

WHO Levels of Newborn Care with Interventions

NEST360 Informing the 'How To' for Implementation

Level 1 Immediate and Essential Newborn Care	Immediate newborn care (delayed cord clamping, drying, skin-to-skin etc.) Neonatal resuscitation for those who need it Breastfeeding early initiation and support Essential newborn care Identification and referral of complications Targeted care as needed e.g., PMTCT of HIV
Level 2 Special Newborn Care	Thermal care including KMC for all stable neonates <2000gms Assisted feeding and IV fluids Safe administration of oxygen Sepsis detection and management of with injection antibiotics Jaundice detection and management of with phototherapy Neonatal encephalopathy detection and management Congenital abnormalities detection and referral/management
Transition to Intensive Care (2+)	CPAP management of preterm respiratory distress Follow up of at-risk newborns Exchange transfusion
Level 3 Intensive Newborn Care	Mechanical/assisted ventilation Advanced feeding support (e.g., parenteral nutrition) Paediatric surgery for congenital conditions Screening and treatment for RoP



EVERY NEWBORN COVERAGE TARGETS 2020-2025

80% of districts have at least one level-2 in-patient unit to care for small & sick newborns, with respiratory support including CPAP.



Ref: [WHO/UNICEF report](#) "Survive and Thrive; Transforming care for small and sick newborns" based on a global survey, PLoS ([Moxon et al 2019](#))

[WHO norms and stds for SSNC and in ENAP coverage targets](#) .