

# Improving Quality of Healthcare for Mothers and Children in Sindh – patiently!



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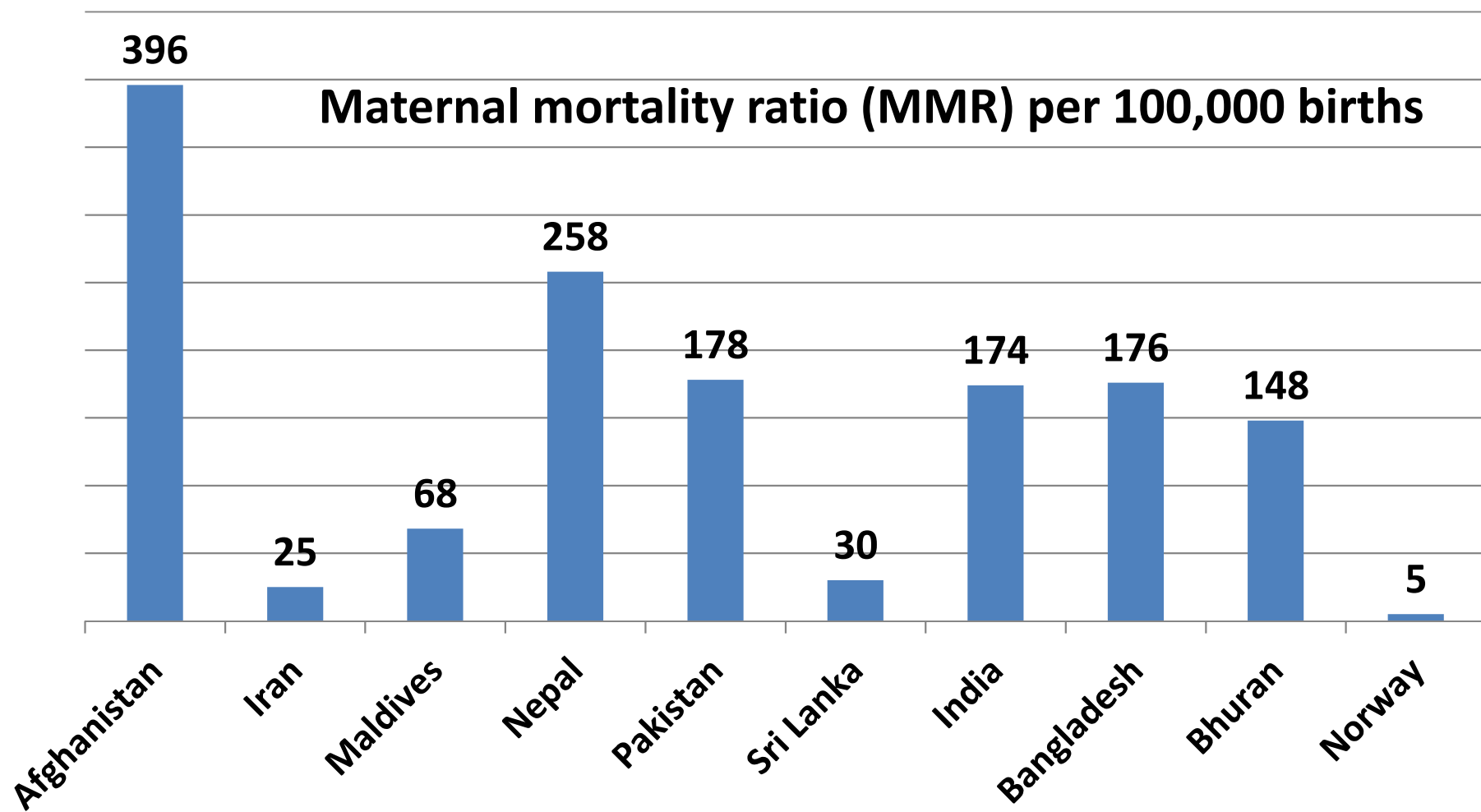


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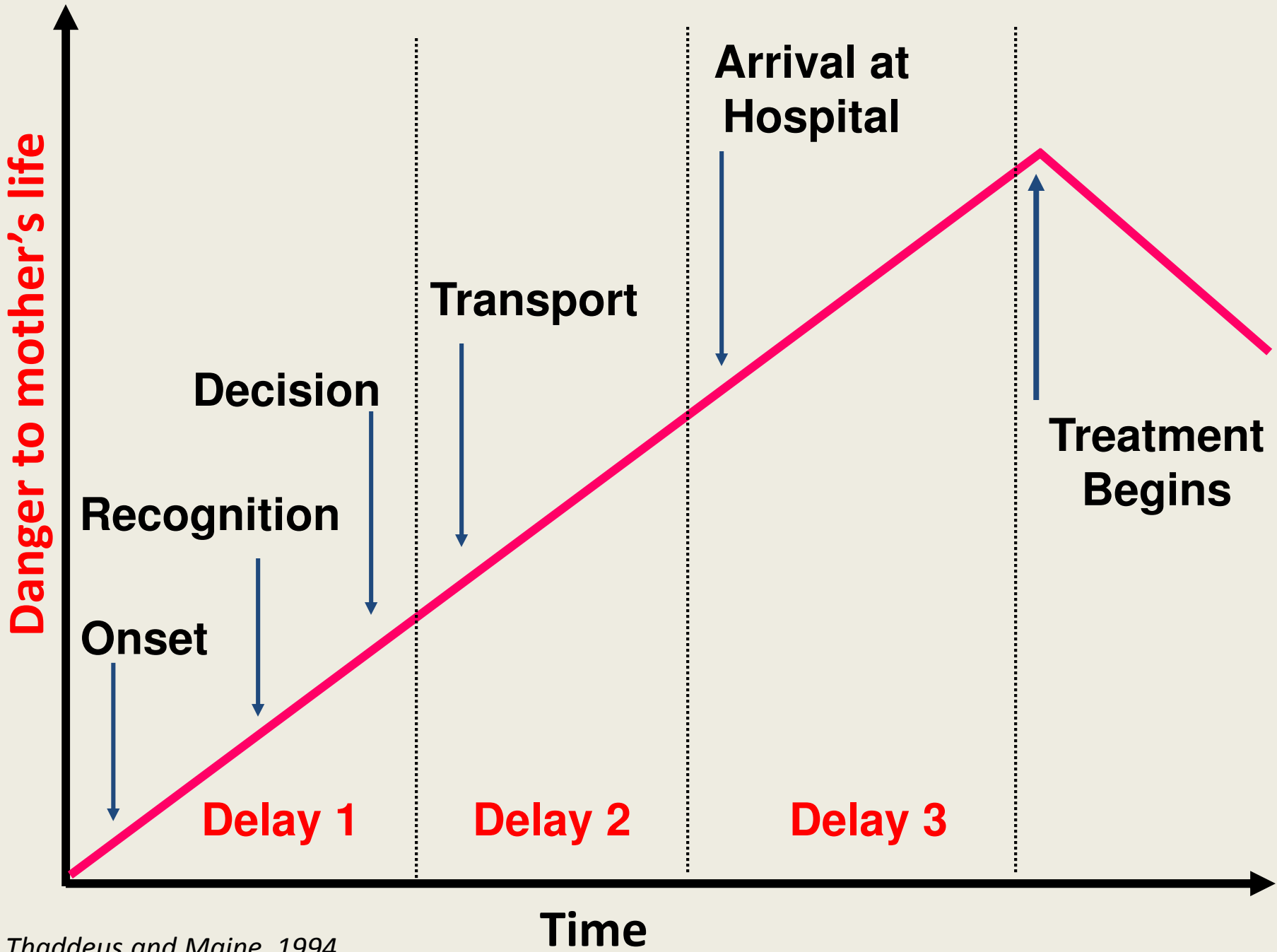
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# How many mothers die



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Thaddeus and Maine, 1994

# Our Goal

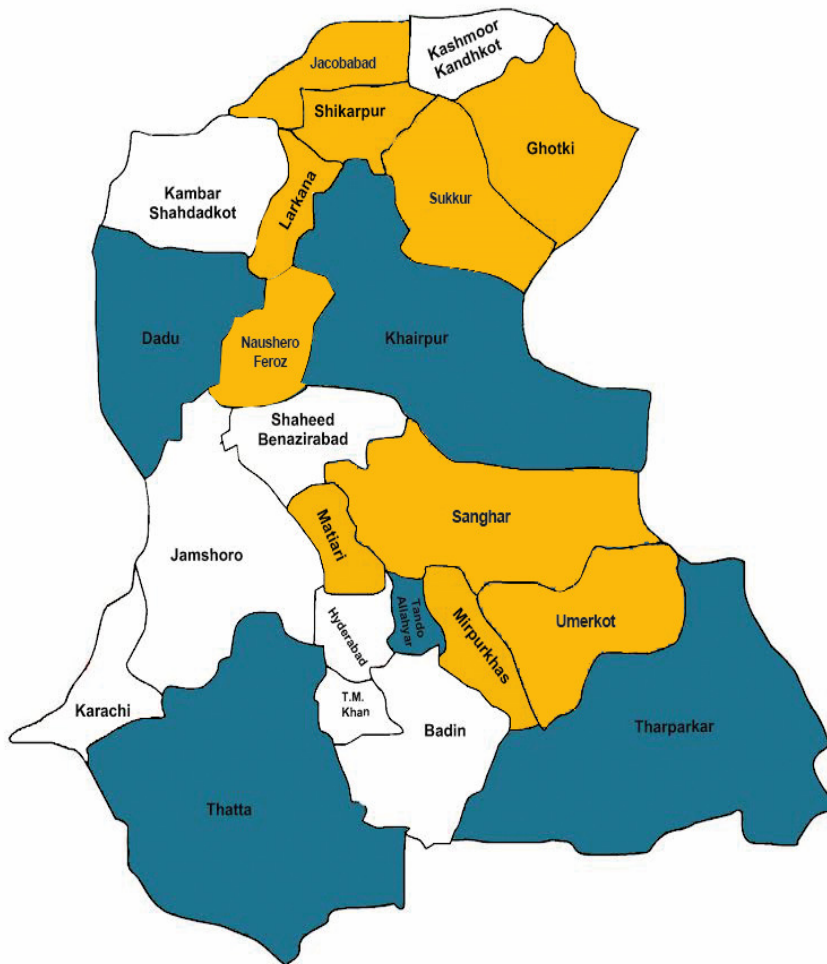
To improve the scope and quality of MNCH services across Sindh province, in both public and private health sectors, so that we can save lives of mothers, newborns and children



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# Geographic spread



We are  
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districts of  
Sindh...



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# Strategies



**MNCH Centers  
(Public/Private)**

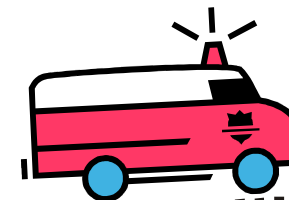
**Secondary  
Hospitals  
(Public/Private)**



**Lady Health  
Workers  
(LHWs)**



**Referral  
systems**



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**Community  
Mobilization**

**Skilled Birth  
Attendance**

**Transport,  
Telemedicine**

**Comprehensive  
EmONC**



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# We are a big team



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# We are answerable to

- USAID
- Government of Pakistan
- Government of Sindh
- The Department of Health
- Population Welfare
- Head Office in Baltimore

**Actually, we work for Nobody!**





# We call her Jameela

Because Jameela means a beautiful woman.

That's what a mother always is (besides so many other things).

A beautiful woman.



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But, of course,

She could be Pushpa



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Or Elizabeth



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# She is Nobody

Born in abject poverty, Jameela doesn't know what it is like to live with respect and in comfort.



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Seminars and conferences in five star hotels, speeches and technical jargon of experts, cannot explain Jameela's pain and helplessness.

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Our work focuses on getting information to Jameela  
in her home through LHWs

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And getting basic services nearest to her home  
through Community Midwives



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And getting her respectful care at health facilities



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And a quality of care that she deserves!



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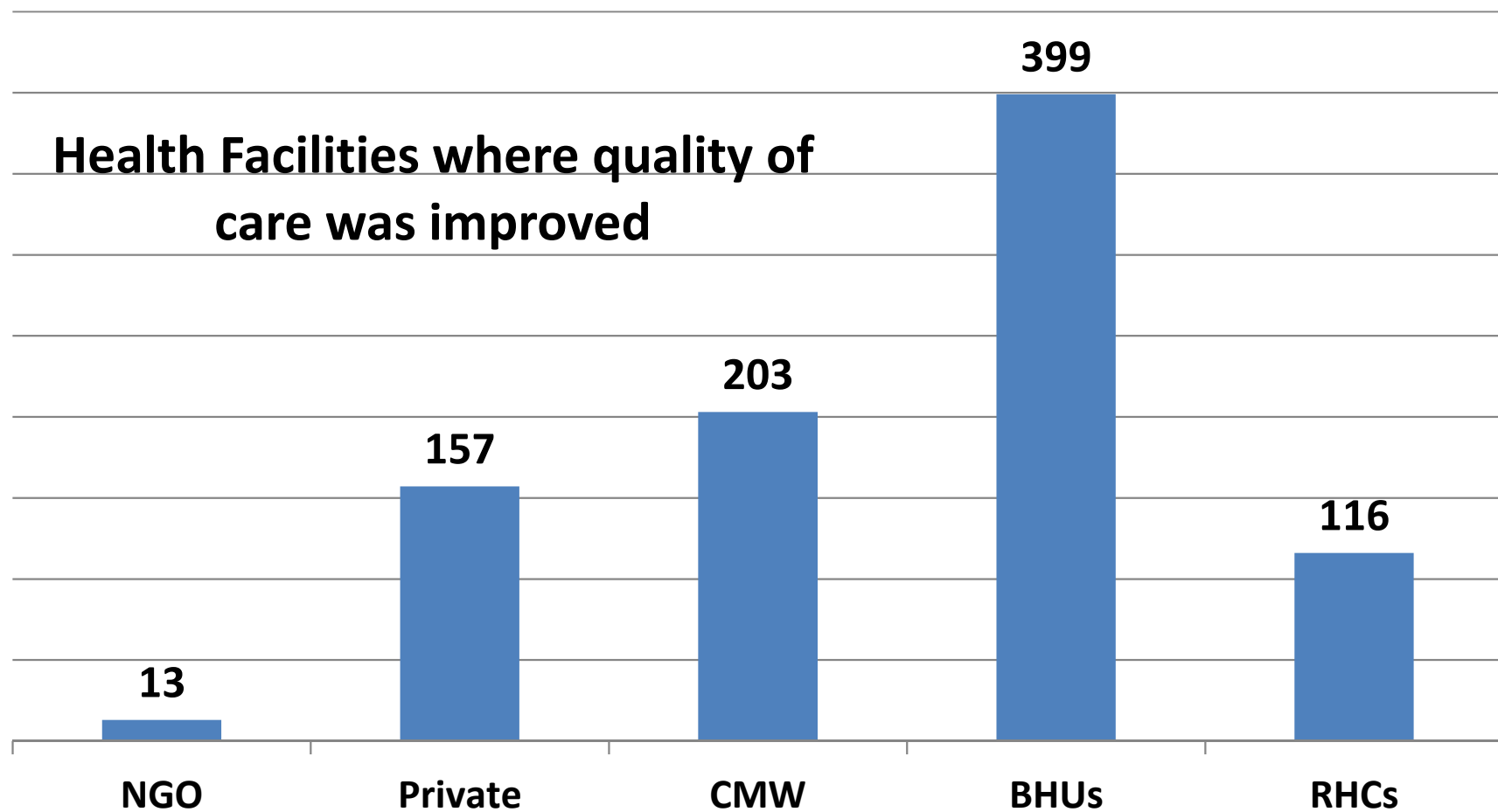
And access to fully equipped hospitals when she needs them.



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# MNCH Centers Upgraded



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# Hospitals Upgraded

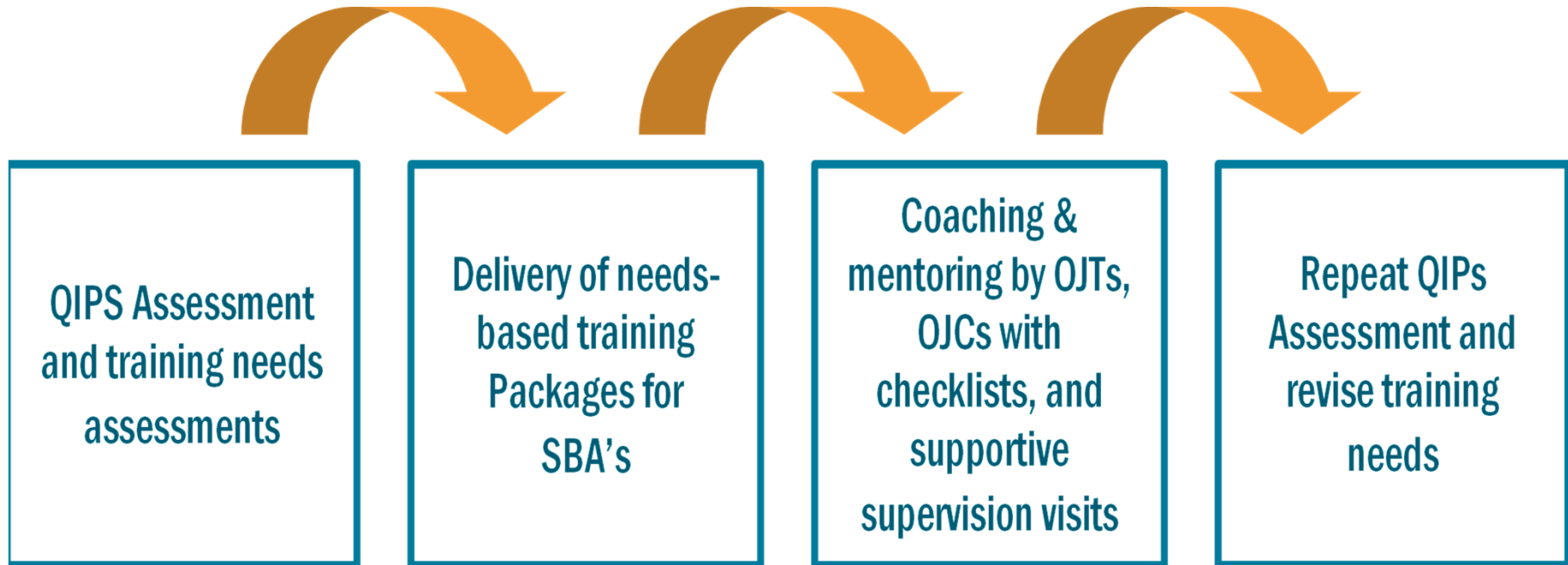
- **38 Secondary Care Hospitals upgraded through:**
  - Repairs and renovations
  - Infection prevention
  - Equipment and supplies
  - Trainings:
    - Obstetricians
    - Anesthetists
    - Medical Officers
    - Nurses and LHVs



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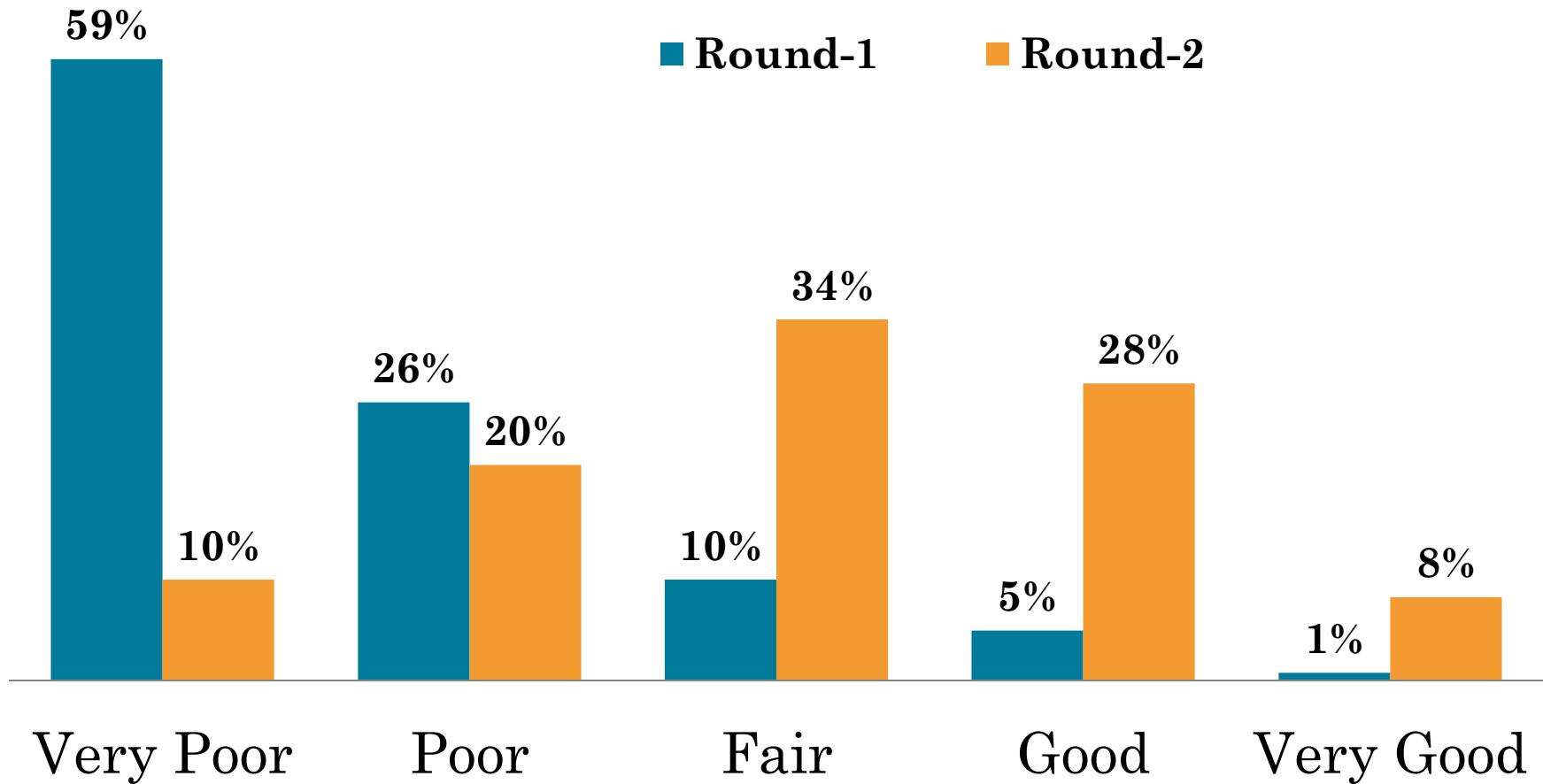
# Quality Improvement Cycle



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# Success Story: Quality



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# Success Story: Implants



In government and PPHI health facilities, over 40,000 women have received implants during last 1 year.

Postpartum Implant also introduced for the first time in Sindh.



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# Chlorhexidine Pilot



7,533

CHX tubes  
distributed in  
two districts



3,661

Newborns  
received CHX  
upon delivery



46

District roll-  
out trainings  
completed



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# Newborn and Child Health

- **4,345** asphyxiated newborns revived at through Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) module.
- **127,000** Chlorhexidine gel tubes distributed in 16 districts.
- **117,375** children <5 years received treatment for pneumonia
- **425,586** children <5 years received treatment for diarrhea



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# Results are encouraging

- Antenatal care and facility deliveries by skilled birth attendants have increased
- Referrals for emergency and non-emergency cases have increased
- Newborn babies are getting better care
- Quality of care in govt. and private facilities has improved significantly
- Training institutions have been established



Jameela is our vision, our inspiration and our pride. She keeps us together as a team. She gives us courage to stand criticism, opposition and hardships. If we understand her commands and obey them, we will be successful.

If we fail her, we fail.



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# Thank you



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