<u>Training Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research 2012</u> <u>Maternal and perinatal health</u>

Maternal and perinatal health assignment

In-order to validate this module you are required to make one assignment and answer to a number of multiple choice questions. The assignment consists of two parts:

Part One

In this part the participants are required to provide information on the overall situation in their countries in terms of maternal morbidity and mortality, which will include:

General information:

- Maternal mortality ratio in the country.
- Main causes of maternal death.
- Maternal morbidity, i.e., medical complications in women caused by pregnancy, labor, or delivery, such as eclampsia, preeclampsia, infections, obstetric fistula, anemia, etc.

Access to maternal health care services:

- The proportion of deliveries attended by skilled personnel (physicians, nurses, midwives, and other trained health workers).
- Proportion of birth by site (home, health facilities, hospital).
- The existence of emergency obstetric care services to determine the proportion of cases of major obstetric complications that are appropriately managed in a specific geographical area.
- The existence of referral services.
- Availability of health services (geographical distribution of health facilities, urban and rural areas).
- Quality of health services (health personnel, material, and financial resources).

Part two

In this part you are required to give in-depth information on one of the major causes of maternal morbidity and mortality in your countries, such as eclampsia and preeclampsia, obstetric fistula, postpartum hemorrhage, anemia, etc. The information provided should be based on a literature search and your personal experience.

Your assignment should be presented in a short text format and if necessary supported by tables and graphics. You should also cite the sources of information, based on academic criteria. It should not exceed 10 pages.

Please read the Assignment Guide for the structure of your assignment.