



The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

About

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH, the Partnership) is the world's largest alliance for women's, children's and adolescents' health. It brings together over 1,100 partner organizations from 10 constituencies across 192 countries.

PMNCH provides a platform for diverse organizations from donor agencies, national governments, the UN, academia, NGOs, the private sector, youth organizations and other groups to align objectives, strategies and resources, and to agree on evidence for action to support the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through Universal Health Coverage and Primary Health Care.

PMNCH allows members to deliver more collectively than they would alone. Improving the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents is the greatest collective endeavour of our time. Since its inception, PMNCH has worked to forge and strengthen partnerships and drive momentum towards the attainment of global targets for women's, children's and adolescents' health.

History

PMNCH was launched in September 2005 when 80 organizations belonging to the Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health, the Healthy Newborn Partnership and the Child Survival Partnership joined forces. By uniting and working as one partnership they could do more to accelerate action by partners and countries to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 (reduce child mortality) and 5 (improve maternal health).

In its first decade, PMNCH's mandate was to strengthen alignment and build consensus about priority interventions to achieve MDGs 4 and 5. These efforts were bolstered in 2010 when the PMNCH platform facilitated the content of the *Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health*, led by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and galvanizing tangible commitments from partners, governments and the public for the attainment of MDGs 4 and 5.

In 2015, the *Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health* was launched to reflect the shift from the MDGs to the Sustainable Development Goals. The updated Global Strategy, which has guided PMNCH's work since 2016, takes a more holistic view of health, moving beyond survival to well-being and social transformation.

Our work

PMNCH focuses on work related to improving accountability, knowledge translation, advocacy and partner alignment to drive change towards improving the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents. Including in fragile and humanitarian settings.

Key focus areas include **Early Childhood Development, Adolescent Health and Well-being, Quality, Equity and Dignity (QED), Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Empowerment of women, girls and communities, and health in Humanitarian and Fragile Settings.**



Achievements

PMNCH's achievements include:

- Collaborating with key EWEC partners to orchestrate **US\$88 billion** in concrete, measurable commitments since 2010.
- Helping to secure global agreements between the 192 Member States of the United Nations through the United Nations General Assembly and the World Health Assembly (e.g. the SDGs and the Every Newborn Action Plan).
- Securing **Member State resolutions** on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) that prioritize action for women, children and adolescents (WHA May 2019; UNGA Sept 2019; IPU Oct 2019).
- Strengthening the inclusion of adolescent and youth voices (development of the Global Consensus Statement on **Meaningful Adolescent & Youth Engagement endorsed by over 250 organizations** in 2018), and building youth capacity through grants to develop coalitions and undertake joint advocacy and accountability work.

Chair

In July 2019, the Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand was appointed PMNCH Board Chair, succeeding Dr Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile (PMNCH Board Chair 2018) and, Graça Machel (PMNCH Board Chair 2013-2018).

The Partnership is administered by a Secretariat hosted at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

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