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Outcome 1: Highest possible political commitment to women’s and children’s health achieved



With just two years left until 2015 and the end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) era, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) took a pragmatic decision in 2013. It struck a balance between accelerating progress towards achieving MDGs 4 and 5 on child and maternal health (taking account of other related MDGs) while looking ahead to the post-2015 development agenda – and promoting the role of women and children in that global agenda.

As such, four main themes shaped the Partnership's work in 2013:


Achieving political commitment at the highest possible level for women's and children's health, both in relation to the unfinished MDGs agenda and the emerging post-2015 development agenda;

Every Newborn, in particular, will remain high on the PMNCH agenda in 2014. It represents an important opportunity to emphasize the need for quality of care at the time of birth for both women



Progress by Outcome





1. Outcome 1:
Highest possible political commitment to women's and children's health achieved and maintained in the years to 2015 and beyond

1.1.





Accountability for Results breakfast meeting
(September 2013, New York)⁵



September: Success Factors in Women's and Children's Health¹¹

This is a multidisciplinary study of key factors, within and beyond the health sector, that contribute to progress towards MDGs 4 and 5 in countries. Preliminary findings of the Success Factors study were highlighted in 2013 through both social media and live events tied to the United Nations General Assembly in New York.¹² PMNCH collaborated with MamaYe-E4A to create an advocacy booklet and pull-up banners with infographics for the PMNCH annual accountability breakfast. This highlig



November: Global Investment Framework¹⁴

To disseminate key messages from the Global Investment Framework for Wom



African Union Summit of Heads of States (January 2013, Addis Ababa)

PMNCH and the Africa Civil Society Coalition on MNCH produced a summary review of African Union policies relating to women's and children's health over the past 50 years. This brief was based on a policy review of over 800 African Union policies between 1943 and 2013. It was shared during a side event hosted by the Campaign for Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA), attended by more than 20 heads of state.

14th PMNCH Board meeting (June 2013)¹⁸

This board meeting included an introductory panel discussion: Accelerating progress towards improved women's and children's health in Africa: A multi-stakeholder and multisectoral effort. This took stock of planned initiatives that aim to promote RMNCH outcomes at regional and global levels. More than 60 people took part in this session, including representatives of the African Union Commission, the East African Community (EAC), ministries of health from PMNCH member countries, the Africa MNCH Coalition and other key development partners.

East African Community, Open Health Initiative (OHI), (various meetings 2013)¹⁹

The OHI is a sub-regional collaborative effort. It seeks to promote innovative interventions, enhance data and information for better results and provide stronger oversight of progress and resources in line with recommendations of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and the Commission on Information and Accountability. The OHI is expected to boost RMNCH progress by harnessing the collective knowledge and market size of the different participating countries, with the help of an acceleration fund, to catalyse efforts to improve women's and children's health. PMNCH has supported the involvement of RMNCH civil society networks from the participating countries in discussions around the implementation of the OHI. PMNCH has also provided technical assistance to the OHI.

1.4. Post-2015 strategy inputs

1.4.1. Developing a PMNCH position paper, accompanied by a dedicated advocacy mapping and strategy.

PMNCH has developed a number of position papers relating to the post-2015 strategy, including:²⁰

PMNCH position paper on women's and children's health

The post-2015 working group of partners oversaw the development of a paper to position women's and children's health as a key health and development priority for the next 15 years. The paper was submitted as part of the Health Thematic Consultation and used to advocate to various stakeholders in the health

PMNCH position summary statement

In order to encourage a focus on health in the drafting of the High-Level Panel (HLP) report, the post-2015 working group of partners developed a summary statement outlining the PMNCH position. It was endorsed by more than 240 PMNCH member organizations. This summary was sent to the HLP members, the HLP secretariat and all advisors of HLP members. PMNCH was also able to advocate in person with nearly all HLP advisors at the Indonesia consultation. PMNCH also supported the Office of the President's Special Envoy on MDGs in organizing outreach meetings attended by HLP members during the Bali consultation. The summary position paper was presented at these events.

Support around the African Common Position

Abuja+12 Special Summit on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (July 2013, Abuja)

In addition to the background materials provided by PMNCH for this summit (see 1.3.2), Countdown disseminated a briefing note: **RMNCH in Africa: Progress, Opportunities, Challenges, July 2013**. The note presented Countdown's most recent findings related to RMNCH progress in Africa (see 1.3.2).

Regional RMNCH budget advocacy workshop (August 2013, Nairobi)

As noted above, Countdown was part of a group of partners that convened an innovative four-day capacity building workshop for national ministries of health, parliamentarians, media and civil society from five countries in Africa (see 1.3.2).

International RMNCH meeting, African Union (Johannesburg, August 2013)

The Countdown Africa regional brief, prepared in June 2013 for an African Union meeting, was expanded to include two additional pages on newborn health. It was branded as an African Union docut



Development of an evidence-based guide for a multi-stakeholder dialogue process to promote the implementation of essential interventions for women's and children's health

A complete draft of the guide has been completed. It is intended to assist conveners and facilitators in managing multi-stakeholder dialogue (MSD) processes on policy issues related to the implementation of essential RMNCH interventions and related intersectoral interventions. An MSD is a structured, interactive process that connects relevant stakeholders to create mutual understanding and shared courses of action. MSDs on women's and children's health are occurring in many countries. For example: the national implementation analyses supported by the RMNH Alliance and conducted in six Asia-Pacific countries; multi-stakeholder efforts to shape the health budget allocation in Uganda; and public

PMNCH is supporting the Joint Initiative on Maternal and Newborn Health Essential Interventions in Indonesia and Uganda. This initiative is to be implemented by the In

2.3. Contribute to the development of evidence products to inform action, advocacy and accountability

- 2.3.1. Update the essential interventions report reflecting the dynamic nature of this exercise and evolving evidence, and extending it to include delivery mechanism/platforms for essential interventions (e.g. for pre-pregnancy).

Linking with partner initiatives on synthesizing evidence on behaviour ch



Countdown, supported by PMNCH, organized six sessions at this conference on the following themes:³⁶

1. Accountability for maternal, newborn and child survival: the 2013 Countdown report and country profiles;
2. Mother's health, newborn's health: investing with a double benefit;
3. Building the RMNCH evidence base: improving tools to track coverage (showcasing key articles by Countdown authors in the *PLoS Medicine* supplement on improving coverage measurement);
4. Country Countdowns: accelerating national RMNCH progress to 2015 and beyond;
5. Financing progress: paying for reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health;
6. Countdown to equity: identifying and reaching the hard-to-reach.

Countdown also hosted an invitation-only capacity-building workshop on how to conduct a Country Countdown, on 31 May in Kuala Lumpur, the day after the Women Deliver conference.³⁷ This provided participating country teams with an opportunity to learn more about the steps involved in carrying out a Country Countdown. This included understanding the databases used by Countdown to develop country profiles and reports, and working together to develop a plan for initiating a Country Countdown in their respective countries.


Five countries are currently undertaking in-depth case studies with Countdown support: Afghanistan/ Pakistan, Ethiopia, India and Malawi. A case study on maternal mortality declines in Bangladesh was completed in late 2013 (results are under second review in *The Lancet*). All of these countries are planning to disseminate the case study findings through a Country Countdown process. Additional countries in varying stages of completion are currently being identified. Countdown will publish these case studies in *The Lancet* in September 2012.

The four technical working groups of Countdown³⁸ – coverage, equity, financing, health systems & policies – are developing cross-cutting papers for publication. These papers include the latest analysis from the financing tech(i)-3.99306(c)-19.3034(a)1.49875(l wo)-6.69081(r)-13.4874(k)-2.31391(i)4.78516(n)-10.2105(g g)-14.0910

3.1. Global Investment Framework,⁴² including economic benefits

3.1.1. Provide technical and strategic inputs to development of Global Investment Framework.

PMNCH, together with WHO and the University of Washington, co-chaired the development of the Global Investment Framework (GIF) for Women's and Children's Health. The GIF demonstrated how investment in women's and children's health will secure high returns for health, society and economies. It was published in *The Lancet* on 19 November 2013 under the title: Advancing social and economic development by investing in women's and children's health: a new Global Investment Framework. The GIF was developed at the request of the iERG as one of the key pillars of the ongoing accountability agenda for women's and children's health. The framework presented costs for health systems strengthening and six investment "packages": maternal and newborn health; child health; immunization; family planning; HIV/AIDS; and malaria. Nutrit



3.1.2. Engagement with constituents to conduct consultations to build consensus,

Key activities include: a regional workshop⁴⁵ held from 18 to 20 November 2013 in Malawi to promote the implementation of a human rights-based approach to maternal and child health, in preparation for country analysis; development of assessment tools (e.g. a human rights and RMNCH rapid assessment tool) to support country analyses of legal and policy environments for RMNCH and human rights and implementation gaps; development of country briefs for the iERG and human rights bodies on RMNCH and human rights progress. It is envisaged that countries will use the two-page briefs as part of the reporting processes to the iERG and to human rights bodies. The joint workplan also plans their use as a key input into multi-stakeholder initiatives that are to take






4.1. Hosting secretariats


4.1.1. Countdown to 2015.

The secretariat of the Countdown initiative is hosted by PMNCH. Countdown is a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional collaboration that tracks, stimulates and supp



The Asian Innovation Working Group (aIWG) is a branch of the IWG tasked to support Every Woman Every Child. It was launched in May 2013 in conjunction with the Women Deliver conferen

Advisory group on ensuring women's and children's health is reflected in the post-2015 development agenda



4.3.3. Corporate strategy and management.

Additional information



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Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI)

Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative (CHNRI)

Child Maternal & Youth Leadership Initiative

Child-Maternal & Adolescent Life Project (CIMALP)

ChildFund India

Childlink Foundation

Children's Project International


**Choices and Challenges on Changing Childbirth (CCCC),
Regional Research Network**

Christian Community Development Programme (CCDP)

CIAM Public Health Research & Development Centre



International Institute for Health Care Professionals
International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA)
International Maternal and Child Health Foundation (IMCHF)
International Medical Equipment Collaborative, d/b/a (IMEC)
International Pediatric Association (IPA) – Member of the PMNCH board
International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) – Member of the PMNCH board
International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region
International Pregnancy Advisory Services (IPAS)
International Relief and Development
International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy (ISSHP)
International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG)
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease



mothers2mothers International
Mwagala Health Centre

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Nagaad Umbrella Organization

Results for Development (R4D)
Results in Health



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Vaah Junior Foundation for Better Maternal and Child Health
Vanderbilt University Medical Center: Center for Evidence-Based Medicine and Institute for Global Health
Vicez Global Charities Inc.
Volta Regional Health Administration

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WaterAid
Wellbeing Foundation Nigeria
WellShare International
White Ribbon Alliance
White Ribbon Alliance, Zambia
Women Acting Together for Change (WATCH)
Women Advocates Research and Documentation Center
Women and Children Agenda (WCA)
Women and Children First
Women and Community Livelihood Foundation
Women and Health Alliance International
Women Deliver
Women United for Economic Empowerment (WUEE)
Women's Global Health Imperative at RTI
Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC)
Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)
Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization (WISA)
World Bank – Member of the PMNCH board
World Connect, formerly Infante Sano
World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA)
World Health Organization – Member of the PMNCH board
World Vision International – Member of the PMNCH board
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Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
Youth Empowerment for Development Ministries International (YEDEM)
Youth Front Pakistan (YFP)
Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER)

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June

PMNCH Executive Committee (*teleconference*)

4 June 2013 | Geneva, Switzerland

Nutrition for Growth: Beating Hunger through Business and Science

8 June 2013 | London, United Kingdom

Global Investment Framework for Women's and Children's Health: study group meeting, high-level event, reception and dinner

13-14 June 2013 | Venice, Italy

G8 Summit 2013

17-18 June 2013 | Lough Erne, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

XI World Congress of Perinatal Medicine

19-22 June 2013 | Moscow, Russia

PMNCH pre-board meeting

25 June 2013 | Johannesburg, South Africa

14th PMNCH board meeting

26-27 June 2013 | Johannesburg, South Africa

July

PMNCH Executive Committee (*teleconference*)

7 July 2013 | Geneva, Switzerland

Every Newborn: West and Central African regional consultation

9-11 July 2013 | Dakar, Senegal

Special summit of the African Union on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria

12-16 July 2013 | Abuja, Nigeria

Multicountry seminar on parliaments and accountability for women's and children's health

30-31 July 2013 | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Saving Lives at Birth Development^xCal

This section lists the papers published in 2013, grouped by:

- Institutional reports;**
- Country analyses;**
- Technical reports;**
- Strategy briefs;**
- Knowledge summaries.**

Institutional reports


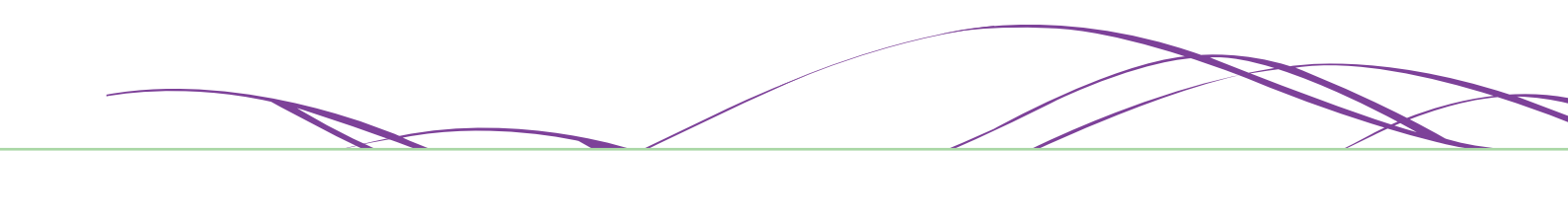
- PMNCH Financial Report 2012;**
- PMNCH Progress Report 2012;**
- Executive Director reports to board.**

Country RMNCH implementation analyses

- Implementation analyses led by UNICEF and the RMNH Alliance in: Fiji, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Micronesia;**
- Using implementation analyses to identify national RMNCH priorities: a multi-stakeholder approach supported by global partnerships. Partnership profile: RMNH Alliance.**

Technical reports

- Reaching Every Woman and Every Child through Partnership;**
- Strengthening National Advocacy Coalitions for Improved Women's and Children's Health;**
- Promising Mechanisms to Strengthen Domestic**



This section details the media work undertaken in 2013, including press releases and eBlasts.

Regional RMNCH budget advocacy workshop (August 2013, Nairobi)⁴⁹

PMNCH convened partners, including national and regional media networks, to produce an innovative four-day capacity-building workshop to promote greater knowledge of the full budget-accountability cycle (see 1.3.2 for more information).

Violence against women campaign (June 2013, Geneva)⁵⁰

PMNCH worked with partners, including WHO, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the South African Medical Research Council to launch a media campaign highlighting violence against women as a global health issue.

Joint news release on child marriages (March 2013, New York)⁵¹

PMNCH released a news update jointly with Every Woman Every Child, Girls Not Brides, the United Nations Foundation, UNFPA, UNICEF and others to bring attention on the critical issues of child marriages. PMNCH also worked with Countdown to 2015 to help with the global and regional dissemination of its 2013 report.

PMNCH eBlasts

November/December 2013;
October 2013;
September 2013;
July 2013;
June 2013;
May 2013;
March 2013;
February 2013;
January 2013.

PMNCH on Twitter

6876 Tweets (since inception of PMNCH Twitter account in 2010);
PMNCH is following 1364 people and organizations;
7003 followed PMNCH in 2013 (200% increase on 2012).





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