Putting the recommendations into action

Dr Flavia Bustreo
Assistant Director General
Family, Women and Children's Health Cluster
World Health Organization
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*
Putting the recommendations into action

• 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
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 of 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
“Delivering Results for Women and Children” Forum

Ottawa 21 – 22 November 2011

- 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
- For more information: acc_commission@who.int