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Photo: © WHO/Faizza Tanggol, 2023. 13-year-old Nitisha Nandini eats her lunch during break at the Krishna Vedic School in Nausori, Fiji.

Foreword

As we round the corner towards the final five years of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) era, PMNCH can look back with pride on many important advocacy accomplishments achieved during our 2021-2025 strategy period. Just a few years ago, “meaningful adolescent and youth engagement” (MAYE) was a slogan and an ambition, but 2023’s Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA) and the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign turned that into action, showing how much can be achieved when young people lead our work.

Similarly, the voices of women and families took centre stage in the Born Too Soon report on preterm birth, which launched in 2023. Their experiences and demands—for access to quality care, equity and dignity—underline why PMNCH will never stop fighting for better primary care systems through universal health coverage. Protecting the rights of every woman and every child everywhere is our mission and our pathway to a more sustainable and just world for us all.

Yet, as we head into 2024, times are tough. We have lost momentum on reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality; the anti-rights movement around sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) has gained ground; and our youth and adolescents, the future leaders of our world, are burdened with profound challenges to their well-being, including their mental health. Women, stillborns, newborns and children under-five had larger survival gains from 2000-2015 compared to 2016-2022.

Urgent actions are therefore needed globally to accelerate progress and reduce unacceptably high levels of maternal, newborn and child deaths. As PMNCH partners, you know these issues all too well.

As the newly appointed Executive Director of PMNCH, I’m struck by our “superpower” as an incredibly active and growing platform made up of almost 1 500 organizations from 127 countries and 10 constituencies. Since 2020, the number of members has increased by nearly 40%, and membership applications increased by 50% in 2023 alone. Our unique ability to drive home coordinated, evidence-based messages for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) and adolescent well-being (AWB)—from high-level champions down to grassroots partners—is a massive force for good. Yes times are tough, but we stand ready.

This annual report showcases just some of PMNCH’s incredible impact in 2023. I look forward to more progress in the months and years ahead.



Rajat Khosla
PMNCH Executive Director



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Rajat Khosla, PMNCH Executive Director.*



Photo: © Kieran Scott. Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, PMNCH Board Chair.

Where you live should never determine whether you live. Where you were born should never dictate your value. Wealth should never govern your health. We can all agree on those principles, and recognize that healthy and empowered women, children and adolescents are the cornerstone of stronger communities, vibrant economies and resilient societies.

Yet, millions of women, children and adolescents continue to die from preventable, treatable causes, while many more are threatened by the ongoing polycrisis of conflict, climate change, economic downturns and volatility.

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) brings together nearly 1 500 stakeholders and organizations for high-level advocacy in three main areas: MNCH, including stillbirths; SRHR; and AWB.

Young people and adolescents were at the forefront of PMNCH's work last year, as they led the charge for more action and commitments from their governments. During our 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign, we listened to the voices of 1.5 million young people expressing what they most want for their well-being. This informed the very first Agenda for Action for Adolescents and resulted in 36 commitments from governments, regional bodies and philanthropic and other organizations that now provide a roadmap for increased financing and improved policies and programs for AWB. I know from long experience that deep and lasting change, doesn't happen unless we really listen to the voices of those who most want and need that change – and that means the young leaders of today who have the biggest stake in tomorrow.

Our focus on MNCH will continue for as long as deep inequities persist between and within countries. We must ensure that every woman has access to high-quality reproductive and maternal care, and that every baby born prematurely can thrive. Our report on prematurity and integrated maternal and newborn care (Born too soon; decade of action on preterm birth), published in May 2023 together with more than 70 partners from 46 countries, sets an ambitious agenda to address the causes of preterm birth, reduce the burden and advocate for high-quality care so that women and babies can survive and thrive, wherever they are.

SRHR will always be a key priority for PMNCH. Yet, we live in a challenging time of regressive policies and a surge in gender-based violence, child marriages and unwanted pregnancies. PMNCH is fighting back, promoting gender-responsive action and protecting

progressive rights to sexual and reproductive health. With our support, multi-stakeholder partnerships within communities, and across sectors, are building momentum for equality.

Looking forward, we will increase our efforts to influence global, regional and national priorities. The Global Leaders Network, which we initiated in the past year, advances policies, programmes and financing initiatives. As well as acting within their own countries, network members influence regional and global platforms. With the South African President, His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa, as Chair, the network is to include leaders from other regions, and tackle challenges such as pandemic preparedness, climate change, SRHR, conflict and food insecurity.

These challenges, combined with recent, tragic events, not least in Ukraine and Gaza, vividly demonstrate the world's vulnerability, and show that the work of PMNCH is needed. Working together, we can change the world for the better.

Thank you to all our partners for your commitment. Thank you for maintaining the pressure for change. Thank you for working to improve and save lives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Helen Clark

PMNCH Board Chair and
former Prime Minister of New Zealand

Acronyms and abbreviations

AWB – Adolescent well-being

G7 – The Group of 7

G20 – The Group of 20

GFA – Global Forum for Adolescents

MAYE – Meaningful adolescent and youth engagement

MNCH – Maternal, newborn and child health

PMNCH – Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals

SRHR – Sexual and reproductive health and rights

UHC – Universal health coverage

UNA – United Nations agencies

UNGA – United Nations General Assembly

WCAH – Women's, children's and adolescents' health

WHA – World Health Assembly

Photo: © WHO/Fanjan Combrink, 2023. Rebecca and her child Mercy at home in Gyabankrom, Central Region, Ghana.

1. Mission and vision

PMNCH is the world's largest alliance working for the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents. Our **vision** is a world in which every woman, child and adolescent realizes their right to health and well-being, leaving no one behind. Our **mission** is to mobilize, align and amplify the voices of partners to advocate for vulnerable populations.

PMNCH enables members to deliver more collectively than each could deliver alone, across three thematic areas of work:

- **MNCH:** preventable maternal and child mortality, including newborn deaths and stillbirths, with a focus on humanitarian and fragile settings;
- **SRHR:** advancing progressive SRHR and countering the growing pushback on SRHR; and
- **AWB:** advancing the well-being of adolescents.

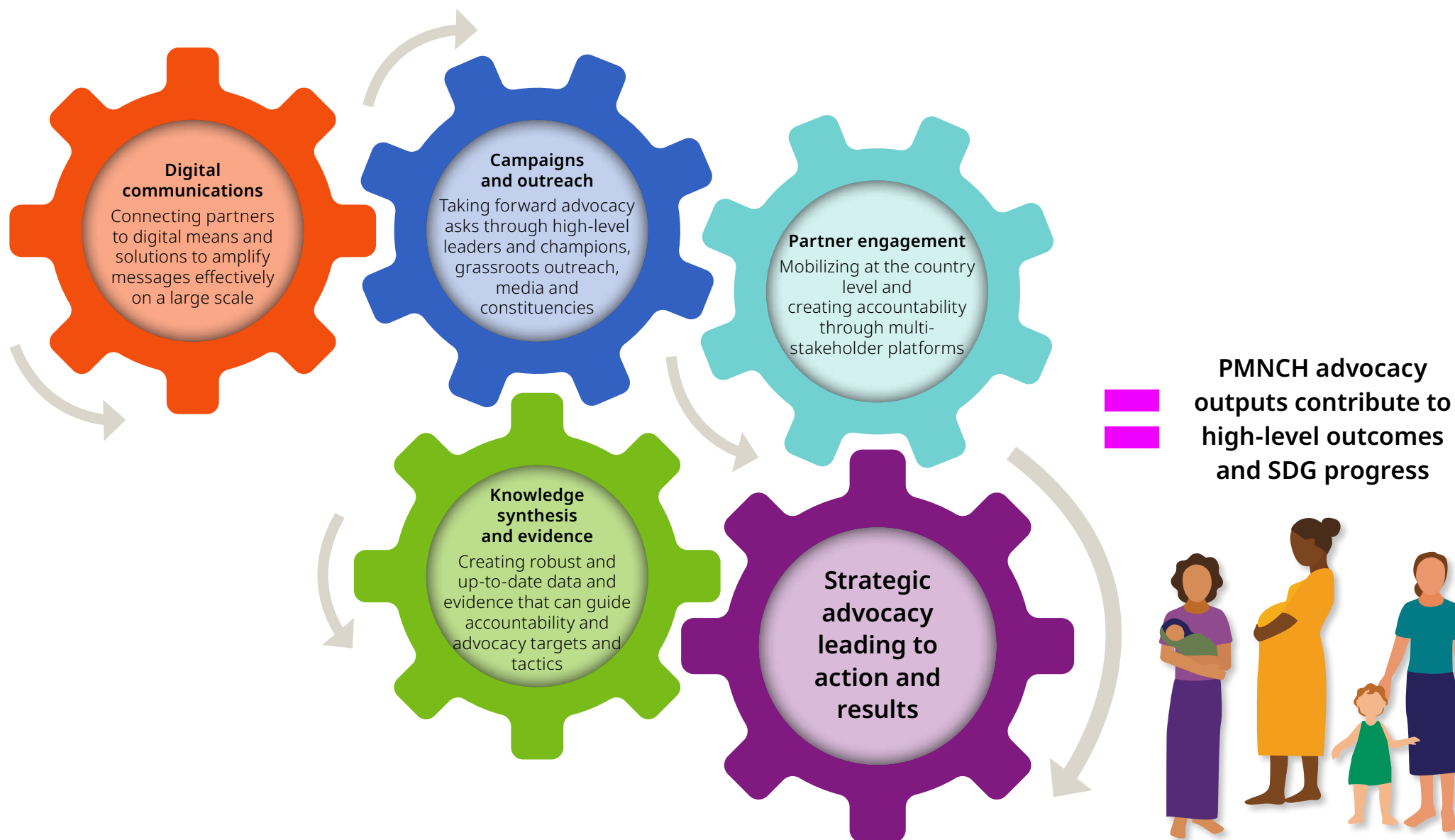
With advocacy as its core function—supported by knowledge synthesis, partner engagement, campaigns and outreach—PMNCH seeks changes in policy, financing and services for women, children and adolescents, and holds each other accountable for delivering on promises.



Photo: © WHO/Yoshi Shimizu, 2016. Early morning exercises in the Rizal Park, Philippines.

Membership applications increased by **50%** in 2023. At the end of 2023, there were **1 461** members representing an increase of **39%** since January of 2020.

PMNCH orchestrates joint action for impact



2. 2023 highlights

2.1 Adolescent well-being (AWB)



The [Global Forum for Adolescents](#) (GFA) was held from 11-12 October 2023 as the world's largest online gathering for adolescent well-being (AWB) in response to the current

situation which sees more young people (aged 10-24) than at any other time in world history. Many of those are not reaching their full potential due to the failure of current policies and a lack of investments to meet their needs. The GFA brought together a global community of adolescents, advocates and leaders for two impactful days of debate, dialogue and action.

The Forum took place within the context of the [1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign](#), a bold global movement asking young people what they want for their health and well-being and building demand for decision makers to transform their answers into policies, investments and actions from world leaders.

The response was overwhelming; more than 1.5 million young people from more than 90 countries shared their needs, desires and dreams through the [What Young People Want](#) platform, which informed the [Agenda for Action for Adolescents](#).



9 015 registrations

16-17: 7%

18-24: 28.5%

25-29: 20.1%

30-39: 22.6%

40-49: 12.1%

50-59: 6.3%

**55.6%
under 30**



1 anthem

1 platform

3 plenaries

22 sessions

130+ speakers

117 leading partners

126 national events

**19 hours of content, music,
discussions and much more with
viewers from 131 countries**

**Social media reach
(1-12 October)**



**PMNCH:
2.9 million**



**#1point8:
3.5 million**



68 media hits

8 product launches

1 innovation space

9 art competition winners

100s of partners involved

View the on-demand content on the [1.8 website](#) and [youtube](#)

The Agenda highlights seven priorities for urgent action and a path forward for governments, in partnership with stakeholders from all sectors, to develop and implement policies and programmes that deliver on these priorities. It advances the adolescent agenda within the current Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and sets the scene for the post-2030 global development agenda, co-developed with and owned by adolescents and youth.

Partners supported the campaign by hosting 126 national events in 50 countries dedicated to advocating for improved adolescent and youth health outcomes. Eight knowledge products were launched at the GFA to expand the evidence-based work on adolescent well-being, and [commitments](#) for adolescent well-being were mobilized from 18 Member States, two regional bodies (the African Union and European Union), 13 philanthropic and other funding organizations, and three non-state actors including non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations and health-care professional associations.



**UNITE!
RISE!
LEAD!**



Photo: © WHO. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (centre) with Merette Khalil, Vice Chair < 30 of the PMNCH Knowledge and Evidence Working Group (left) and the WHO Youth Council, supported the 1.8 campaign and Global Forum for Adolescents at the WHO's Walk the Talk: Health for All Challenge which took place in Geneva on 21 May 2023.

Cameroon Forum for Adolescents by the Cameroon Youth Network on 9 August 2023, a national event in support of the Global Forum for Adolescents.



Photo: Cameroon Youth Network. Pictured from left to right are Muchuo Clifford, Cynthia Nig Aghandum, Marinette Ning Tatah, Desmond Nji Atanga, Secretary of the PMNCH Strategic Advocacy Committee, and Jordan Njinowo Wahmunang.

The "Art for Well-being" competition was an opportunity for young people 10-24, to express themselves creatively in design, music, and film responding to the theme, "What does well-being mean to you?" A total of 787 entries from 114 countries were received, and winners were announced at the Global Forum for Adolescents. Showcased here are the winners of the design category:

**ART FOR
WELL-BEING
COMPETITION**



First place: "Inside her mind" by Rahmeen from Pakistan



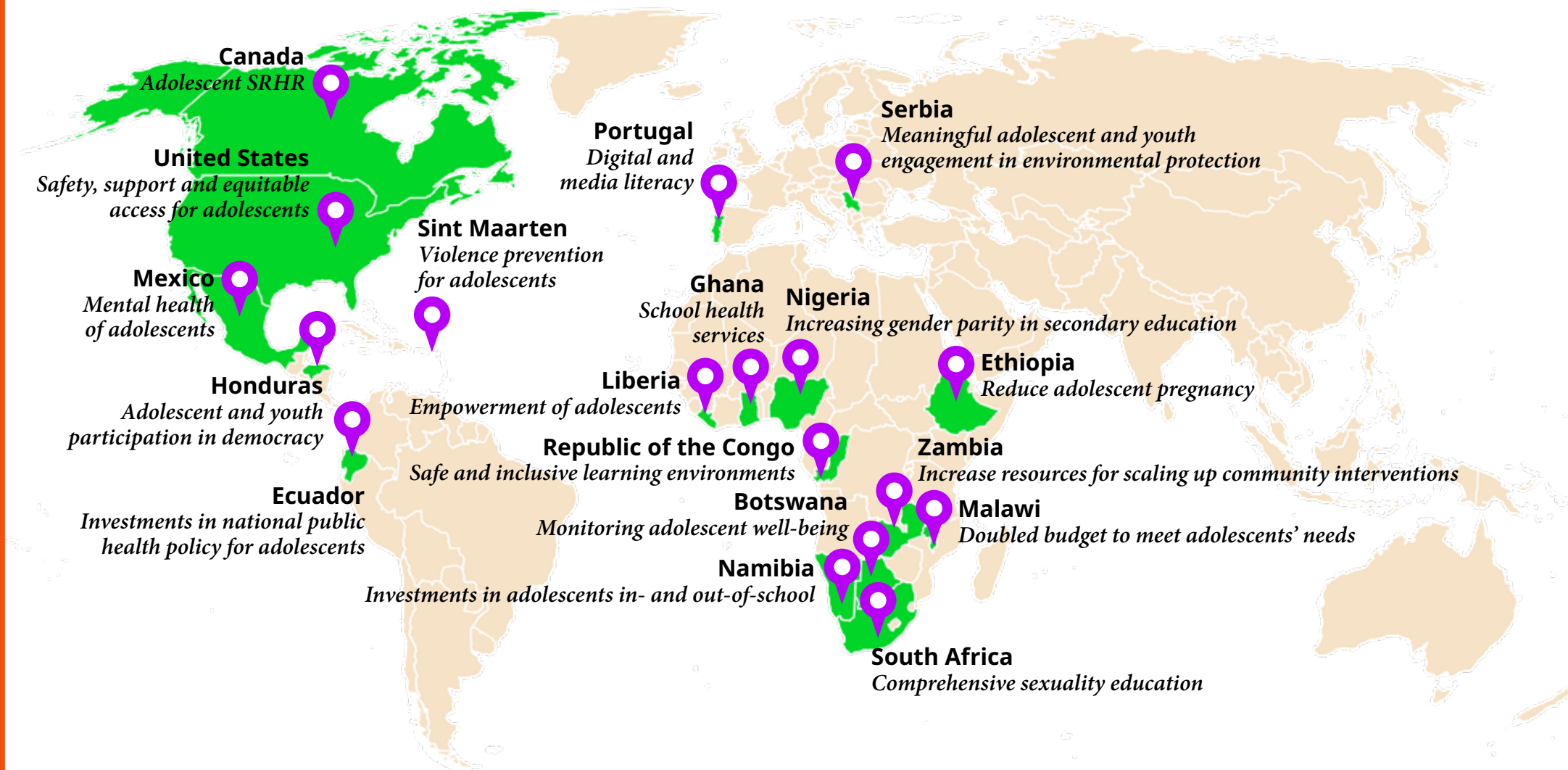
Second place: "artforwellbeing" by Karki from Nepal



Third place: "Connecting art to the heart and soul" by Marcellas Njonji from Cameroon

More information and entries across all categories can be found on the [1point8 website](#)

AWB commitments supported by PMNCH in 2023

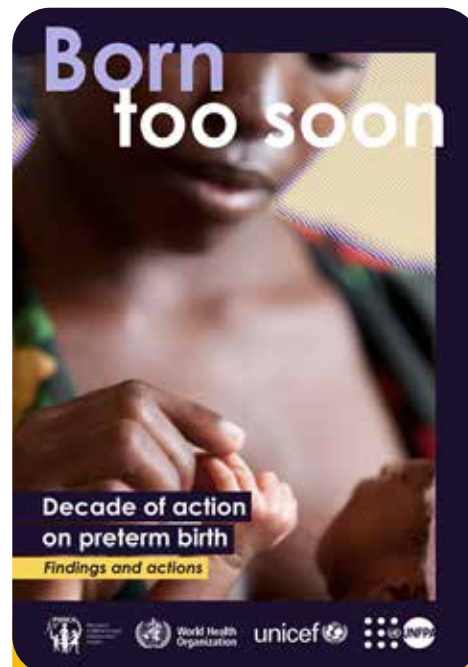


2.2 Maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH)

Born too soon: decade of action on preterm birth

PMNCH led the work on the updated edition of the [Born too soon report on preterm birth](#), aligning with [Every Newborn Action Plan-Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality \(ENAP-EPMM\)](#) targets, and involving to date more than 70 partners across all PMNCH constituencies. The report calls for systemic change to ensure that every woman and baby receives high-quality, respectful care to thrive, regardless of geographic location. It also includes a series of country snapshots to highlight key learnings and successes from around the world.

The report was launched in May 2023 at the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC) in Cape Town, South Africa with testimonials of community members who attended the conference. More than 1 700 stakeholders from around the world were in attendance to accelerate solutions to improve maternal and newborn survival and prevent stillbirths. An [MNCH messaging brief](#) was produced by PMNCH for the conference and launch of the report.



The report has the highest reach of any PMNCH knowledge product. * 1.3 million people were reached in social media, and media coverage generated an estimated potential reach of nearly 3.5 billion with 215 media hits across the world.

* Metrics reporting for knowledge products began in 2019.

High-level champion-led media op-eds

Two high-level champion media op-eds, released by PMNCH, were instrumental in raising awareness of this dire situation: [Millions of women are still at risk of dying during pregnancy and childbirth](#) in The Telegraph by Rt Hon. Helen Clark and Dr Adhanom Ghebreyesus Tedros, Director-General of the World Health Organization in April 2023, and [Why are 7 out of 10 maternal deaths still taking place in Africa?](#) signed by President Ramaphosa and published by Thomson Reuters in May 2023.



Photo: © WHO/Yoshi Shimizu, 2019. A nurse helps a mother with breastfeeding at the postnatal ward. Lao People's Democratic Republic.

2.3 Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

PMNCH, through its partners, drives effective evidence-based advocacy to uphold people's rights to essential SRHR services. This is achieved through knowledge generation as well as coordinated and integrated advocacy efforts to strengthen political commitment and policies, and to increase funding for and access to the full spectrum of SRHR interventions, including safe abortion services.

Political advocacy

In 2023, PMNCH held bilateral meetings with heads of government and over 30 ministers at key global and regional policy events such as the World Health Assembly (WHA), G20 Ministerial meetings, Women Deliver and the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), among others. PMNCH also participated in two Inter-parliamentary Union assemblies, including bilateral meetings with more than 40 national speakers and members of parliament.

Advocacy briefs

In May of 2023, PMNCH facilitated partners' work through the coordination and publication of "[Why sexual and reproductive health and rights are essential for Universal Health Coverage](#)". This was used extensively by partners to advocate for strong SRHR and UHC language in the [UHC Political Declaration](#), and a PMNCH consensus statement: "[Call to G7 to prioritize SRHR in UHC](#)".



Photo: Flickr Creative Commons License/Dining for Women. From the advocacy brief "[Why sexual and reproductive health and rights are essential for Universal Health Coverage](#)".

2.4 Political leadership

The Global Leaders Network

PMNCH supported President Ramaphosa in initiating a [Global Leaders Network for Women, Children and Adolescents](#) which was announced at the World Economic Forum in January 2023 and was presented by President Ramaphosa at an UNGA side event, “[Renewing the Promise for Women, Children and Adolescents](#)”, in September 2023, hosted by the Government of South Africa.

The Network will challenge governments to re-imagine global health with women, children and adolescents at the centre and align advocacy to achieve accelerated progress or risk rollbacks across multiple development gains. It is the first and only Southern-led global health diplomacy initiative to support the attainment of the 2030 SDGs related to women, children and adolescents.



We support the Sustainable Development Goals



“If we secure the health of every woman, child and adolescent, we will fundamentally improve the health and well-being of all humanity... As Heads of State, we can provide leadership and inspire ambitious action. We have the convening power to mobilize our peers and advance policies, programmes and financing initiatives for improved outcomes.”

Photo: Casey Regan. H.E. President Cyril Ramaphosa at the PMNCH-organized United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) side event.



Photo: Casey Regan. H.E. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark, speaking at the event.

At the UNGA side event H.E. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark and H.E. Saima Wazed, Senior Representative of Bangladesh also spoke. They were joined by Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF, Senait Fisseha, Director of Global Programs at the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS, Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of the UN Population Fund and Hiris Jamal, a UNICEF Youth Advocate. 1.4 million people were reached in social media and media outreach generated a cumulative estimated reach of 290 million.

Lives in the Balance summits – “Protecting the Promise”

Launched in response to COVID-19, the [Lives in the Balance summits](#) have grown into an essential venue for learning and collaboration to combat the combined impact of COVID, climate change and growing crises on the most vulnerable. In 2023, for the first time, Lives in the Balance was staged as an in-person event organized by PMNCH on the sidelines of the 2023 World Health Assembly (WHA76). The series of three events was focused on what is needed to “[Protect the Promise](#)” for women, children and adolescents in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, climate change and rising costs of living. Each event was focused on a particular thematic area of PMNCH:

- [The opening event](#) discussed the practical actions countries and partners can take to improve the health and rights of women, children and adolescents;
- [Adolescent Well-being and SRHR](#) prioritized adolescent well-being, including comprehensive SRHR programmes and increased momentum for the 1.8 Young People for Change campaign and the GFA; and
- [MNCH](#) emphasized the importance of multi-sectoral collaboration in ensuring that every mother, baby and child not only survives, but thrives.

In total in 2023, PMNCH produced nine flagship events and supported 19 partner events of strategic importance. All events provided opportunities to amplify PMNCH’s advocacy asks and influence decisions in line with its three thematic priorities. In addition, 190 partner events were amplified on the [Events Hub](#).



The Lives in the Balance event series in 2023 featured 28 speakers with nine ministry and government officials including Dr. Mathume Joseph Phaahla, Minister of Health in South Africa; Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah, Minister of Health in Liberia; Shri Gopalakrishnan, Special Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in India; Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Senator and Spokesperson on Health in Ireland; and Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Social reach surpassed 2.1 million.



Photo: PMNCH. An interactive dialogue on solutions at the Lives in the Balance opening event on 21 May 2023 with (from left to right): Luc Lavolette, Head of Secretariat, Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF); Dr. Lia Tadesse Gebremedhin, Minister of Health, Ethiopia; Dr. Mathume Joseph Phaahla, Minister of Health, South Africa; Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah, Minister of Health, Liberia; Mariem Galaoui, Liaison Officer, Human Rights and Peace Issues, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA); Mercy Juma, East Africa Correspondent, BBC News and moderator of the event.

2.5 Partner engagement

Digital advocacy hubs

Envisioned as the world's most comprehensive digital advocacy platform for women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH), the hubs were launched in 2023 with priority for the GFA, constituencies and country-level hubs to support advocacy and accountability within partner countries. The hubs provide a resource-rich platform for interactive engagement throughout the WCAH community. An Android and iOS app now makes partner collaboration even easier.

Collaborative advocacy action plans (CAAPs)

The initiative centres around more effective and impactful information and engagement among partners in the context of a country, partner-led advocacy plan. They are developed by multiple stakeholders including national governments and PMNCH partners in individual countries across all constituencies. The CAAPs build or strengthen existing platforms where they exist and ensure inclusive and meaningful participation, engagement and decision-making to advance the implementation of national commitments for WCAH by ensuring that existing commitments are followed up and new commitments are mobilized. By the end of 2023, CAAPs were initiated by a broad spectrum of partners in 11 countries including Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.



A total of 29 hubs were launched in 2023 with 703 active users, 512 posts and 134 app downloads by the end of the year.



2.6 PMNCH media impact

With more partners, new initiatives and a focus on digital innovation, the audience base and reach of PMNCH continued its upward climb in 2023. A year-over-year comparison in Table 1 shows strong gains across all channels.



Photo: © WHO/Tom Vierus, 2022. Students of the Delainamasi Government School, Fiji.

Table 1 - PMNCH social and earned media metrics, 2021-2023

	2021	2022	% growth 2022 vs. 2021		2023	% growth 2023 vs. 2022
Social media reach	22 million	18 million	NA		32 million (15 million via #1point8)	+77%
Social media followers						
Instagram	728	1 060	+46%		2 790	+163%
Facebook	2 122	2 559	+21%		23 559 (1)	+820%
Twitter/X	28 700	30 359	+6%		31 897	+5%
LinkedIn	1 110	2 738	+147%		5 137	+87%
Website						
Visitors	68 322	204 896	+200%	215 000 to pmnch.org and 169 000 to 1point8.org		+88%
Pageviews	149 938	329 185	+120%		404 248	+23%
Earned Media						
Hits	271	398	+47%		618	+55%
Reach (2)	7.4B	6.9B	NA		10.3B	+50%
Eblast subscribers	7 941	10 886	+37%		16 599	+53%

(1) Facebook ad campaign to recruit followers

(2) Estimated potential media reach (includes duplication)

3. Resource mobilization

- PMNCH raised approximately US\$ 20.7 million for its 2022-23 work, including support for the GFA and the 1.8 Young People for Change campaign.
- The implementation rate against available resources for 2022-23 was 92%.
- PMNCH's donor community continues to grow with contributions in 2022-23 from six government agencies, two philanthropic foundations, one private sector organization and one multilateral organization. The majority of these grants were multi-year in nature, enabling greater sustainability for our work.
- For 2023-24, PMNCH is undertaking intensified engagement with a widening spectrum of potential new donors including national governments, philanthropic foundations and the private sector.



Photo: Keith Terrah/Organization of African Youth Kenya. Davis Ochieng of the National Gender and Equality Commission takes part in the PMNCH "What Young People Want" initiative at the International Youth Day Celebration on 11 August 2023 organized by the Organization of African Youth Kenya in support of the Global Forum for Adolescents.

PMNCH's Active Donors in 2023

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Fondation Botnar

GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance

Government of Germany

Government of India

Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.

Government of Norway

Government of Spain

Government of Sweden

Government of the UK

Annex 1: Board members

Board leadership

Board Chair: Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand

Board Vice Chair: Chris Carter, Deputy Director, Head of Human Development and Health Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Board Vice Chair: Rajesh Bhushan, Child Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (until June 2023) and Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (from July 2023)

Board Vice Chair < 30: Aditi Sivakumar, Founder My Empowerment Platform

Board members representing PMNCH constituencies

Academic, research and training institutes

Marleen Temmerman, Director, Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aga Khan University East Africa

Mike Mbizvo, Senior Associate and Country Director, Population Council Zambia

Gamal Serour, Director, International Islamic Center for Population Studies and Research

Adolescents and youth

David Imbago, Member, International Youth Health Organization

Naledi Katsande, Programmes Lead, Youth for Health Promotion Zimbabwe

Donors and foundations

Chris Carter, Deputy Director, Head of Human Development and Health Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Agnès Soucat, Director of Health and Social Protection, Agence Française de Développement

One vacant seat

Global financing mechanisms

Juan Pablo Uribe, Global Director for Health Nutrition and Population, World Bank

Health-care professional associations

Franka Cadee, President, International Confederation of Midwives (until June 2023) and Sandra Oyarzo Torres, President, International Confederation of Midwives (from June 2023)

Errol Alden, President, International Pediatric Association (until February 2023) and Naveen Thacker, President, International Pediatric Association (from February 2023)

Jeanne Conry, President, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (until October 2023) and Anne Kihara, President International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (from October 2023)

Inter-governmental organizations

Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Non-governmental organizations

Maria Antonieta Alcalde Castro, Director of Ipas Latin America and the Caribbean

Stephen Omollo, former CEO, Plan International

Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator and Founder, Africa Health Budget Network

Partner governments

Rajesh Bhushan, Chief Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (until June 2023) and Sudhansh Pant, Chief Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (from July 2023)

Mathume Joseph Phaahla, Minister of Health, Government of South Africa

Private Sector

Per Falk, President, Ferring Pharmaceuticals

Shyam Bishen, Head, Centre for Health and Healthcare, World Economic Forum

UN agencies

Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF

Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA

Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage, World Health Organization

Annex 2: Committees and working groups

Executive committee

Chair: Chris Carter Deputy Director, Head of Human Development and Health Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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