



# The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

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*Effective Use of the MCH Handbook :  
A Tool to Continue Progress for MDGs 4 and 5 Beyond 2015*



Mothers and children deserve nothing but the best health care possible. With the eve of the Millennium Development Goals' (MDGs) deadline, the hope of reaching the targets is slowly fading for a number of countries, especially in Africa. Efforts have been made in reducing the high incidence of maternal mortality and childhood disease. An effective strategy that supports healthy pregnancies, reduces birth risks and improves the quality of child care is the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook. The MCH Handbook program guarantees the proper continuum of care essential among mothers and their children worldwide.

Since 1998, with the first “International Symposium for MCH Handbook Initiatives” held in Japan, the International Conference on MCH Handbook has succeeded into one of the foremost platforms in exchanging experiences of implementing MCH programs from different parts of the world. Through continuous dialogue with relevant experts and stakeholders, it allowed a better understanding of each country's unique requirements and develop technology to support improved maternal and child healthcare.

Much is yet to be accomplished. With your support, you will allow the International Conference on MCH Handbook in further empowering healthier mothers and children worldwide through the MCH Handbook. It is our position that no mother or child should ever go without access to quality care throughout their care continuum.

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# International Committee on MCH Handbook

## **Vision:**

Better health for mothers and children

## **Mission:**

1. To advocate the use of the MCH Handbook to be part of the national MCH program in strengthening the country's healthcare system
2. To improve the capacity, networking and collaborative activities on MCH Handbook
3. To promote and enhance the collaborative and multicenter research on MCH Handbook
4. To act as a consultative body in the promotion of MCH Handbook

## **Activities:**

- To organize biannual international scientific meetings on MCH Handbook
- To provide technical support in implementing capacity building programs on MCH Handbook
- To facilitate collaborative and multicenter research on MCH Handbook
- To function as resources in developing a national MCH Handbook programs

## **Previous Symposia and Conferences:**

### **1998 (Tokyo, Japan)**

- International Symposium for Maternal and Child Health Handbook Initiatives

### **2001 (North Sulawesi, Indonesia)**

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Maternal and Child Health Handbooks

### **2003 (Bogor, Indonesia)**

- 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Maternal and Child Health Handbooks

### **2004 (Bangkok, Thailand)**

- 1. 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Maternal and Child Health Handbook

### **2006 (Ben Tre, Viet Nam)**

- 1. 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

### **2008 (Tokyo, Japan)**

- 1. The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

### **2010 (Dhaka, Bangladesh)**

- 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

### **2012 (Nairobi, Kenya)**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

### **2015 (Yaoundé, Cameroon)**

- The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook

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## Previous Symposia and Conferences



5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook, (Viet Nam, 2006)



6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook, (Japan, 2008)



7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook, (Bangladesh, 2010)



8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook, (Kenya, 2012)



MCH HANDBOOKS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. Clockwise from top: From Japan (by Ms. Bando), from Thailand (by Prof. Sirikul), from Bangladesh (by Dr. Bhuiyan), from Kenya (by Dr. Mudany) and from Viet Nam (by Ms. Bando).

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