

ICM Global Midwives Associations Map Survey 2019

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1. AT A GLANCE

The ICM Global Midwives Associations Map Survey 2019 will help ICM to collect Association and midwifery workforce data from your country. The survey will be sent to ICM members once every three years.

The data collected will be displayed on a dynamic and interactive map: the **ICM Global Midwives' Associations Map**. Your professional Midwives' Association will be geo-coded, i.e. the physical address of your association will be geographically visible on the map, and a set of more than 80 midwifery indicators for all ICM members' countries will be available on the map!

NEW! The survey will also be used to collect data for the third global State of the World's Midwifery (SoWMy) report!

This document will outline the data submission process for the upcoming map and SoWMy update.

2. BACKGROUND

Map

ICM and Direct Relief launched the **ICM Global Midwives Associations Map**, in June 2017 in Toronto. The current map is available on the ICM website <https://www.internationalmidwives.org/>.

State of the World's Midwifery Report

Two *State of the World's Midwifery* (SoWMy) reports have previously been published: the first in 2011 and the second in 2014. Additionally, three regional SoWMy reports have been published in the Arab States (2015), East and Southern Africa (2017), and the Pacific Islands (2019). These reports have shown progress over time and have been useful for countries to focus efforts to accelerate progress towards meeting national and global targets. The third global SoWMy report will be published in 2021 and will further enable countries to focus attention where it is needed to meet 2030 goals.

3. SoWMy & MAP UPDATES

ICM and Direct Relief have redesigned the map which requires collecting updated and additional data. The new version of the map will be available by mid-2020 for ICM Congress in Bali!

Map Updates

We are pleased to announce a redesigned map interface that will feature the following upgrades:

- *Redesigned to meet your needs with separate sections for Regulation and Education.*
- *Displaying easy to read information about your Midwives' Association on the map.*
- *More detailed with around 80 indicators linked to midwifery.*

- *Data can be used to monitor trends and inform policy to improve midwifery in your country.*
- *More accessible: available in three languages, English, French and Spanish*
- *The map will be hosted on the ICM website and a global midwifery initiative page that features data, insights, and visualizations while offering ways to engage with the midwifery community through a calendar of upcoming events, webinars, and announcements.*

State of the World’s Midwifery Report 2021

A third SoWMy report is coming! The *State of the World’s Midwifery 2021* (SoWMy 2021) will provide an updated evidence base and detailed analysis of the progress and future challenges to deliver effective coverage and quality of midwives and midwifery services in the 97 countries which participated in previous reports in the series, plus a selection of high-income countries. Some of the data you submit to the surveys may be featured in the SoWMy 2021 report, assuming that the appropriate validation process has been followed (see later).

Most of the quantitative data used to compile the SoWMy report will come from country submissions to the World Health Organization’s National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) platform. **Another set of data will be collected from the ICM Member Associations via the ICM Global Midwives Associations Map Survey!** This ICM Member Association survey will provide additional data on key issues such as education pathways and regulatory systems. Member associations will have **the support of UNFPA Country Offices** to complete the survey. Instructions on how to submit survey data are shown below.

Previous SoWMy reports have focused on low- and middle-income countries. This time, any and all countries are eligible for inclusion in SoWMy 2021: if validated data are provided via NHWA and the ICM survey, then the country will be featured in the report.

The Global Midwives Associations Map Survey 2019 includes more than 80 questions, many of which will feed into the dataset for the SoWMy 2021 report. **ICM and UNFPA require the Midwives’ Associations to engage in and lead the collection of the data, with the support of the UNFPA Country offices when possible.**

4. DATA COLLECTION, VALIDATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Timeline

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| • Survey Released: | October 2019 |
| • Survey Deadline: | 31 December 2019 |
| • Quality checks/validation: | January – February 2020 |
| • Global Midwives’ Association Map launch: | June 2020 |
| • SoWMy report 2021: | April 2021 – exact date tbc |

Survey Information

ICM together with Direct Relief are using a simple and intuitive online data gathering solution called Survey123 to collect the electronic data. To make the survey easier to complete, the survey has been divided into four shorter mini-surveys:

Midwifery Association Survey: <https://arcg.is/0yvq94>

Midwifery Education Survey: <https://arcg.is/0rHTTC>

Midwifery Leadership Survey: <https://arcg.is/04bb8W>

Midwifery Regulation Survey: <https://arcg.is/1erOCz>

There is a total of 82 questions. Don't be discouraged: not every question will be applicable in every country, so probably you will not need to answer all 82 questions. We recognise that completing the questionnaire is a big task, but we believe the benefits of participating will compensate. The sharing of these data via the Midwife Map and the SoWMy report will raise awareness of the importance of midwives, and therefore should encourage governments to increase investment in midwives, increase their professional status and improve their education. Bear in mind also that this process will occur only once every three years – we will not ask you to do it again until 2022.

Step by step process

ICM requires engagement and leadership of **all** Members to ensure that the data collected is **ACCURATE** and **VALIDATED***. **= officially accepted or approved by a competent authority.* This process is particularly important for the data to be included in the SoWMy report: **we can only include data in that report if it has been approved by your national ministry of health (MoH)**. We recommend ICM Midwives' Associations take the following steps:

1. Contact the UNFPA Country Office and together, make a plan regarding how to collect the data in your country. The UNFPA Country Office knows about the survey and is expecting your call. In countries with no UNFPA Country Office, go to the next step. If you need additional support before proceeding to the next step, please contact ICM at c.renard@internationalmidwives.org.
2. Print the four surveys (recommended). The printed version **COMBINES** all questions of the 4 mini surveys. Work on the printed versions with the UNFPA Country Office and/or relevant authorities/organisations to collect the responses.
3. Before you start to complete the surveys, contact the relevant department(s) at the MoH to inform them that you have been asked to contribute data, that you will be working with the UNFPA country office (if applicable) and other key stakeholders, and that you are requesting their support to provide data and validate the completed questionnaire. They may ask to see the questionnaire, in which case do share it with them.
4. Involve the relevant government ministries and departments (including health, employment, education and finance as appropriate) and other relevant stakeholders in the data collection. Contact the competent authority for each set of data (this will depend of the specific context of your country). For example: (a) Contact the Regulatory Authority for questions/data related to Education and Regulation, (b) Contact the Education institutions for questions/data related to Education, (c) Contact the Ministry of Health for questions/data related to Education, Regulation and Leadership.

We recommend that you organise a stakeholder meeting or workshop to work through the surveys, so that a consensus can be reached when there is disagreement between stakeholders.

5. When all data have been collected from the different organisations on the printed survey, the Midwives' Association enters the responses in the online Survey123 platform and submits the completed electronic version of the surveys. Make sure to have reliable internet connection when entering the data electronically and please check carefully that you input the correct data. It is not possible to save a partially completed form, so make sure you have time to enter all the data and submit in a single session.

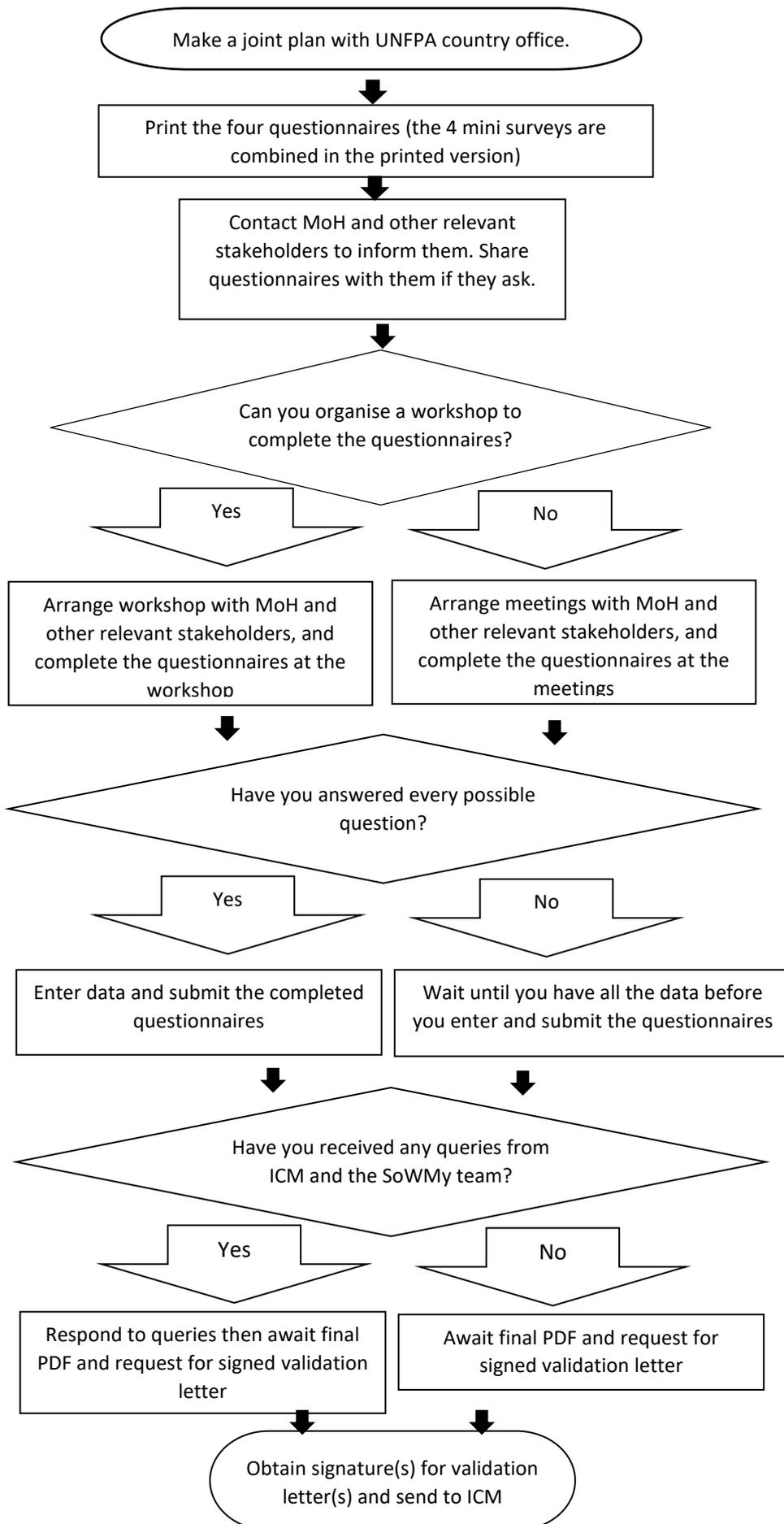
6. After submission, ICM and the SoWMy team will review the data, and we may contact you with queries and requests for clarification. If these queries result in the need to make changes to your data, we will make those changes in the database. We will then send you a PDF of your final data, for you to share with the Ministry of Health and other important stakeholders, so they can approve the final version before the data are published.

7. **Provide signed Data Validation letters** from the Ministry of Health (and other competent authorities if appropriate). A **Validation Data template letter** is attached to the survey. Please only send these letters after you have received the PDF of your final data and the data has been approved by the relevant stakeholders. You can provide a letter per survey if the data has been collected from different sources. (e.g. a letter from the Regulatory Body for the Regulation data). **Please send the signed data validation letters to ICM at c.renard@internationalmidwives.org**

In addition, please **provide the website links** to the official data source directly in the survey.

8. If between January and June 2020, your country needs to update some data already submitted, please email ICMMap@directrelief.org

Process Chart (SEE NEXT PAGE)



5. WHO TO CONTACT?

- For questions regarding the data collection and submission process and the surveys, please email ICM (c.renard@internationalmidwives.org)
- Please send all signed Data Validation letters to ICM (c.renard@internationalmidwives.org)
- If the data already submitted have changed, please send the new data to Direct Relief (ICMMap@directrelief.org)
- Questions about SoWMy2021 should be directed to Anna von Hörsten of UNFPA (vonhorsten@unfpa.org)
- Any other questions? Please email ICM (c.renard@internationalmidwives.org)