SIGNIFICANCE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TUTOR TRAINING IN ACHIEVING MDG-5 TARGETS

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Despite the availability of several effective and time proven maternal, newborn and child health interventions, a number of countries still lag behind the Millennium Development Goal’s targets that need to be achieved in less than five years time from now. The lack of training for human resources for health has transformed into a crisis and is one of the major factors underlying the poor performance of health systems to deliver effective, evidence-based healthcare. This crisis is more critical in developing countries. Pakistan has one of the highest maternal and child mortality rates in the world. The country is unable to improve the maternal and child health mainly due the lack of trained human resource for health and also due to the inappropriate placement of the workforce across the country. The capacity building initiative of Pakistan National Forum on Women’s Health called Nurses and Midwifery Tutor Training Program, is designed to address this crisis. The program aims to train the nurses and midwives as well as Lady Health Visitors for the academic career so that they may further train competent nurses and midwives for the country to meet the maternal health care demands of the nation.