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Dear NNF Member,

Greetings from NNF!!

The National Neonatology Forum (NNF) has proudly supported and signed the Hyderabad Declaration Statement, which was released on 15th September 2024 during the 2nd Annual Conference of the Stillbirth Society of India at Hyderabad.

This important document, developed in collaboration with key organizations such as the Ministry of Health (MoHFW), WHO, UNICEF, National Neonatology Forum (NNF), UNFPA, Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), and others, reaffirms our collective commitment to improving maternal and neonatal health across India.

NNF remains dedicated to working with our esteemed partners to address the challenges surrounding stillbirths and to foster initiatives that contribute to better maternal and newborn outcomes in India.

With Regards,

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Hyderabad Declaration



Statement by the Stillbirth Society of India

Released on 15 September 2024 during the 2nd Annual Conference of the Stillbirth Society of India at Hyderabad, organised by SBSI and Fernandez Hospital Educational & Research Foundation

With inputs from and discussions with representatives of the Ministry of Health, Government of India (MoHFW), World Health Organization India (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), National Neonatology Forum (NNF).

We, the undersigned members of the Stillbirth Society of India and our esteemed collaborators, today affirm our collective commitment to improving maternal and neonatal health across India

Acknowledging:

1. The critical need for comprehensive surveillance of stillbirths as a means to understand accurate incidence and underlying causes.
2. The significant challenges posed by underreporting and inadequate data collection across healthcare facilities, particularly in district hospitals and the private sector.
3. The urgency of addressing modifiable risk factors such as fetal growth restriction (FGR), pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH), preconception and maternal health & nutrition including poor quality of antenatal and intrapartum care, sepsis and delayed referral that contribute to stillbirths and adverse neonatal outcomes.
4. The importance of collaboration among diverse stakeholders, including governmental bodies, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

We hereby resolve to:

1. **Support the government in Stillbirth Surveillance & Response:** Facilitate implementation of a robust national-level surveillance mechanism for stillbirths that captures data from all healthcare facilities, ensuring that every pregnancy outcome is accurately recorded and analyzed.
2. **Enhance Training and Capacity Building:** Develop and provide training programs for healthcare providers— including obstetricians, pediatricians, nurses and midwives—focused on the detection and reporting of stillbirths, as well as the provision of respectful care to bereaved families.
3. **Standardize Care Protocols:** Advocate for the standardization and implementation of preconception, antenatal and intrapartum care protocols, maintenance of Quality Standards (universal) early detection of intrauterine growth restriction, pregnancy induced hypertension and prevention and timely treatment of sepsis to improve outcomes for mothers and infants.
4. **Provide Respectful Bereavement Care:** Ensure that bereaved families receive compassionate support and respectful care during their time of loss, including access to counselling services and support groups.
5. **Promote Research and Evidence-Based Practices:** Initiate and support research initiatives aimed at understanding the causes of stillbirths, and facilitate pilot studies & implementation research at major government facilities to generate a national pool of data.
6. **Raise Awareness and Engage Communities:** Foster awareness campaigns targeting healthcare providers and communities to educate them about the causes of stillbirth and the importance of timely referrals for high-risk pregnancies.
7. **Collaborate for Action:** Collaborate for action on this joint declaration with all government and non-government partners involved, and strive for reduction in stillbirth rates as a pressing public health concern..

We believe that through this collective effort, we can significantly reduce stillbirth rates in India, ultimately contributing to the overall improvement of maternal and child health and helping India achieve multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 for health.

In solidarity,

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