Title: Scaling up proven public health interventions through a locally owned and sustained leadership development programme in rural Upper Egypt

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1. Page 3- To mirror the information in the manuscript on pp 10-11, there was a change in the abstract on Page 3 to report on the changes over two years, from 2005-2007: "From 2005 to 2007, the Leadership Development Programme participants in Aswan Governorate focused on reducing the maternal mortality rate as their annual goal. They reduced it from 85.0 per 100 000 live births to 35.5 per 100 000."

2. Page 11- The numbers of health facilities in Afghanistan, and number of countries in which the LDP was updated to reflect the current reality: "In 2005, Ministry of Public Health officials from Afghanistan went to Aswan to learn the LDP approach. They replicated the programme in five Afghan provinces that year. Now the LDP is used to improve service results in over 100 health facilities in 13 provinces across Afghanistan."

"The LDP has been transferred to 35 developing countries around the world, and is used to scale up a variety of proven public health interventions. LDP tools and approaches are also being introduced into medical and public health curricula in Africa, Latin America and the Eastern Mediterranean."

References 6 and 7 are now cited in the text and are in square brackets
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