need to be improved. Regular supplies of reproductive health (RH) commodities such as medicines for emergency obstetric care and infections, and contraceptives to meet the need of facilities are essential for quality of RH services.

This report on 2014 Facility Assessment for RH Commodities and Services was prepared by the Department of Medical Research (Upper Myanmar) in collaboration with Maternal & Child Health Division, DOH and Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar). The report is based on comprehensive information collected at representative sample health facilities all over the country by well-organized and trained teams during May and June 2014. This is the first report in Myanmar for the Global Programme for RHCS covering 46 countries. It could be useful as baseline information for commodities supplies as well as a monitoring tool for assessment of future programme implementation. Since the report was prepared in line with GPRHCS assessment tool, it could also be utilized as part of international monitoring and evaluation for the GPRHCS.

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