



Executive Memo

*Overview, objectives, and questions for reflection
PMNCH Board Meeting, 27- 28 November 2023*

This Executive Memo provides an overview of the issues to be discussed at PMNCH's Board Meeting, to be held virtually on 27 and 28 November 2023. It also provides guidance on any decisions that need to be made.

This Board meeting will focus on four strategic opportunities for country-led action, supported by PMNCH constituencies:

- Enhancing the impact of **economic and investment evidence** for effective advocacy in 2024-25 – for Board information and discussion;
- Identifying key opportunities emerging from the **Global Forum for Adolescents and the 1.8 campaign** to challenge and inspire stakeholders to respond to the "What Young People Want" findings – for Board decision;
- Strengthening PMNCH support to **regional political platforms** to take forward WCA health and well-being policies and plans – for Board information and discussion; and
- **Looking ahead to 2024-25** by reflecting on progress made in 2022-23 and considering strategic opportunities for the next two years – for Board decision.

This Executive Memo is developed in conjunction with the draft Board Agenda to assist Board participants by: (i) describing and contextualizing the issue to be discussed; and (ii) highlighting opportunities for decision points.

Board papers can be downloaded [here](#)





27 November 2023: 32nd PMNCH Board Meeting

ITEM 1: Opening remarks, including conflict of interest review, agenda adoption and Note for the Record from June 2023 Board meeting

The 32nd PMNCH Board Meeting will be opened by Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, PMNCH Board Chair, and Minister Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya, Minister of Health and Family Welfare and PMNCH Board Vice Chair.

Members are requested to review and approve the draft Agenda for the Board meeting, which was shared in advance, and to approve the Note for the Record from the previous meeting.

A Conflict of Interest form was also shared with Board members in advance of the meeting, allowing those with any perceived conflicts of interest related to one or more of the Board sessions to register these. Board members will also have an additional opportunity to declare any such possible conflicts of interest at the start of the Board meeting.

Decision(s)

- Approve the 27- 28 November 2023 Board Agenda.
- Approve the Note for the Record from the most recent PMNCH Board Meeting, 21- 22 June 2023.

Document(s) for the meeting

- PMNCH-B32-2023; 1a, Agenda, 27- 28 November 2023
- PMNCH-B32-2023; 1b, Executive Memo, 27- 28 November 2023
- PMNCH-B32-2023; 1c, Note for the Record, 21- 22 June 2023

ITEM 2 – Evidence for action: Pathways to better health in 2050

Context

Investing in the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents (WCA) is crucial to developing human capital and sustaining economic and social progress, especially in this challenging era of conflict, climate change, increasing cost of living, and the legacy of COVID-19.

Interventions that improve WCA health and well-being have a ripple effect on communities and economies throughout the life course and across generations. Robust economic and investment analysis is critical for effective advocacy, and for reversing the shortfalls in investments for WCA health and well-being within the SDG era, with 14.1% negative growth of ODA experienced during 2019-2021.

New evidence will inform policy debates towards greater and better investments in WCA health and well-being, including for the most vulnerable. This session will provide an update on the 'grand convergence scenario' led by the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health 3 (2024), and the feasibility of achieving "50 by 50," i.e., a 50% reduction by 2050 of premature deaths in each country compared with 2010 death rates. This evidence also focuses on investment benefits, as well as the estimated



costs of inaction, put forward in a newly developed Adolescent Well-Being Investment Case, also to be discussed in this session.

Dialogue will focus on how insights provided by this new data can shape policy debate and decisions, especially in relation to specific political advocacy opportunities in 2024 and 2025, with a view to accelerate progress for WCA health and well-being in the second half of the 2030 SDG race.

Objectives

To discuss emerging economic and financing evidence on the benefits of investing in women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being, and how this information can guide evidence-informed policymaking, as well as how PMNCH will use this in our advocacy efforts in 2024-2025.

Expected outcome – for Board information and discussion

Agreement on framing, use and how to enhance the impact of this evidence for PMNCH advocacy and cross-constituency efforts in 2024-25. This includes the use of this information in relation to an upcoming World Health Assembly resolution on women's, children's and adolescent health in May 2024, as well as engaging with regional and global policy and financing platforms, including WEF, ICPD@30, G7 Italy and G20 Brazil.

Documents

- PMNCH-B32-2023; 02a: Briefing Note: Lancet Commission on Investing in Health 3.
- PMNCH-B32-2023; 02b: Adolescents in a Changing World: The Case for Urgent Investment

ITEM 3 – Keeping the pressure up: Increasing commitment for adolescent well-being

Context

This session will focus on one of PMNCH's most significant deliverables in 2023: the Global Forum for Adolescents, which took place on 11-12 October 2023.

The Forum, was a key milestone in the multi-year [1.8 Billion Young People global campaign](#), which seeks to increase visibility and commitment to Adolescent Well-Being by engaging young people, partners, experts, leaders and champions in a joint effort towards achieving the 2030 SDGs.

This session will, in the first instance, reflect on the outcomes of the Forum and the accompanying "What Young People Want" findings, which have shaped the [Agenda for Action for Adolescents \(who.int\)](#) – a rallying call resulting from the Forum. It will also be an opportunity for Board members to build on the achievements and lessons learned in discussing the main PMNCH priorities for 2024 and 2025. A draft strategy for Adolescent Well-Being in 2024-25 will be presented in this session, focused on enhanced adolescent and youth engagement and 1.8 campaign development to boost further adolescent well-being commitment mobilization and accountability mechanisms related to these commitments.

Objectives

Reflect on the achievements and lessons emerging from the Global Forum for Adolescents (11-12 October 2023) and agree on campaign priorities for the coming two years. This includes considerations of how best to target the UN Summit of the Future (September 2024) as an important global agenda-setting moment.



Expected outcome - and decisions

The expected outcome is an agreement on priorities for PMNCH in relation to Adolescent Well-Being in 2024-2025 as in integral part of our overall PMNCH workplan for the period.

Documents

- PMNCH-B32-2023; 03a: Proposed action plan for Adolescent Well-Being, 2024-25.
- PMNCH-B32-2023; 03b: Report on the Global Forum for Adolescents, 11-12 October 2023.

ITEM 4: Reflections and key take aways from Day One

PMNCH Board Chair, Helen Clark to provide a verbal summary of key thematic issues emerging on Day One.

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ITEM 5: Strengthening support to regional political platforms to drive policy action

Context

In December 2022, the PMNCH Board agreed on an [updated approach](#) to advocacy and accountability, supporting national governments in making and implementing commitments related to WCAH. This session will update Board members on progress and discuss how best to engage at a regional level to propel national results.

The discussion will take place over several upcoming Board meetings, with a rotating regional focus; this initial session will focus on PMNCH engagement with African regional platforms, policy instruments, leadership, and partner collaboration mechanisms, and how PMNCH can best engage with other key global health initiatives in this effort, including FP2030, Generation Equality, ENAP-EPMM, and the Global Financing Facility (GFF).

Objectives

To agree opportunities and priorities for strengthening PMNCH's support to regional political platforms, development and economic communities, and to regional parliaments to strengthen and advance their WCA health and well-being policies and goals, aligning and leveraging other global platforms, as well as country efforts in this process.

Expected outcome – for Board decision

Guidance on PMNCH efforts related to regional parliaments and political bodies, as well as:

- the Global Leaders Network, led by the President of the Republic of South Africa;
- further development of PMNCH Collective Advocacy Action Plans (CAAPs) in priority countries; and
- development of regional advocacy plans.



Document(s)

- PMNCH-B32-2023; 01: Draft Africa Regional Advocacy Strategy
- PMNCH-B32-2023; 02: Update on the Development of PMNCH Collaborative Advocacy Action Plans

ITEM 6: Strategic Priorities for 2024-25

Context

The PMNCH Executive Committee (EC) oversees the operational aspects of PMNCH's work, and reports on these to the PMNCH Board.

As such, Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, as Chair of the EC, will use this opportunity to introduce the work of the EC in 2023. He will ask PMNCH's Executive Director to present a progress report on the work delivered by PMNCH during its 2022-23 workplan.

Looking ahead to 2024-25, the PMNCH Strategic Advocacy Committee together with the Partner Engagement in Countries Committee will present a proposal for political advocacy priorities and related actions, building on the results of 2022-23.

Objectives

Reflecting on successes and lessons learned during the implementation of PMNCH's 2022-23 workplan, provide direction to the EC on PMNCH political advocacy priorities and priority-based deliverables for 2024-25, as the final two years of PMNCH's 2021-25 Strategy. This will enable the Executive Committee and other standing committees and working groups to take forward their work planning and implementation work.

Expected outcomes – for Board decision

- Approval of the PMNCH 2022-23 Progress Report.
- Guidance on PMNCH's political advocacy priorities and priority-based deliverables for 2024-25.

Background document

- Recording of webinar presentation of the full PMNCH Progress report, 2022-23, held prior to the Board meeting;
- PowerPoint presentation: 2022 – 2023 PMNCH Progress Report

ITEM 7: Vote of thanks and farewell to the Executive Director

In closing the Board meeting, Rt. Hon Helen Clark, Board Chair, will summarize and share some reflections and 'take aways' from the Board Meeting.



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As has been customary to date, the formal Note for the Record (including all decisions) will be shared after the Board meeting electronically for a more detailed review and any commentary by the Board members.