

Reporting back: Advocacy group

Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

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Activities (as per Table 5.1, page 19 of Issues Paper)	Global	Regional	National
1a. OK – 'health and development communiques'; international groups like IMF and events (e.g. HLE in New York)	✓		
1b. OK - 'donors/ stakeholders/ other global funds'	✓	✓	✓
1c. Delete – considered a task			
1d. Include 'develop core messages (e.g. investment case, equity) + evidence, where possible'	✓	✓	✓
1e. Modify as 'Increase outreach to media'	✓	✓	✓
1f. Modify as 'Actively canvass', and include 'all development partners'	✓	✓	✓



Advocacy activities



Activities (new, discussed by group)	Global	Regional	National
1g. Increase public awareness/ engagement	✓	✓	✓
1h. Mobilise national champions/ stakeholders/ leaders for MNCH issues			✓
1i. Explore/ identify innovative channels, tools and technologies for advocacy	✓	✓	✓



- Clear commitment and greater resources to MNCH in the G8 and other international/ political fora
- Increased funding from all global funds for MNCH cause
- Establishment of a pool of MNCH champions at national/ global level
- 'MNCH friendly' (to be defined) policies and budgets
- Recognition by funding agencies of MNCH as a global public good (similar to HIV/ AIDS, Malaria etc.)
- Increased public discourse and media coverage

Value added of partnership



- Agreed with Bullet points 1 3 on Table 5.1, page 19 of Issues Paper
- Shared agenda among partners and drawing on comparative advantages/ strengths of each partner
- Shared benefits and risks among partners



Yes, reasons being:

- Only global entity advocating for MNCH
- Only partnership with the full range of stakeholders/ partners