Algorithm: Prolonged labor

Spontaneous labor

- 3-5.9 cm
  - Cervical change: Continue labor
  - No cervical change: No cervical change
    - Augmentation with oxytocin, close monitoring
    - Failure: Rupture of membranes, monitoring
      - Cervical change: Continue labor
      - No cervical change despite adequate contractions for at least 4 hours: Consider cesarean delivery
      - Inadequate contractions; no cervical change for at least 6 hours

- At least 6 cm
  - Cervical change: Continue labor

Commitment to full dilatation default for more than 3 hours

No

Assisted vaginal delivery

Yes

Source: Recommendations for clinical practice of the African Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (SAGO); Spong, Preventing the first cesarean delivery and opinions of the group of experts