

Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Well-Being: A Critical Agenda for the G20

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Background

- *Women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH) and well-being badly affected by the 4 C's - COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts, climate change, and crises;*
- *Many countries off-target to meet the SDGs relating to WCAH and well-being*
- *WCAH and well-being central to a nation's progress by providing opportunities for human development and therefore deserves focused attention;*
- *Millions still unable to realize their right to health, development and well-being because of poverty, food insecurity, lack of access to quality health services, and the absence of education and social protection policies;*
- *G20 comprises over 80% of global GDP and nearly 60 percent of the global population;*



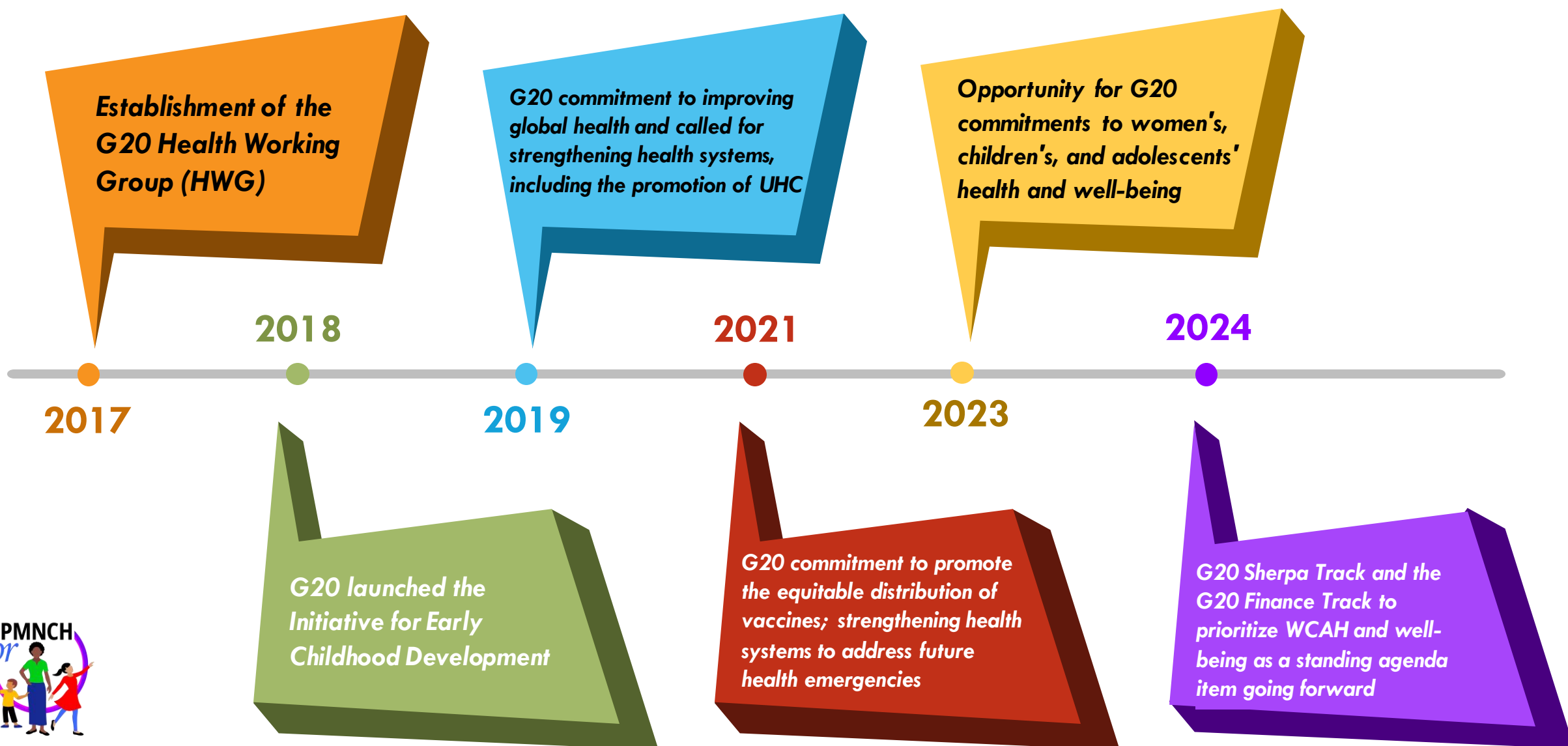
G20, as a premier global platform for international cooperation, is critical to achieving the 2030 Agenda by addressing this inequity.

Why invest in WCAH and well-being?

- 1. Human rights imperative and a basic duty of governments;*
- 2. Brings 'demographic dividend' to the future wealth and welfare of societies;*
- 3. Opportunities for human development and returns on investment;*
- 4. Effective interventions and delivery systems exist that can be leveraged;*
- 5. Need to reverse the detrimental effects of the pandemic on children, adolescents and mothers;*
- 6. Opportunities and risks of digital transformation*



G20 leadership opportunities



Opportunities for G20

- *Build on earlier commitments made, this Policy Brief calls on the G20 to take urgent action to prioritize WCAH and well-being*
- *Prioritize investment in health systems, including increasing funding for health systems, primary health care and achievement of UHC;*
- *Leverage collective resources and expertise by increasing funding for WCAH and well-being programmes within national health budgets by*
 - *increasing domestic allocations,*
 - *mobilizing international aid, and*
 - *promoting private sector investments.*
- *Improve access to healthcare services, by investing in strong health infrastructure;*
- *Promote inclusion of WCAH and well-being policies and programmes across sectors and ensure multisectoral investments.*

Recommendations



Sustained and enhanced funding



Multisectoral, holistic, systems-based approach



Strengthen data systems for monitoring and implementation of policies and programmes



Include women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being as a recurring agenda within the Finance Track and the Sherpa Track of the G20



Meaningful engagement of women, children, and adolescents



Thank You

