independent Expert Review Group (iERG)

- UPDATE -

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Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health was called at the request of the UN Secretary-General as an integral part of the UN Global Strategy to produce recommendations to facilitate national leadership and ownership of results.

Timeline: December, 2010 – May, 2011

Outcomes: Accountability Framework with 10 actionable Recommendations focusing on 75 countries (Global Strategy + Countdown to 2015)
Accountability Framework: Visual Representation

Accountability for Women's and Children's Health
The foundations of the accountability framework are built on the fundamental human right of every woman and child to the highest attainable standard of health and on the critical importance of achieving equity in health and gender equality.
Commission’s 10 Recommendations

Holding all stakeholders accountable

• Recommendations 1-3: Better information for better results

• Recommendations 4-6: Better tracking of resources for women's and children's health

• Recommendations 7-10: Better oversight of results and resources: nationally and globally
Independent Expert Review Group (iERG)

Recommended by Accountability Commission

**Timeline:** 2011 - 2015

**Structure:** 7 IERG members (2 co-chairs)

**Process:**

- **First meeting:** 22 November 2011, Ottawa, Canada
- **Second meeting:** 27-28 July 2012, Washington DC, US
- **Annual reports to the UN SG**
  - **First report:** September, 2012
- **Monthly telephone conferences**
IERG Terms of Reference – 6 functions

- assess the extent to which all stakeholders honor their commitments to the Global Strategy and the Commission; including the US$ 40 billion of commitments made in September 2010,
- review progress in implementation of the recommendations of the Commission;
- assess progress towards greater transparency in the flow of resources and achieving results;
- identify obstacles to implementing both the Global Strategy and the Commission’s recommendations;
- identify good practice, including in policy and service delivery, accountability arrangements and value-for-money approaches relating to the health of women and children;
- make recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the accountability framework developed by the Commission.
The iERG also aims to:

- Promote political engagement and facilitate delivery
- Contribute to raising awareness and resources
- Strengthen and expand knowledge and evidence base
- Amplify voices of hard-to-reach groups
- Enhance human rights and equity principles
iERG monitoring process:

• iERG monitoring framework:
  
  http://www.who.int/entity/woman_child_accountability/about/ierg_monitoring_framework.pdf

• iERG Call for Evidence:
  

• iERG and stakeholders:
  
iERG monitoring framework:

- Supports **6 functions** of the iERG
- Includes 18 indicators to monitor country progress in implementing the first nine Commission’s recommendations:

**Rec 1** (birth registration, death registration, maternal death reviews, CRVS improvement)

**Rec 2** (coverage indicators, impact indicators)

**Rec 3** (eHealth strategy, web based reporting)

**Rec 4** (total health expenditure, RMNCH expenditure)

**Rec 5** (financial reporting system)

**Rec 6** (reviews of health spending)

**Rec 7** (reviews of performance)

**Rec 8** (performance report public, global partners transparency)

**Rec 9** (OECD CRS)
Global indicators for CoIA

Health status

- Maternal mortality ratio
- Under-5 child mortality (with the proportion of newborn deaths)
- Children under 5 who are stunted

Coverage

- Met need for contraception
- ARV prophylaxis among HIV+ pregnant women (PMTCT)
- Antenatal care
- Skilled birth attendants
- Postnatal care (within 48 h) for mother and child
- Breastfeeding exclusively for 6 months
- DPT3 vaccine coverage
- Children with suspected pneumonia receiving antibiotics
iERG Call for Evidence:

TOPICS:

(1) successful innovative programmes, involving use of ICT;

(2) outstanding transparency of a donor institution;

(3) outstanding transparency of a government;

(4) accountability for resources and information for five specific groups of population:
   i. refugees
   ii. displaced populations
   iii. people living on occupied territories
   iv. young women
   v. women who seek access to safe abortion

(5) any other subjects relevant to the work of the iERG

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Coverage Across the Continuum of Care

Coverage levels for selected Commission indicators of intervention coverage, median and range for priority countries with data available, 2006-2010.
Antiretroviral coverage for preventing maternal-to-child transmission of HIV


- **ARV therapy for pregnant women who are treatment eligible**
- **Prevention of mother-to-child transmission**, most effective regimen

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Estimated coverage, 2010
Stunting prevalence

Percentage of children under five who are stunted, 61 Countdown countries, 2006-2010.

Median % stunted: 35
Minimum (Brazil): 7
Maximum (Burundi): 58

Percent of children stunted

Accountability for Women's and Children's Health
iERG and Stakeholders:

When: 24 May 2012, 1-5 pm

Where: World Council of Churches, Geneva

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