

Commission on Information and Accountability for  
Women's and Children's Health



# Putting the recommendations into action

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# Short chronology of events

- Advanced copy of the Commission's Report released during the World Health Assembly, May 2011
- Recommendations discussed in high level meetings
  - World Health Assembly - resolution WHA 64.12
  - G8 meeting
- Development of a work plan initiated in a stakeholders' meeting in WHO, Geneva, 14 – 15 July 2011
- Agreement to focus follow-up on 74 countries - 49 lowest income countries (Global Strategy) + 25 additional high burden countries (Countdown)
- Open process of nomination of members of Independent Expert Group completed by September 2011



# One year post adoption of the Global Strategy

- Commission's report officially released by Dr Ban Ki-Moon, September 20, 2011
- Independent expert group announced – Carmen Barroso, Zulfikar Bhutta, Richard Horton, Dean Jamison, Joy Phumaphi, Marleen Temmerman, Miriam Were
- PMNCH: *Analysing Commitments to Advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health*
- Innovation Working Group: *Innovating for Every Women, Every Child*



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- Multi-stakeholder work plan developed through consultative process with all interested parties  
Costs: US\$ 88 million
- Roles and responsibilities for many partners: H4+, global health partnerships (PMNCH, HMN, GAVI, others), IPU, civil society organizations, academics and researchers, country representatives, private sector
- Funding commitments for implementation made by Norway, Canada and United Kingdom



# Key steps in follow-up at country level

- Development of national plan to augment information and accountability
- Monitoring 11 core results indicators – HMIS, surveys, use of ICT
- Strengthening registration of births and deaths
- Quality assessments – maternal and perinatal deaths reviews, quality of care surveys
- Tracking financial resources – domestic and external commitments, expenditures
- Development of a national digital health strategy
- Annual review and action – with all relevant stakeholders incl. human rights bodies
- Advocacy – national Countdown conferences, parliamentarians, community participation



# Key steps in follow-up at global level

- Galvanizing commitment
- Advocacy
- Reporting on results and resources
- Global digital health strategy
- Interpretation and dissemination of findings



# Partners acting in concert

- **Countdown initiative**  
Annual country profiles, national Countdown Conferences, Interpretation and dissemination of progress
- **Inter-Parliamentarian Union**  
Focus on Women and Children's Health, Report and resolution in annual meeting in Kampala, Uganda, April 2012
- **OECD DAC/CRS Working Party of Statistics**  
Task team set up (October 2011), Different options to be piloted with 1-2 agencies, Decision making in June 2012
- **H4+ - UN agencies**  
Support to countries in development and implementation of action plans
- **Evidence for Action**  
Maternal and perinatal deaths reviews, using information for advocacy and action
- **PMNCH**  
Advocacy and support to all of the above



# Immediate next steps

- Two intercountry workshops on domestic expenditure tracking: Francophone (11), Anglophone (12), WHO, Harare (completed)
- Two orientation and planning workshops:  
Mali (5 countries): 14 – 16 November 2011,  
Tanzania (7 countries): January 2012, WHO convener
- Country visits:  
Sierra Leone: 2 – 4 November 2011,  
Laos, Cambodia: January 2012, WHO convener
- International stakeholders' meeting,  
hosted by Government of Canada, Ottawa, 21 – 22 November 2011
- High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness,  
Busan, Korea, 29 Nov – 1 Dec 2011<sup>22</sup>



# **“Delivering Results for Women and Children” Forum**

Ottawa 21 – 22 November 2011

## **Objectives**

- Review progress and plans, opportunities and challenges of implementation in countries and globally
- Establish a shared understanding of the work required and the roles and responsibilities of partners in the implementation the Commission’s recommendations and the workplan
- Explore synergies and identifying areas for collaboration and coordination between the partners involved in implementing the Commission’s recommendations and the commitments to the Global Strategy



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- Identify a set of concrete next steps with a focus on joint efforts between the stakeholders
- High level opening with heads of UN agencies and ministers
- 3 sets of consecutive working sessions, each with parallel tracks - covering all dimensions of the work plan
- Meeting of the Independent Expert Review Group
- Participants representing all stakeholders including from 'front-runner' countries



# In conclusion

- Much progress has been made towards concrete follow-up of the Commission's recommendations
- Financial commitments forthcoming, but not enough
- Success will build on 'learning by doing'
- The stage is ours, all can join
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