

➤ *How women are treated during facility-based childbirth: development and validation of measurement tools in three countries*

The primary objectives of this WHO funded (\$42,485.00 for phase 1) are to develop an evidence-based definition and identification criteria of disrespect and abuse during childbirth in facilities that can be used globally. It is also to develop and validate tools for measuring disrespect and abuse during childbirth in facilities in Ghana as well as explore individual, provider, institutional and health systems factors that either promote or prevent disrespectful and abusive practices during childbirth in facilities.

The secondary objectives are:

1. To explore the perspectives and expectations of women, providers and administrators regarding respectful maternal care during childbirth in facilities;
2. To explore the relationship between disrespect and abuse, receipt of biomedical care and individual health outcomes;
3. To understand the relationships between disrespect and abuse experiences and intended future maternal care-seeking behavior.

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