



## independent Expert Review Group (iERG)

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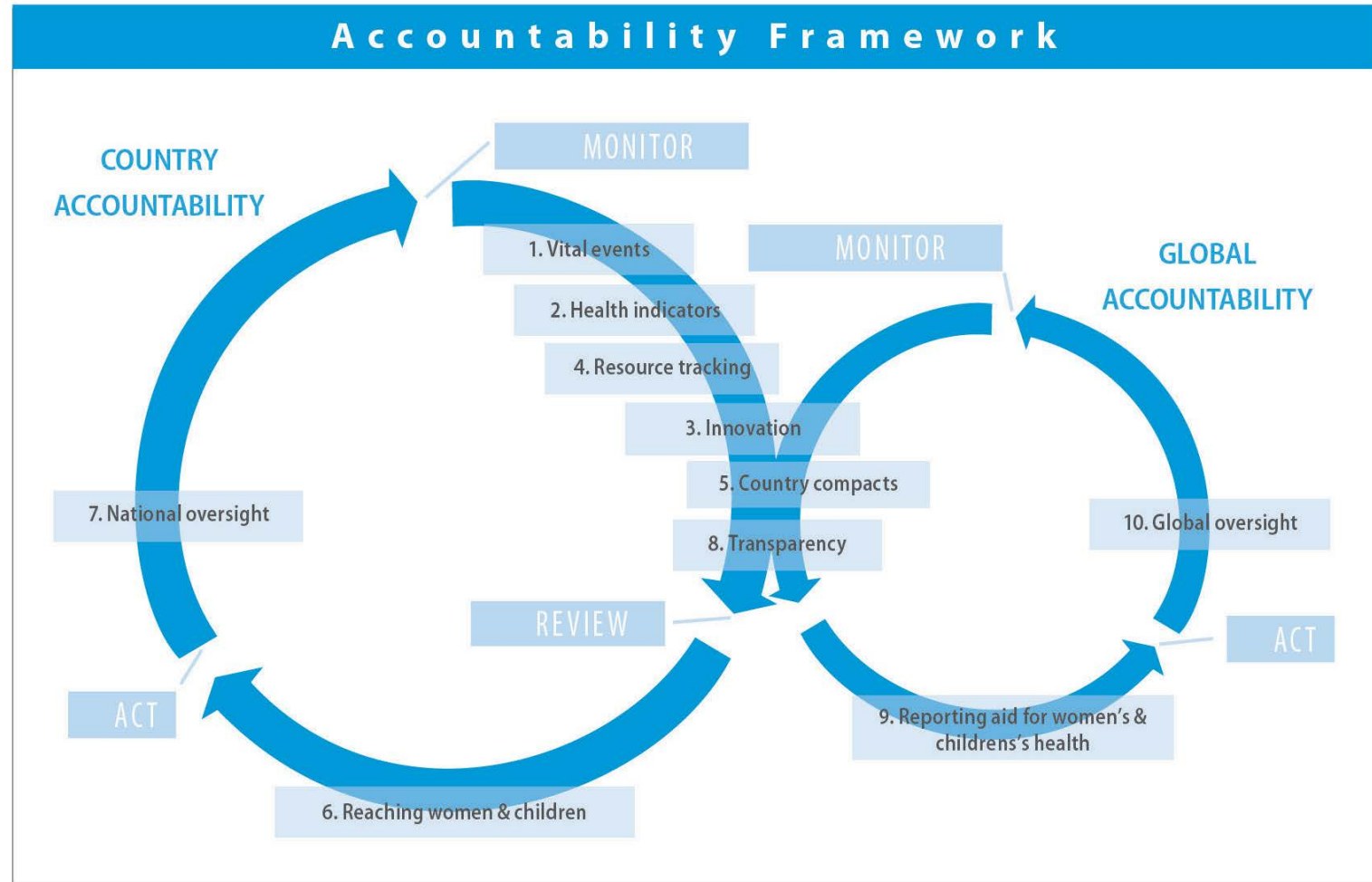
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# Accountability Commission:

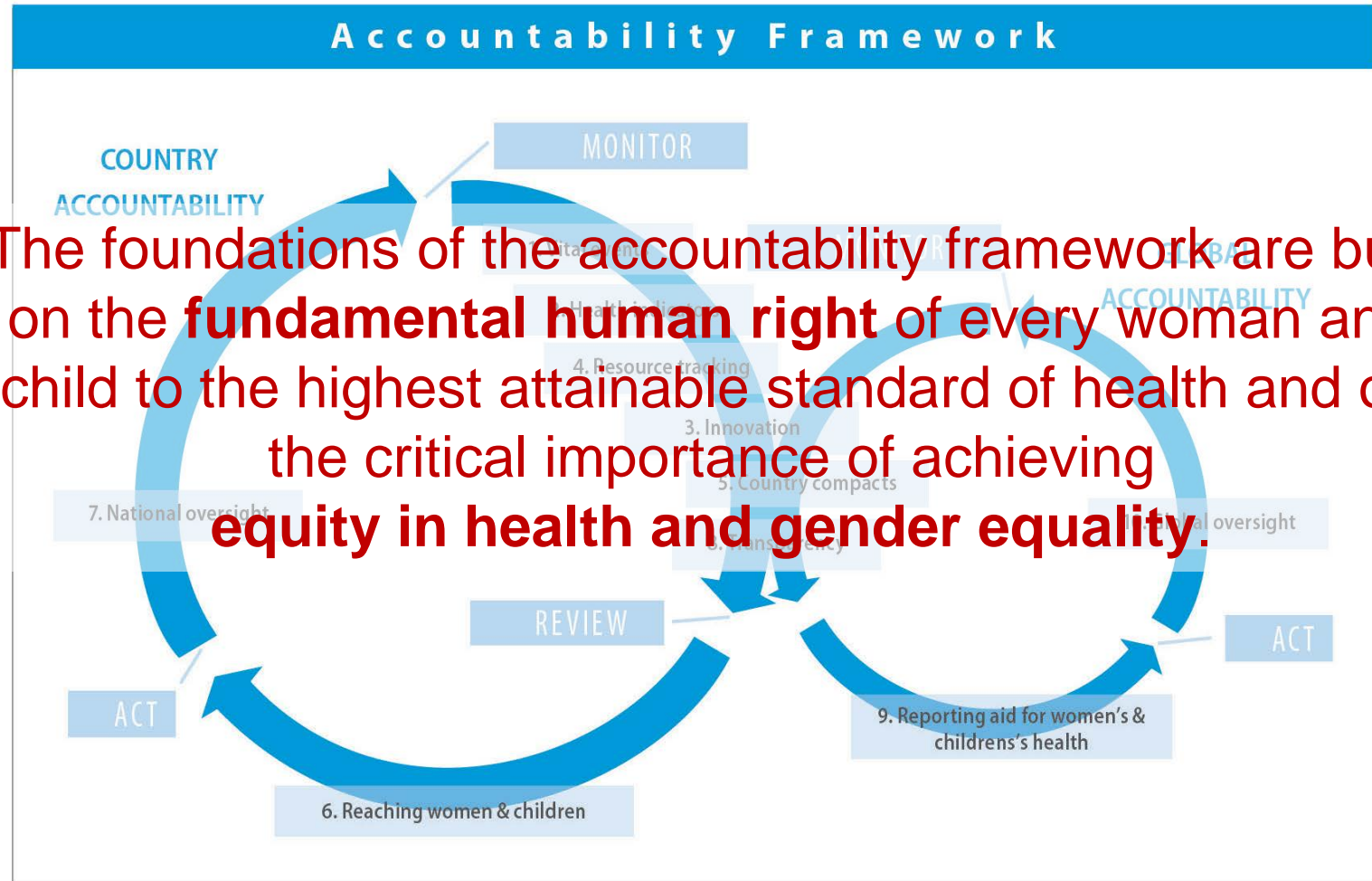
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- **Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health** was called at the request of the UN Secretary-General as an integral part of the *UN Global Strategy* to produce **recommendations** to facilitate national leadership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



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# Commission's 10 Recommendations

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## 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**

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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:

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- 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:

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- **iERG monitoring framework:**

[http://www.who.int/entity/woman\\_child\\_accountability/about/ierg\\_monitoring\\_framework.pdf](http://www.who.int/entity/woman_child_accountability/about/ierg_monitoring_framework.pdf)

- **iERG Call for Evidence:**

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- **iERG and stakeholders:**

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# 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

**TO BE SENT TO:**

[ierg\\_secretariat@who.int](mailto:ierg_secretariat@who.int)

[http://www.who.int/woman\\_child\\_accountability/ierg/reports/call\\_evidence/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/woman_child_accountability/ierg/reports/call_evidence/en/index.html)

# Work commissioned by the iERG:

UNSG



A data driven review of progress in implementation of the UN Global Strategy

PMNCH



A review of stakeholder commitments to the UN Global Strategy and of the extent to which those commitments have been delivered

A review of good practices and obstacles to accountability for RMNCH

Countdown to 2015



Summary of findings on use and quality of the 11 core indicators under Recommendation 2

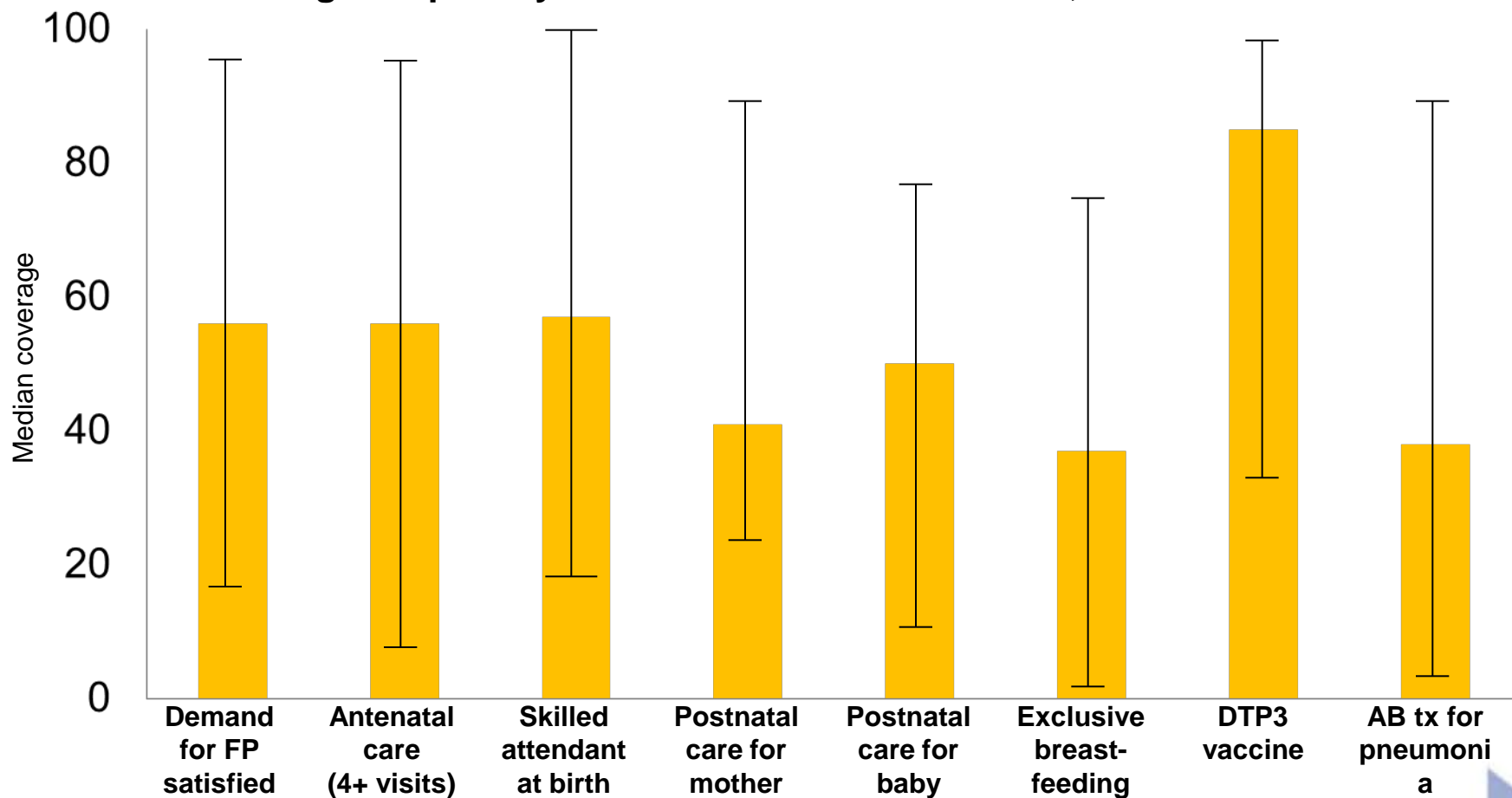
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Report of progress on implementation of the workplan from the Commission

# 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.



Pre-pregnancy

Pregnancy

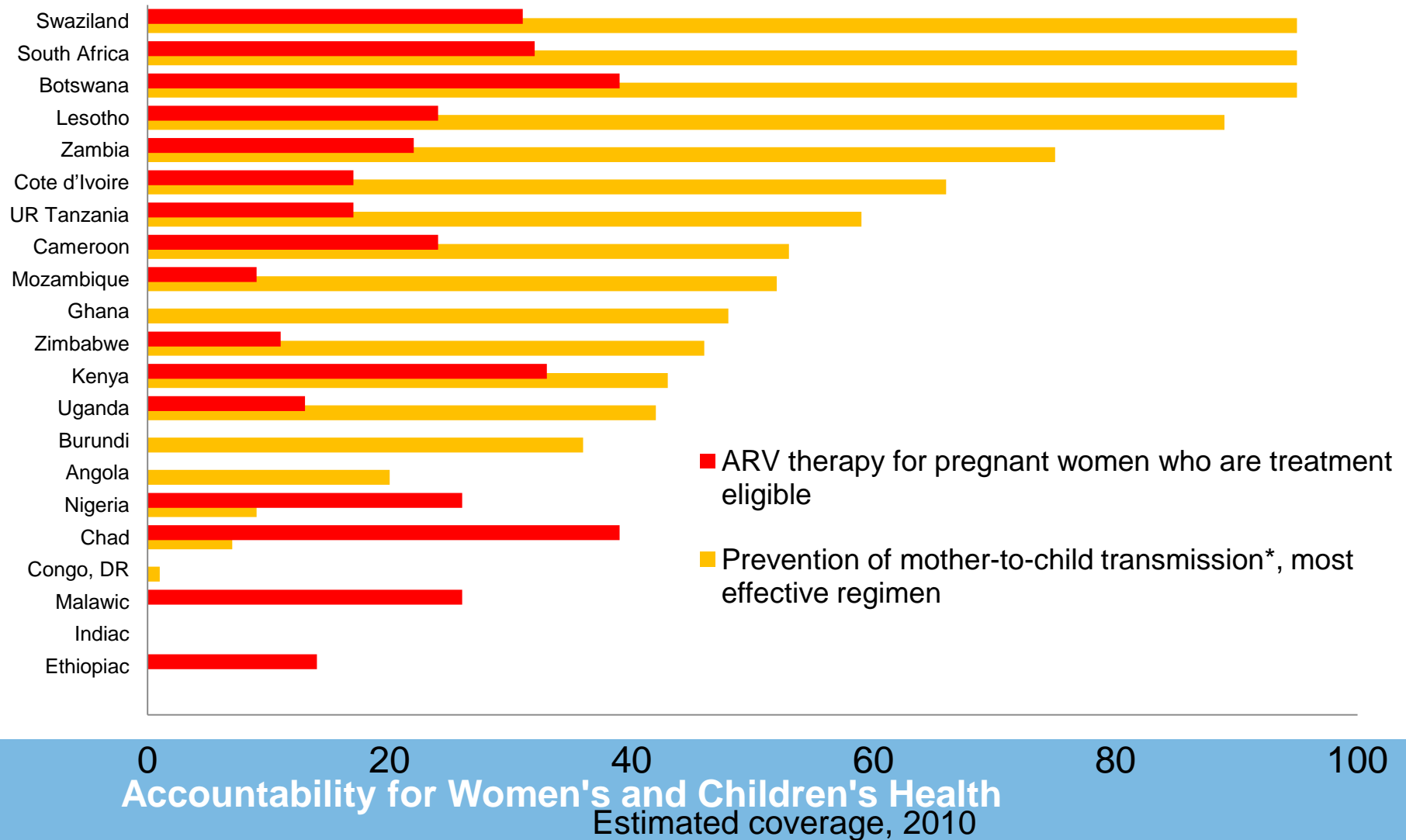
Birth

Postnatal

Childhood

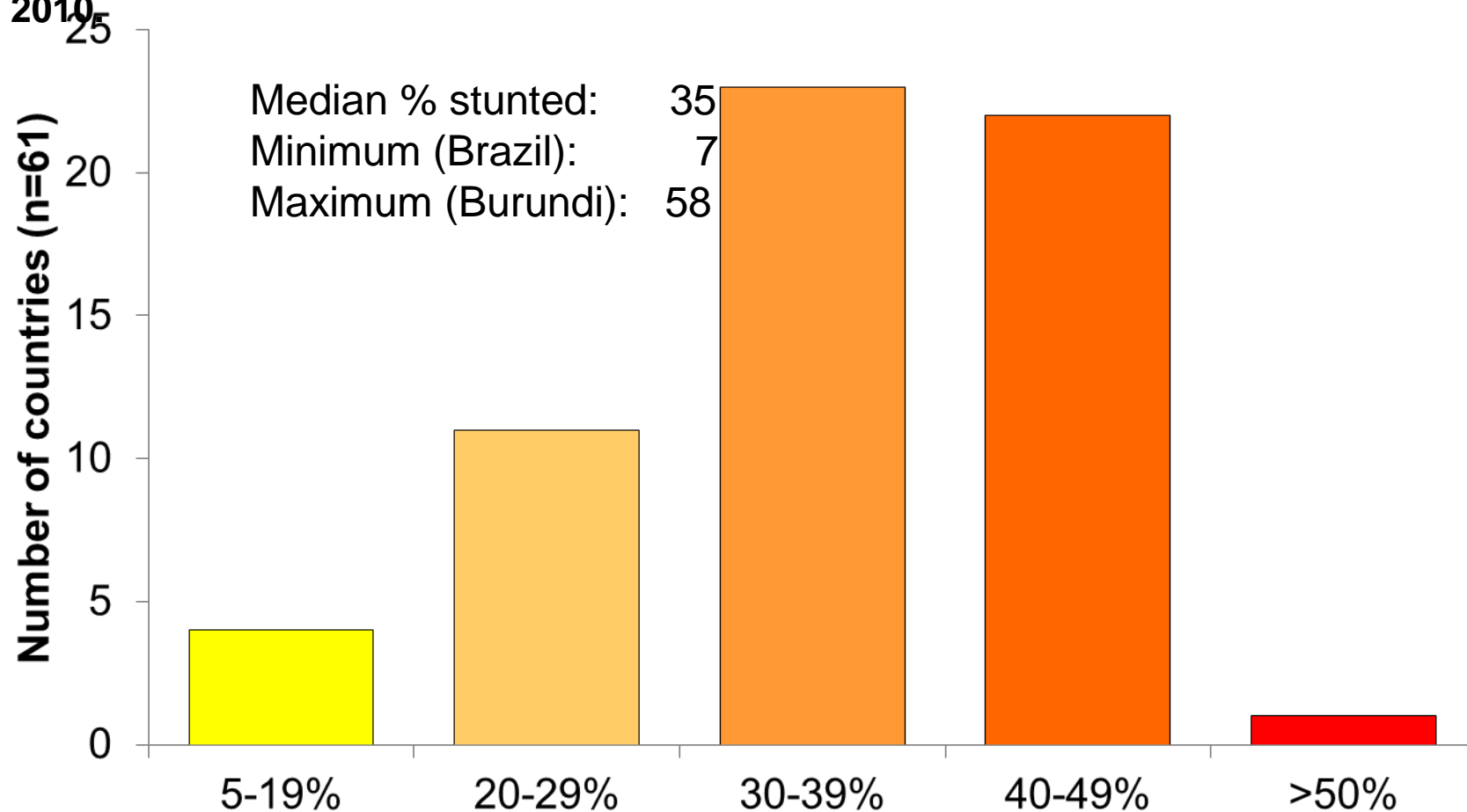
# Antiretroviral coverage for preventing maternal-to-child transmission of HIV

**Coverage levels for Commission indicators on HIV, 21 priority countries for elimination of mother-to-child transmission, 2010.**



# Stunting prevalence

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



Percent of children stunted

Accountability for Women's and Children's Health



# iERG and Stakeholders:

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**When:** 24 May 2012, 1-5 pm

**Where:** World Council of Churches, Geneva

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

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