

## **Session 2: Priority outcomes survey**

Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

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## Findings from the Board survey (1)

A Board survey was carried out in August 2008 on three questions:

**Question 1:** What are the critical outcomes that need to be accomplished in order to contribute to significant progress toward the achievement of MDGs 4 & 5?

**Question 2:** What are all the necessary and sufficient actions that have to take place to achieve these outcomes?

**Question 3:** What actions are already being carried out by your agency/organization/government or by others working in this area that would contribute to achievement of these outcomes? Are these commitments and actions sufficient to achieve the desired outcomes?

### 12 Board members responded, but in different formats:

- One group responded on what needs to be done in MNCH (i.e. not necessarily by PMNCH) (5 members).
- Another group focused more on the activities or value added that PMNCH might provide (4 members).
- A few provided observations on both (3 members).

## Findings from the Board survey (2)

### Priority MNCH outcomes

Outcomes	No.
Increased financial flows/ other resources (including medicines) to high burden countries.	7
Greater coordination at national level particularly.	5
More accountability of national and global decision makers and improved transparency.	3
Development of detailed/ costed MNCH strategies at global, regional and national level.	3
Improved capacity of national and international CSO organisations (e.g. health professionals).	2
Increased availability of skilled human resources for planning and delivery at country level.	2
Improved high level political commitment and leadership for MNCH.	1
Integration of MNCH planning and delivery with wider health system strengthening (HSS) and reproductive health (RH) activities.	1
Harmonisation of policy and programme tools.	1
Greater information sharing on effective interventions.	1
More evidence based decision making.	1
Addressing inequities of service access.	1

## Findings from the Board survey (3)

### PMNCH role

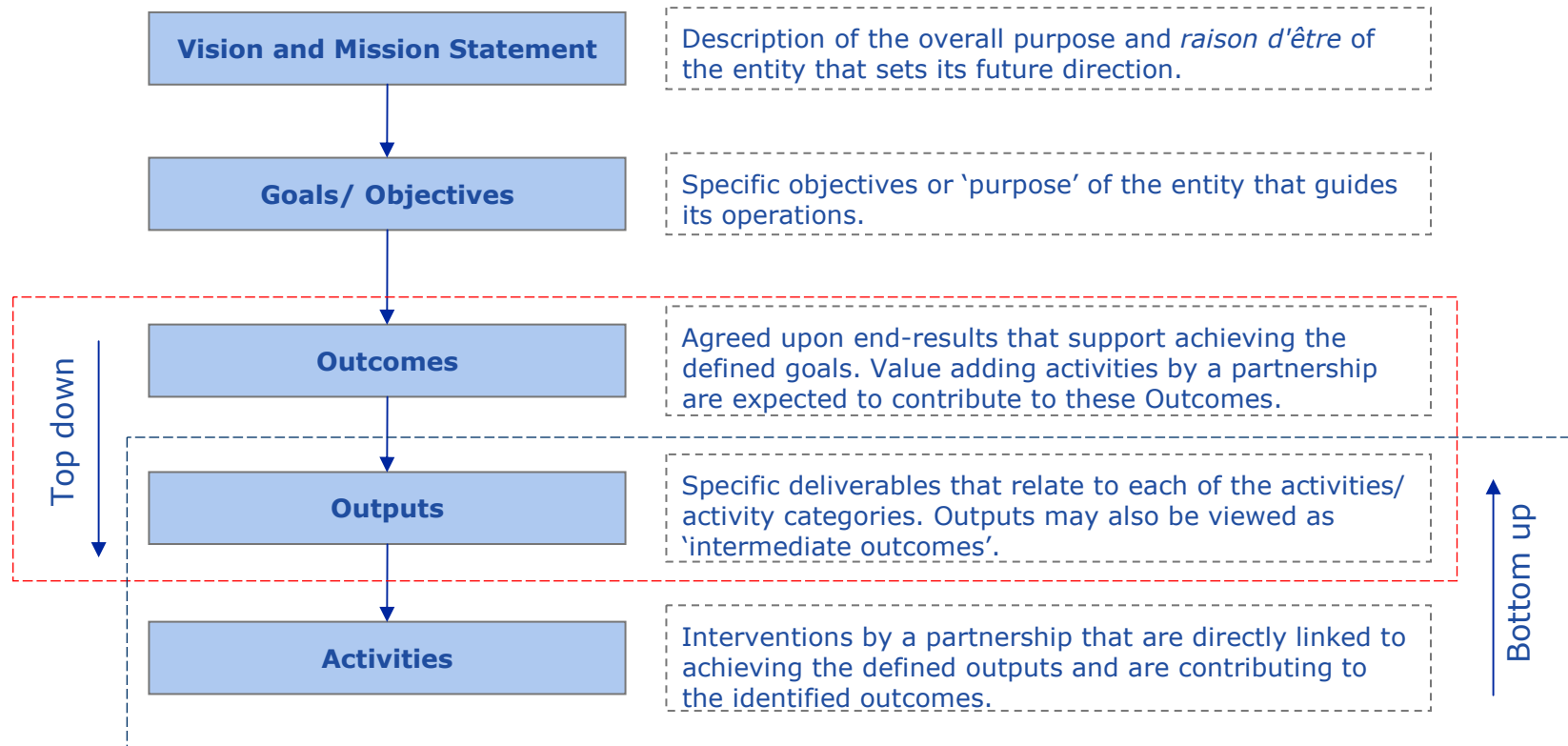
Role	No.
Coordinating role of all partners at national level (e.g. through annual meetings).	6
Advocacy continued and strengthened.	3
Monitoring and evaluation of country performance/ Countdown (supporting accountability).	3
Research on best practice at national level (e.g. service delivery mechanisms in countries with weak health systems).	3
Harmonisation role (e.g. on tools).	2
Research on policy issues (financing mechanisms/ Advanced Market Commitments, economics of investing in MNCH, climate change and health).	2

## MNCH priority outcomes - for discussion

Drawing on the Board survey and consultations with Board members, we summarise five potential priority outcomes of an MNCH partnership



# Outcomes, outputs and activities



# MNCH outcomes and outputs

MNCH outcomes (example)	Illustrative partnership outputs
Profile raising	MNCH issues being included in the G8 Health communiqué.
Resource mobilisation	Building the case for an Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) for MNCH-related drugs and diagnostics.

MNCH outcomes	Illustrative partnership outputs
1. Profile Raising	
2. Resource mobilisation	
3. Harmonising tools and approaches	
4. Coordinated approach	
5. Accountability	



## Possible MNCH priority outcomes

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- **Profile raising and resource mobilisation**
  - Financial and human resource mobilisation at global and national level
  - Linkage between 'internal' and 'external' resource
- **Improved effectiveness of MNCH interventions (to address 'customer' / client needs)**
  - Coordination (national focus)
  - Harmonisation/ alignment
  - Robust information
- **Accountability, leadership/ ownership and better MNCH governance**