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Regional Initiatives and South-South cooperation for RMNCH



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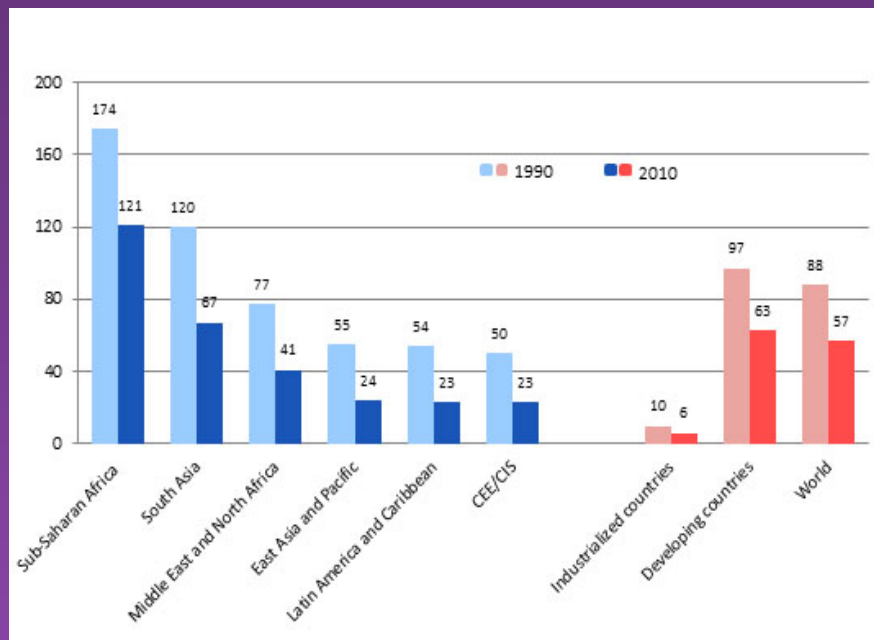


Role of regional institutions for RMNCH

- Prioritize health as a development priority
 - Impacting national resource allocation
 - Inform and harmonize national, regional and global agendas
- Create an enabling environment
 - Regional collaboration
 - Free trade / reduced pricing of goods and services
 - Regional knowledge exchange / successful practices and innovations
 - Improving determinants of health
 - Engaging partners across sectors e.g. parliamentarians, NGOs
- Promote accountability
 - Regular reporting on key performance indicators e.g. scorecards
 - Aligning accountability approaches e.g. maternal and child death reviews

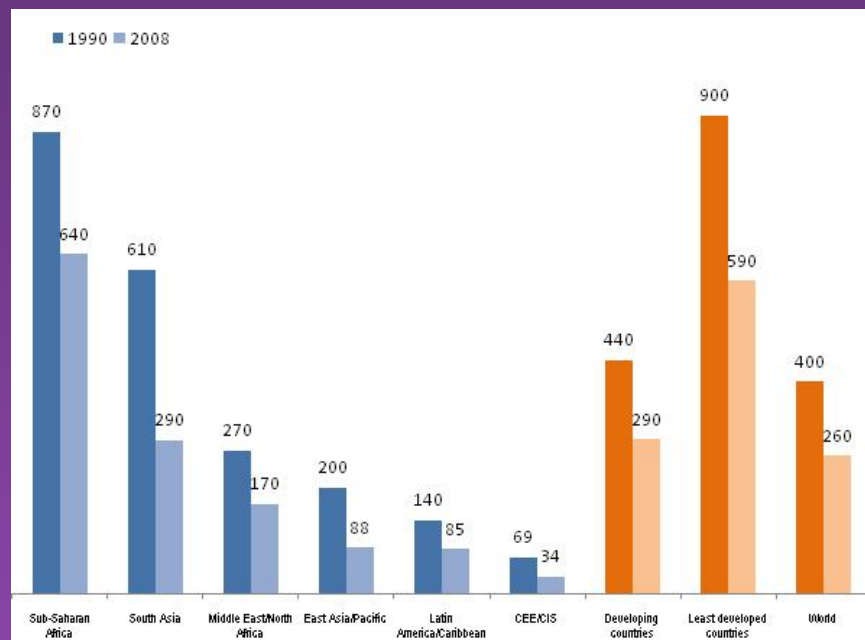
Where the burden lies: Africa and Asia

Under-five mortality rate per 1,000 live births
1990–2010, by UNICEF region



Source: UN Inter-agency Group on Child Mortality: *Levels and Trends in Child Mortality: Report 2011*

Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births,
1990 to 2008



Source: *Trends in Maternal Mortality 1990-2008*. WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and The World Bank.

In addition to global estimates, countries also need real-time actionable data (e.g. polio surveillance)

African Union

- Prioritization of RMNCH at the highest level
 - Regional campaigns, strategies and frameworks
 - Head of State Summit
 - Pan African Parliament
 - Ministers of Finance
 - Africa Civil Society Coalition on MNCH
 - Africa MNCH Taskforce
- Integration of Global Strategy with regional frameworks
- Opportunities for continued engagement
 - Advocacy (cross-sectoral)
 - Accountability mechanisms
 - Sub-regional cooperation



Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC)

- 2003 – Health Working Group (HWG) established to address health-related threats to economies' trade and
 - Focus: infectious diseases
 - Target: increased collaboration with ASEAN
- 2009 - Leaders committed to build up capacity to respond to emergency diseases
- 2012 - The HWG as part of their workplan, will focus on improving maternal and child welfare



Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

- Healthcare – Roadmap for the Integration of the Healthcare Sector as one of 12 priority sectors to help drive ASEAN integration
 - Tariff reduction
 - Less restrictive intra regional trade = rules of origin
 - Facilitate customs procedures
 - Harmonization of standards (medicines, devices etc.)
 - Movement of skilled labour and patients
 - Capacity building
 - Joint research and development
- 2011 ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights – Shared best practices and regional approaches on reducing maternal mortality and morbidity, and ensuring maternal health in the ASEAN region

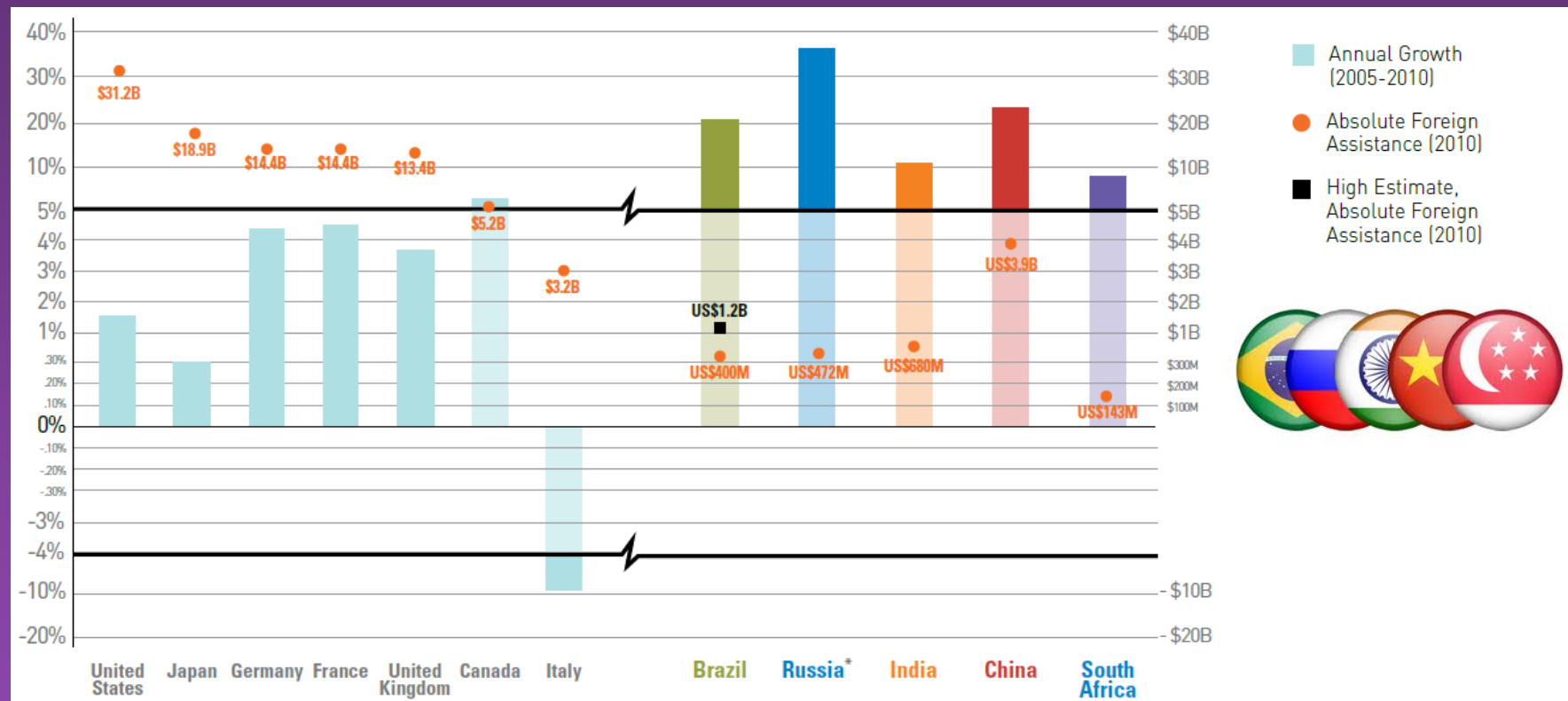


Parliamentarians, civil society and youth

- Asia Pacific Parliamentary forum
- Asia Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development
- ASEAN Youth Movement - increased transparency of ASEAN, independence of AIHR, a focus on the social impacts of economic and trade policies (food security—farmers), education and rights
- Asia Youth Forum - statement 2012 calling for better protection and promotion of SRHR and services. Youth have committed to setting up a mechanism for accountability and increasing collaboration with civil society organizations, the government and media to ensure results
- Asia Pacific Forum - national human rights commissions
- Regional Civil Society Networks

BRICS

G7 and BRICS: Estimated Annual Growth of Foreign Assistance Programs (2005-2010) and Absolute Assistance (2010) (% , USD)

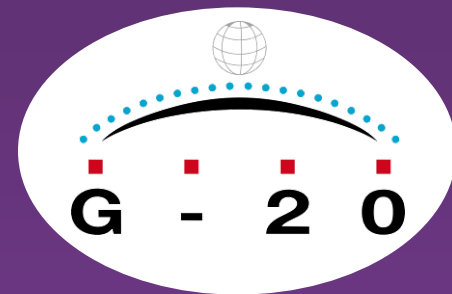
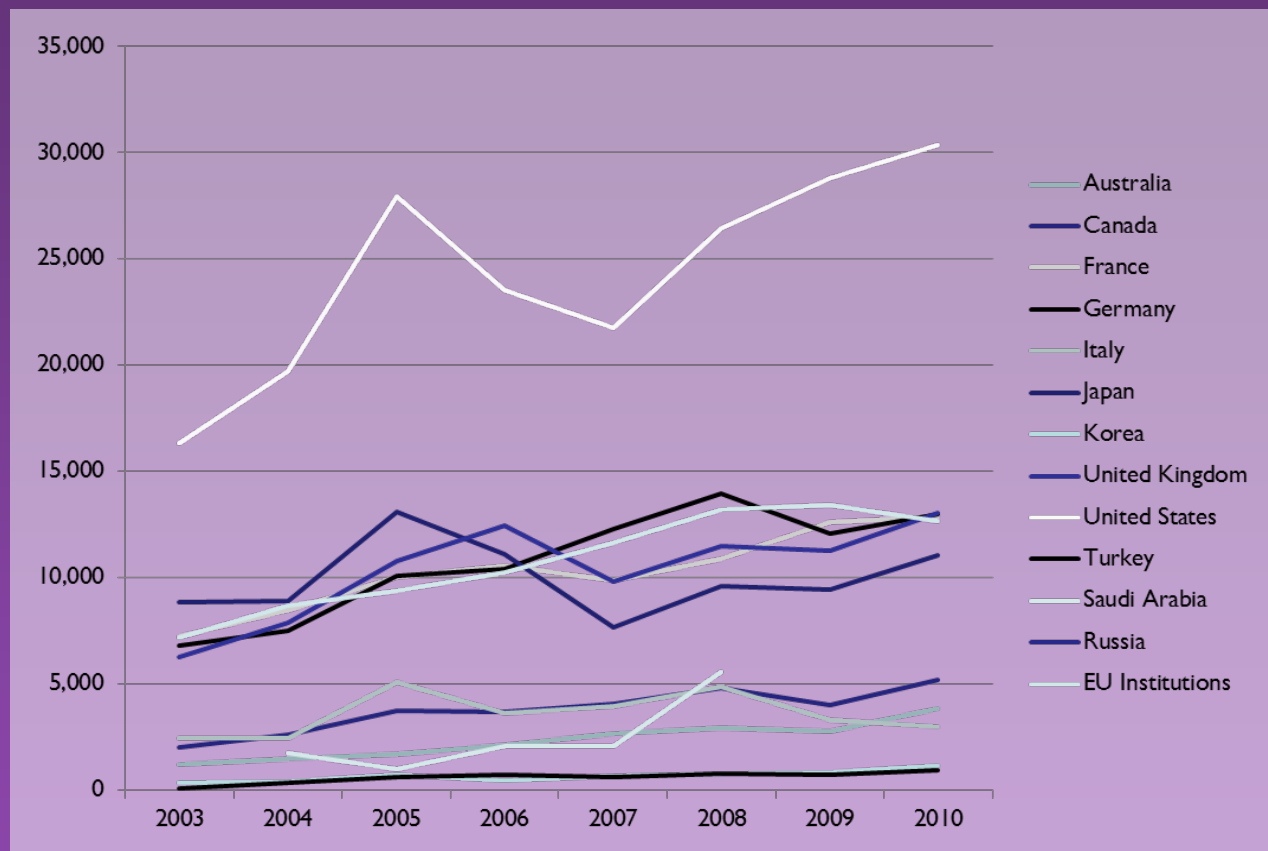


- Increased development cooperation: financing, capacity building, new tools and strategies (technology transfer, innovation)
- Improved access to affordable essential medicines

Source: Global Health Strategies Initiatives. *Shifting Paradigm: How the BRICS Are Reshaping Global Health and Development*. 2012.

G20

ODA trends for 13 G20 members (2005-2010)



- Agenda setting -growing focus on food insecurity / food price volatility
- Sustained balanced growth – based on stronger social safety nets (including health care)

PMNCH activities in Africa and the Asia Pacific

- Tunis meeting of Ministers of Finance and Health in July 2012 (as member of Harmonization for Health in Africa)
- Collaboration with the Africa Civil Society Coalition on RMNCH on advocacy around:
 - Pan African Parliament
 - AU meetings of ministers of health (and other sectors)
 - National civil society advocacy in support of the implementation of the RMNCH Integrated Strategy
- Asia-Pacific Leadership and Policy Dialogue in November 2012: RMNCH investment, implementation and accountability

Strategic areas for regional RMNCH cooperation

- Harmonizing national, regional and global initiatives
- Knowledge exchange (south-south learning), e.g. experiences on how to scale up essential interventions
- Development cooperation, including financial
- Technical assistance from regional institutions e.g. to provide real time actionable evidence for policy
- Promoting accountability across countries with leadership dialogue to support remedial action



Thank you