

## **NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON UPDATING THE CLINICAL PROTOCOLS ON EmONC 08<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Pakistan is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, which includes important targets such as reducing preventable maternal, neonatal, and child mortality, as well as achieving universal health coverage. Central to these efforts is the focus on ensuring the provision of maternal and child health services in addition to high-quality family planning services.

Pakistan's health system has imprinted structural and non-structural barriers, impeding and denying access to health services for the poor and marginalized groups, including women who continue to be disproportionately affected due to poor quality of care and lack of availability of basic essential commodities and services. For improving the EmONC services, with the support of UNFPA, the assessments of health facilities have been completed in 18 UHC districts and are underway in 04 additional districts. EmONC improvement plan for ICT is drafted while the rest of the provinces will be completed once assessments are completed. The development of EmONC protocols is an effort for improving the quality of services. The efforts to develop clinical protocols on EmONC is one of the implementation tool to improve the maternal and neonatal health.

