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The Partnership and its role in accountability for women's and children's health



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Outline

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3. Tracking of commitments to Global Strategy and Every Woman Every Child – lessons learned from 2011 and 2012 reports
4. Opportunities for future accountability work
5. Key questions

I. Accountability and PMNCH

- Mutual accountability a key component of Global Strategy
- Key dimension of PMNCH's work
 - One of three strategic objectives in 2012-2015 strategic framework and 2012 workplan
 - Countdown to 2015: hosts secretariat, contributes to advocacy for accountability and action
 - COIA: participation in report development and dissemination
 - 2011 and 2012 report on commitments to Global Strategy

2. PMNCH's work with respect to the iERG recommendations

Recommendation 1: More formal governance mechanism for better coordination

- Current PMNCH work:
 - Providing platform for dialogue around governance
 - Supporting national coalitions, for example in India
- What more can, or should, PMNCH do?
 - 2012-2015 strategy: facilitate multi-stakeholder country engagement, continue to support national coalitions

Recommendation 2: Develop global investment framework for women's and children's health

- Current PMNCH work:
 - Contributed to development and promotion of Africa and Asia investment cases
 - Facilitating discussions on coordinated RMNCH financing mechanism/ approach
- What more can, or should, PMNCH do?
 - Essential interventions consensus provides beginnings of investment framework and has multi-stakeholder buy-in

Recommendation 3: Country-specific priorities for implementing Global Strategy + innovation

■ Current PMNCH work:

- Development of civil society coalitions in 10 high-burden countries to promote implementation and accountability
- Supports IPU in implementing recent resolution in countries
- National media efforts
- Taking forward "Private Enterprise for Public Health"

■ What more can, or should, PMNCH do?

- Manila meeting: strategic discussions on how countries can optimize investment, implementation and accountability
- Similar meeting planned in Africa in 2013

Recommendation 4: Accelerate uptake and evaluation of eHealth and mHealth

- Current PMNCH work:
 - Developing strategy paper on "mHealth and ICT"
 - PMNCH will showcase successful applications at Manila meeting and identify opportunities for regional cooperation
 - Produced knowledge summary on civil registration & vital statistics
- What more can, or should, PMNCH do?
 - Focus collective action on projects in 2013 workplan to catalyze the scaling up of mHealth and ICT solutions
 - Bring together various stakeholders to align and develop consensus

Recommendation 5: Strengthen human rights tools and frameworks

- Current PMNCH work:
 - Contributed to development of technical guidance for implementation of Human Rights Council resolution on maternal mortality and morbidity
 - Developing knowledge summary on the role of human rights in accountability
- What more can, or should, PMNCH do?
 - Facilitate collaboration and alignment of the many PMNCH members working in this area

Recommendation 6: Expand commitment and capacity to evaluate

- Current PMNCH work:
 - 2011 and 2012 reports on commitments to Global Strategy
 - PMNCH essential interventions
 - Country case studies
- What more can, or should, PMNCH do?
 - Use multi-constituency platforms to develop Country Countdowns and monitor progress

3. Tracking commitments – lessons learned from 2011 and 2012 reports

- Inherent challenges to tracking commitments to Global Strategy
- Difficult to assess commitments independent from overall progress on women's and children's health
- Analyzing all commitments may be too ambitious
- Inherent limitations of self-reporting
- Need increased focus on country case studies to get more detail on outcomes, impact and challenges

3. Tracking of commitments to Global Strategy and Every Woman Every Child

- iERG: “We hope to bring more precise and quantitative measures to our analysis in future years to understand better how countries are performing relative to themselves and one another.”
- Continued role for PMNCH in tracking commitments?
- Need further guidance from iERG on required data and analyses to improve approach and methods

4. Opportunities for future work

Core Business

- Continued support to implementation of COIA recommendations
- Continued close involvement in Countdown to 2015

New Opportunities

- Shift to supporting independent assessments rather than a comprehensive report on commitments
- Provide guidance on local accountability
- Identify PMNCH's value-added to iERG recommendations

5. Key questions

- Should accountability remain one of PMNCH's three strategic objectives?
- If so, what are the most critical opportunities for PMNCH and its partners in the coming years?
- Are there specific iERG recommendations for which PMNCH is uniquely situated to assume a leadership role?
- Does the report on commitments continue to be a valuable global accountability tool?



Thank you!