



Use of MCH handbook Orientation Packet for Health Provider

MCH Handbook is an important document for the family and community to get a comprehensive maternal and child health services. It is then obviously important that the health providers should be able to use MCH Handbook according to the standard correctly.

MCH Handbook had been long known to health providers as documentation and counseling tool in the maternal and child health services, therefore special training is not required to use the book according to the standard. Other factors that, due to limited time and numbers of staffs, orientation to standardized the use of the MCH Handbook for the health providers should be conducted efficiently and effectively.

For this reason a five session in two and half days standard orientation packet activity were developed to fulfill the need of the health provider who are using MCH Handbook in maternal and child health at all service level. The orientation conducted according to the situation, condition and local need. The orientation can be implemented in stages during regular staff meeting or topic selections to be integrated in other activities, such as Alert Village, Normal Delivery Care, Basic Emergency Obstetric Neonatal Care and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Neonatal Care.

Learning process approached used in this orientation are:

1. **Competency based:** with the objective of providing new knowledge, performance improvement and behavior changes to the participants when providing the maternal and child health standard service using MCH Handbook.
2. **Dynamic:** continues feed back on the acquisition of the material for the participants to achieve the objective of the orientation
3. **Less stress:** individually or group, participants aware of what are supposed to learn and discuss with their colleagues or facilitator

Orientation packet consists of:

1. Maternal and Child Health Book (MCH Handbook)
2. Technical Guidebook on the use of MCH Handbook
3. Management Guideline for using MCH Handbook
4. Facilitator 's Note book
5. Participant's Guidebook
6. Post Orientation MCH Handbook Evaluation
7. CD (documents 4, 5, and 6 aboved)
8. File/Document's Enveloped



Development Process

MCH Handbook orientation and Training on Trainers course packet were developed by a small working group comprised of some MOH sub-directorates representative, related professional organizations and selected province representatives in the MCH Handbook Phase II Project.



Finalization Meeting for Orientation Package Development by the Working Group (19 Feb '08, Jakarta)

Following the use of MCH Handbook orientation activities in Garut District (West Java), Madiun City (East Java), Singkawang City (West Kalimantan) and DKI Jakarta from May 2007 until January 2008, some inputs were received and adjustment have been made to improve the orientation packet according to the needs and requirements from the field. On February 19, 2008, the working group meeting reached an agreement upon the use of MCH Handbook standard orientation packet as an activity to prepare health provider according to the MCH Handbook Technical Guide Book and Management Guideline of the integrated maternal and child health service in Indonesia.

Implementation on the Use of MCH Handbook Orientation Package

Use of MCH Handbook orientation activities has been implemented to various level of service facilities and health professionals. Such as **health centers** and **hospitals**, related professionals such as **doctors, midwives, nurses, nutritionists** and **program holders** of District Health Office of Garut, Madiun, Singkawang, and DKI Jakarta. Indonesian Midwives Association (IBI) and Indonesian National Nurses Association (PPNI) prominently posed as the frontline of the use of MCH Handbook supported by large number of its members which expected to have dissemination of the MCH Handbook orientation packet among themselves throughout Indonesia.

The latest development activity was an orientation to the students of polytechnic midwifery school in Bandung, West Java last May 2008 which considered as an important steps towards introducing the use of the packet and the important of standard use of MCH Handbook in the **pre-service education**.

