



LAUNCH OF NEW BIRTH DEFECTS SURVEILLANCE TOOLKIT

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Babies born with birth defects are at risk of death and lifelong disability. Identifying babies with birth defects can help them receive the care they need. Join the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research (ICBDSR) at a virtual event to launch the new toolkit - *Birth defects surveillance: a manual for programme managers and Birth defects surveillance: quick reference handbook of selected congenital anomalies*. With the growing impact of birth defects due to infectious diseases like Zika virus, the new toolkit supports countries to enhance the quality of surveillance through checklists, images, clinical pearls, and data quality indicators.

Speakers:

- Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, WHO
- Anshu Banerjee, Director, MCA Department, WHO
- Lieven Bauwens, Managing Director Child-Help International
- Lorenzo Botto, ICBDSR
- Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO
- Pablo Duran, PAHO
- Tedbabe Degeffie Hailegebriel, UNICEF
- Ornella Lincetto, MCA Department, WHO
- Cara Mai, CDC
- Neena Raina, SEARO
- Karen Remley, Director, NCBDDD, CDC
- Paul Romitti, Chair, ICBDSR
- Nathalie Roos, Consultant, MCA Department, WHO
- Hamisi Shabani, Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute, Tanzania
- Jennifer Williams, CDC
- Khalid Yunis, American University of Beirut Medical Centre, Lebanon
- Willibald Zeck, UNFPA

Moderator:

- Salimah Walani, Vice President of Global Program, March of Dimes

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