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Dear PMNCH members,

I am writing to let you know that the independent External Evaluation of the Partnership has now been completed and is posted on the PMNCH website. Report: <https://www.who.int/pmnch/external-evaluation.pdf?ua=1>; Appendices: <https://www.who.int/pmnch/appendices.pdf?ua=1>. The evaluation was conducted by a consortium of consultancy firms; Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) and Hera.

The evaluation, conducted during October to December 2019, was overseen by PMNCH's External Evaluation Reference Group, chaired by Dr Flavia Bustreo, and established by the PMNCH Executive Committee. This follows two previous PMNCH external evaluations, in 2008 and 2014.

This external evaluation takes both a retrospective and prospective approach. It analyses facts and perceptions from 2014 to 2019 related to the PMNCH vision and mission; governance and accountability; programming and delivery; partner and country engagement; and effectiveness, performance and impact. Together with other evaluations and reviews conducted in 2019 (e.g. WHO External Audit; evaluation of the Independent Accountability Panel; an assessment of PMNCH's Adolescent and Youth Constituency; and an external review of the PMNCH 2018 Partners' Forum), these findings and recommendations will guide the course of our future planning and next Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

The findings and recommendations of the above evaluations will be carefully reviewed and discussed at the upcoming PMNCH Strategy Retreat on 16-18 February in Geneva, attended by members of our Executive Committee, Strategy Committee and co-chairs of the cross-cutting working groups. An appraisal of the evaluation by the External Evaluation Reference Group is currently under production, and will be presented at the Retreat. The PMNCH Board response to the evaluation will be developed after the Retreat, building upon outcomes of the meeting and delineating the Board's responses to the main recommendations and agreed course of action.

Following the Strategy Retreat, a zero draft of the PMNCH 2021-2025 Strategy will be developed for extensive consultation among all PMNCH members during March-June 2020.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the External Evaluation Reference Group for overseeing this process, as well as to the consultants themselves. I would also like to thank all PMNCH Board Members, PMNCH partners and stakeholders who have provided ideas and input to this evaluation. Your frank and considered feedback is essential to understanding our collective progress, and to envisioning a strong and united partnership to meet the challenges of the SDGs for women, children and adolescents.

Kind regards,



**Helen Clark**  
Chair