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'Merck More than a Mother' from Africa to Asia for the first time - in partnership with Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE)

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- **'Merck More than a Mother' engages policy makers and fertility experts to define interventi**
- **Merck collaborates with Asian Fertility Societies to build fertility care capacity and improve**

Merck (www.MerckGroup.com), a leading science and technology company thr[th]oughout

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"Through 'Merck More than a Mother' we empower an under-privileged segment of women. Women wh

Watch below the stories of women who have suffered as a result of the infertility stigma:

- The story of Grace Kambini, Kenya: www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkVVbGzUJJo .
- The story of Berna Amulen, Uganda: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOpOiuZ9uqg .
- The story of Aisha Tasila, Sierra Leone: https://youtu.be/dN_Y7VrXotM .

"When I created 'Merck More than a Mother' I knew important women around the world would rally to th

The high level panel discussion included: Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess Azizah of Pahang,

Her Royal Highness The Crown Princess Azizah of Pahang, Founder and Life President, Tunku Azizah

Minister of State for Health, Uganda, Hon. Dr. Joyce Moriku Kaducu emphasized: "In Uganda, between 15-20% o

Sierra Leone's Minister State of Health and Sanitation Hon. Zuliatu Cooper explained: "In Sierra Leone

“This a historic achievement for Africa, as ‘Merck More than a Mother’ will do the same in Liberia where

Dr. Ivans Sini, Chairman, Indonesian Reproductive Science Institute (IRSI) stated: “We are very happy

About ‘Merck More than a Mother’
‘Merck More than a Mother’ is championed by the First Ladies of Central African Republic and Sierra L

Watch below the videos of the first ladies of Central African Republic and Sierra Leone on why t

- H.E. First Lady of Central African Republic, Madame Brigitte Touadera: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtdI2mBnQWY&t=9s
- H.E. First Lady of Sierra Leone, Madame Sia Koroma: https://youtu.be/vaCKdr4Zkas .

Through ‘Empowering Berna’, ‘Merck More than a Mother’ supports infertile women who can no longer

Over 1,000 infertile women in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Central African Republic, Eth

Watch below video on the stories of infertile women from Liberia, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria and C

- The story of empowering infertile women in Liberia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eeqqi0 .
- ‘Merck More Than a Mother’ empowering infertile women in Uganda: https://youtu.be/NuqMKiSugzg
- The story of empowering Ugandan women of Ghana: https://youtu.be/ian2QPWAbs8
- The story of empowering Kachollom ÂÂ M. Sha, Nigeria:ÂÂÂ https://youtu.be/FQdSPoNiR0
- The story of empowering Mrs. Mariatu Lahai, Sierra Leone: https://youtu.be/j8AC3e16XoA

‘Merck More than a Mother’ also provides training programmes for embryologists in Africa to improve a

The training of African embryologists has already started in Indonesia and India and is benefitting eight

Watch the videos below of the ‘Merck Africa Embryology Training Program’ in India and Indone

- Merck Africa Embryology Training - Kenya and Uganda: www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9u60X-AIls .
- Merck Africa Embryology Training - Tanzania and Ghana: https://youtu.be/zEia4dAiEZw
- Merck Africa Embryology Training - Nigeria: https://youtu.be/vaUVCUQMmbU .