The initiatives and guidance on triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B, have laid the ground for the global elimination goals and country efforts towards the elimination agenda. Built on the first two editions of the “Global guidance on criteria and processes for validation: elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis” (popularly known as the Orange Book), the World Health Organization (WHO) recently launched the updated “Global guidance on criteria and processes for validation: elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B virus” in November 2021.

In collaboration with and support from WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS, countries in Asia and the Pacific have set national and sub-national targets to eliminate mother-to-child transmission and achieve validation status by 2025. In order to support Asia Pacific countries in achieving and maintaining EMTCT of HIV, syphilis and viral hepatitis, three regional partner agencies, WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS, have collaborated, conceptualized and developed a webpage that provides and highlights key data and information related to triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and viral hepatitis. The webpage will be hosted on the existing HIV and AIDS Data Hub for the Asia Pacific website (the Data Hub).

The new EMTCT webpage provides a regional platform that stores and showcases the most up-to-date data, reports, technical guidelines, and publications on the triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, and viral hepatitis. It also highlights country and regional level EMTCT focused data analyses and showcases the success, lessons learned, and challenges of the Asia Pacific countries that have achieved EMTCT validation and are striving towards the triple elimination agenda.

In light of these, WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS regional teams are co-organizing a webinar:

- To brief the new Global guidance on criteria and processes for validation of Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, syphilis & Hepatitis B;
- To launch the new webpage - Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Syphilis, and Hepatitis B in Asia and the Pacific – on AIDS Data Hub website;
- To present countries' experience in moving towards the elimination agenda and in achieving validation of Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission.