Approximately 58,000 women died during or around childbirth in Nigeria in 2015[1] and the proportion of maternal deaths due to indirect causes – such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension and anemia – is increasing in the country. This webinar will share how the programme ‘Reducing the Indirect Causes of Maternal Morbidity and Mortality’ (RICOM3) is testing a quality of care model to reduce the indirect causes of maternal mortality and morbidity in Lagos and the Federal Capital territory, Nigeria.

Even before the pandemic, the programme was using digital tools, such as the Complete Health digital platform to support women with NCDs for self care/lifestyle modifications, WhatsApp groups, SMS and ECHO sessions both to liaise with women of reproductive age and to provide a learning system on these issues for health workers who deliver antenatal care.

This webinar will present how RICOM3 leveraged these existing platforms to mitigate service disruption during the COVID19 outbreak, with a focus on relaying critical information to women about COVID19 risks during pregnancy, debunking misinformation, and training health workers. The speakers will also explain how RICOM3 supported remote learning and coaching to improve the quality of care and reduce maternal mortality.

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