**Abstract**

**Problem:** Transport and referral system delays block access to essential emergency obstetric interventions among pregnant women in rural Ghana.

**Approach:** The Sustainable Emergency Referral Care (SERC) project aims to develop lasting improvements to emergency transport equipment, communication systems, patient triage protocols, and financing and supervision of the referral system to improve access and save lives.

**Local Setting:** The Upper East Region is the epicenter of community-based innovations in primary health care in Ghana and has dramatically improved child survival despite high rates of poverty and geographically dispersed populations.

**Relevant Changes:** SERC piloted several

**Lessons Learnt:**