



# CLINICAL MENTORING AND PROVIDER SUPPORT FOR ABORTION-RELATED CARE

Clinical Mentor Quotes



## Mentor Quote 1

*“[The most challenging issues in mentoring providers in our setting are] difficulties due to insufficient materials to providers, replacement of medicine...follow-up in the upper level and coordination with referral sites for complication management.”*

*– Tara Devi Tamang, clinical mentor, Nepal*

## Mentor Quote 2

*“[Mentors should] have a good relationship with clinic managers and their superiors, [and] be humble but firm, as not everyone has the same values as you.”*

*– Dr. Mutinta Lina Myuni, clinical mentor, Zambia*

## Mentor Quote 3

*“The words that have made a difference are that ‘every woman matters to someone and they must matter to us.’”*

*– Dr. Mutinta Lina Muyuni, clinical mentor, Zambia*

## Mentor Quote 4

*“[Being a clinical mentor] helps me improve my knowledge and skills. It also helps improve the skills of the mentee. This idea of mentoring is so good.”*

*– Karita Bhandare, clinical mentor, Nepal*

## Mentor Quote 5

*“Clinical mentor is good Observer, yet not ‘Inspector’;  
good Advisor, yet not ‘Instructor’; Teacher but not  
‘Examiner.’”*

*– Umesh Kulkarni, clinical mentor, India*

## Mentor Quote 6

*“Surprised, really didn’t seem to be a major investment or event, but psychologically yielded a lot of benefits—having someone who understands, is non-judgmental, interested in your goals and reassuring and reconfirming those goals.”*

*- Provider in Benson et al.’s study*

## Mentor Quote 7

*“The most important responsibilities [as a clinical mentor] are to ensure my mentees never feel orphaned or alone. They must have confidence that I will be there when they need me even when complications or challenging cases arise, and that they will be competent in time. My other responsibility as a mentor is to ensure that the standard of care is maintained for all patients without discrimination.”*

*– Mutinta Lina Muyuni, clinical mentor, Zambia*



## Mentor Quote 8

*“When asked what words and actions have made the biggest impact on the performance of mentored providers: ‘Words of encouragements and assurance like, ‘You have done very well, excellent work, good job, great!’”*

*– Mubiana Inambao, clinical mentor, Zambia*

## Mentor Quote 9

*“[Clinical mentors] should be open to new challenges and changes in their approach as dictated by the situation on the ground.”*

*– Mumbiano Inambao, clinical mentor, Zambia*