**Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada**

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**Initiative:** QUARITE (quality of care, risk management and technology in obstetrics)

The aim of the Program is to strengthen the organizational capacity of professional associations of obstetricians and gynecologists in the four selected countries, so that they can contribute to national efforts to improve health systems and reach the Millenium Development Goals of achieving improved outcomes in the health of mothers, children and the fight against HIV / AIDS.

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Key Words: Organizational capacity
            Promotion of interdisciplinary collaboration
            Strengthening the leadership of professional associations

Key Performance Indicators:

Enhancing Planning, Prioritizing and Strategy on Health

The program enhances the leadership of a group of local experts who will, through their local
knowledge, better able to find viable and sustainable solutions to the problems facing the
public health system of their country.
### Initiative Details

**Activities**
- Training health care professionals
- Health education programs for target population
- Research
- Knowledge translation
- Health system strengthening:
  - Direct intervention in public health system in both countries.

**Target population**
Health professionals

**Funding source**
Agency in Canada
- CIHR

**Collaboration(s)**
- United Nations agency in country: Representatives of UNFPA and WHO (country offices)
- Health Professional Organization: Professional associations of obstetricians and gynecologists in the country of intervention
- Academic institution in Canada: Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Ste-Justine de l'Université de Montréal
- Ministry of Health

**Who works in-country**
- Canadians, volunteer
- Professionals of the international division of the SOGC

**Years in country**
- 3 - 5 years

**Method(s) of sharing outcomes**
- Website
- Publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Publication elsewhere
- Report to funding agency