Safe Motherhood Project in Macedonia

- To assist MANM to become active members of the International Confederation of Midwives
- To assist MANM with the recruitment and selection of midwifery teachers
- To assist MANM to develop a midwifery education curriculum for Macedonia, which will ensure midwives meet the requirements of EU Midwives Directives. No. 2005/36/EC
- To assist the MANM with the recruitment and selection of midwifery teachers
- To train an initial cohort of midwife teachers to enable the curriculum to be sustainable
- To assist the MANM to gain membership of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and help to establish wider European networks and develop political engagement skills

Project Plan

- The in-country program will run over two years and will include the following modules:
  1. Learning Midwifery: Study skills as teacher, learner and facilitator
  2. The Midwife as a Teacher: Planning, Teaching, Assessing and Evaluating
  3. Legislation and Regulation in Midwifery: Developing Midwifery Knowledge and Practice
  4. Bringing the Curriculum to Life: Theory, Practice and Strategy

- Each module will run over a period of 26 weeks, with a break of one month between modules.

- During the two year programme, midwifery student teachers must be provided with a placement within an academic setting.
- The design of the programme must include midwifery education and midwifery in educational theory, applied to midwifery.
- At the end of the programme, as part of the assessment and development phase, the student teachers will have designed a curriculum for future student midwives tailored and appropriate to the needs of students and families in Macedonia.

- MANM has achieved member status of the European Union of Midwives
- MANM has been accepted into International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) membership
- Project steering group has met three times.
- Gain support and agreement in principle for the establishment of midwives and the development of a midwifery specific curriculum
- Gain a greater understanding of the provision of maternity services, and the content of care in Macedonia to inform the midwife teacher preparation programme
- Select and recruit appropriately qualified midwives to participate in the teacher preparation programmes in 3 main cities: Skopje, Bitola, Tetovo
- KMI held one-week study visits for prospective midwife teachers were held in Macedonia in February and April 2008
- The programme has successfully commenced

Summary of Birth Data for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- Probability of dying under five (per 1,000 live births): 17
- Life expectancy at birth m/f (years): 71/76
- Total expenditure on health as % of GDP (2004): 8.0
- Total expenditure on health per capita (Intl $, 2004): 471
- Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years m/f (per 1,000 population): 164/77
- Healthy life expectancy at birth m/f (years, 2002): 62/65
- Area: 25,713 sq km (9,928 sq miles)
- Total population: 2,034,000
- Major religion: Christianity and Islam

Health Human Resources - density per 1000 per population

- Professionals responsible for maternal care
  - Gynaecologists: obstetricians, gynaecologists, midwives and para-midwives
  - Nurses are providers of maternity care
  - Psychologists and social workers provide support care
  - Midwives and midwifery education is in the form of midwifery education and training and midwives practice in a supervisor absolute or relative relationship
  - Midwives are referred to the midwifery services through the primary healthcare system
  - All present to take place in the home setting

Role and Scope of Midwifery Practice

- Midwives are primarily engaged in assistance to obstetricians and gynaecologists
- Midwives have the knowledge and skills in managing, supporting and assessing patients
- Midwives are supported in the provision of care by nurses
- The midwifery education infrastructure by assisting the midwifery education infrastructure by assisting midwives to gain membership of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and help to establish wider European networks and political engagement skills.

Midwifery Education

- Midwifery education and training are in transition, from the spiral of gynaecology education-streams to more midwifery-specific curricula.
- There is a greater emphasis on evidence-based practice for midwifery, but there is a need for more research to identify effective strategies for midwifery practice.
- Midwives are in regular contact with other professional groups involved in the delivery of maternity care, such as doctors, other health professionals, and midwives.
- The Royal College of Midwives has successfully engaged in collaborative arrangements with other professional groups involved in the delivery of maternity care, such as doctors, other health professionals, and midwives.

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- Building Capacity - "Educating the Educators"

"We want midwifery in our country to be as good as the highest quality of midwifery care practised elsewhere in Europe."