

## HRH EXCHANGE

The HRH Exchange is a virtual discussion platform holding regular discussions among health professionals, policy makers and individuals around the world to share experiential knowledge on topical subjects relevant to HRH.

## Invitation to join the moderated discussion on MID-LEVEL HEALTH WORKERS 4 - 18 May 2010

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE DISCUSSION FORUM

- Share evidence and good practice examples relating to mid-level health workers
- Address policy and programmatic questions of relevance to the topic
- Synthesize existing evidence and provide policy-relevant reflections on the mid-level health workers discourse through the production of appropriate knowledge products

## POINTS TO PONDER

- Who are mid-level workers? What is their role in broader HRH and health sector strategies?
- Can mid-level workers improve distribution of the health workforce and access to services? If so, are there trade-offs with the quality of care provided?
- What are the most appropriate education and management strategies for mid-level health workers?
- What accreditation and regulation issues need to be considered? What are the health policy and system factors that enable a successful use of mid-level providers?

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