

Expanding Access to Resources for Small and Sick Newborn Care in French Speaking Contexts: Newborn Toolkit

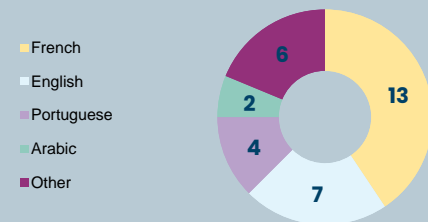
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Background

- There is a greater burden of neonatal mortality in French-speaking African contexts¹
- At current rates global and national targets to reduce neonatal mortality will not be met, with almost 90% of countries in Sub-Saharan Africa projected to risk missing the target for SDG 3.2²

Countries with the Highest Neonatal Mortality Rate (Top 30)¹ by National Language Spoken



Objective

- We aim to bridge the implementation gap for small and sick newborn care (SSNC) in low resource settings by increasing access to and uptake of high-quality tools, readings and learnings in French

Methods

- The Implementation Toolkit for Small and Sick Newborn Care in French is partnered with the African Neonatal Association and funded by the Chiesi Foundation
- It applies an innovative health system approach to bring together learnings, tools, and readings in Small and Sick Newborn Care
- Resources are sorted into eight health systems building blocks and three core components:



November 2021

Implementation Toolkit for SSNC was launched with contributions from over 300 implementers in 52 countries

September 2022

French Technical Working Group convened to collate French resources

May 2023

Toolkit in French was launched at the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference in South Africa

Results

Users

- 7300+ unique users in 2023

- Top 10** French-speaking countries of users:

- Senegal
- Burkina Faso
- Canada
- Rwanda
- France
- Congo
- Switzerland
- Cameroon
- Burundi
- Benin

Content

- Over 200 French readings, learnings, and tools
- French-English technical terms glossary

Conclusions

- Increasing accessibility to resources in French is an essential first step to closing the implementation gap
- Gaps in the SSNC community of practice for French speaking nurses and biomedical engineers need to be addressed
- Advocacy for timely and accurate translation of updated guidance and inclusion of French-speakers in guidance development

Community

- Online seminar series led by experts in newborn care with live French translation
- French implementer-led feedback sessions on the Implementation Toolkit French outreach activities

Toolkit in French



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