ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE





WHAT CAN MIDWIVES DO?

Antibiotic Resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause. This is compromising our ability to treat infectious diseases and undermining many advances in medicine.

We must handle antibiotics with care so they remain effective for as long as possible.

- Do you always follow infection prevention & control protocols?
- Do you screen mothers & babies for infections?
- Do you advise mothers that breastfeeding boosts babies' immunity & prevents infections?
- Do you discharge mothers & newborns as soon as they're in a good condition (to lower the risk of infection)?
- Do you teach mothers about hygiene & how to prevent infections (e.g. vaccination, hand washing, safer sex, covering nose & mouth when sneezing)?

