

Joint Action Plan - to improve the health of women and children

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A Global Effort to Improve the Health of Women and Children

Background – building on discussions at:

- UN SG's Forum on Global Health in June 2009
- Commitments made by Member States at the 2009 ECOSOC Ministerial Review on Global Health,
- the 2009 UNGA Special Session: *Healthy Women, Healthy Children - Investing in our Common Future*,
- UN SG seeks input in Dec 2009 from BMGF, Norway, Tanzania, UK, and USA

Milestones to date: Jan-April 2010

Jan: UN ASG Bob Orr calls meeting in New York to introduce plans for UNSG-led effort.

Lead partners suggest involvement and use of PMNCH and its added value structure

Feb-Mar:

UNSG establishes Focal Point Committee and Core Group with representation from: H8, member states, foundation, CSO, private sector, academic institution. Working Groups established: a) Roadmap, b) Action Plan, c) Landscape (Countdown group) and d) Media.

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April:

- 14 April - UNSG launches the Global Effort and hosts luncheon with 80 high level guests
- 14 April - UN press corps invited to press conference with Ban Ki Moon, Stoltenberg, Kikweti, Boediono, Oda, and Chan
- 15 April – UNSG hosts Overnight Senior Level Retreat: 40 guests, incl. senior advisers to heads of state, AU, H8 agency heads, private sector leaders, NGO heads, and academic institution department head

Milestones to date: Jan-April 2010

April continued:

- At retreat UNSG calls key partners to galvanize action and support for RMNCH, and invites PMNCH to have an important facilitating role including development of the Joint Action Plan.
- Pre-Event Media Push: 400+ articles raise visibility for MNCH issues linked to Retreat, including on front page of New York Times.

Outcome of Senior Level Retreat (15 April)

- Joint Action Plan to be developed by mid May - PMNCH requested to facilitate development.
- Four working groups established:
 - Finance gaps & mechanisms (World Bank)
 - Accountability (CIDA, Rwanda, WHO)
 - Innovation (Norway, Johnson & Johnson)
 - Advocacy (UNF, One, PMNCH)

Aim of the Global Effort

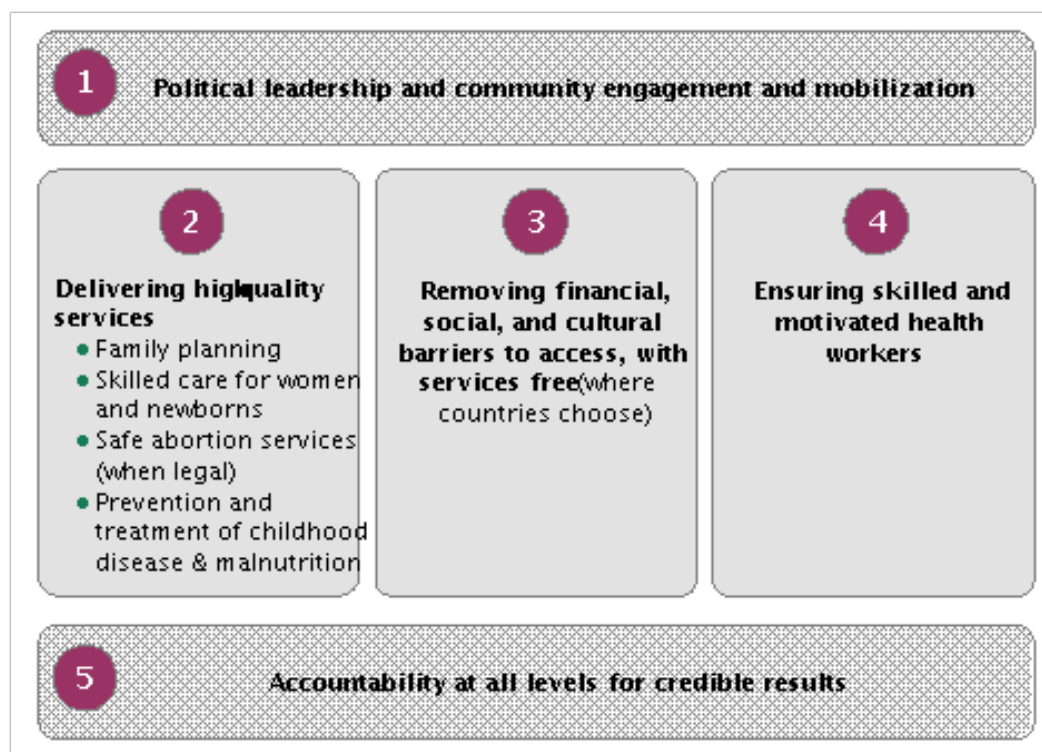
To increase political and financial commitments and ensure more effective delivery of RMNCH services, while putting in place an accountability framework to track progress

Building the Joint Action Plan

- Will incorporate country-led health policies and plans that are evidence-based, building upon existing and new innovative solutions that have been successful in the field.
- Financial estimates from HLTF
- Existing and emerging financing mechanisms to make sure funds get to the women and children who need them,

Building the Joint Action Plan

- Evidence-based priority interventions and strategies following the five pillars of the Global Consensus for MNCH



Agreed draft outline of the Joint Action Plan for heads of states

1. The intent of the JAP – **what it is and it isn't**
2. Investing in the health of women and children makes good sense – **making the investment case**
3. An effective, joint approach is needed to accelerate and track progress – **we know what works** = the MNCH consensus

Agreed draft outline of the Joint Action Plan

4. The business case – what are the **additional costs, financial gap, financial plan, what will the money buy (lives saved, etc) and funding mechanisms** (how to get international health architecture working better for RMNCH – in an integrated approach to the three health MDGs?

5. Targets and Tracking to Boost Accountability – **accountability framework with targets / score card**

Consultation & commitment process: May-Sept

May: First draft of the Joint Action Plan to be presented at side event at the World Health Assembly

June: Second draft to be presented at the Women Deliver conference

July: Third draft ready for AU meeting

Aug: Final development of Plan

Sept: Launch at MDG Summit / UNGA

PMNCH Role in UN Secretary General Process

UNSG

- Overall leadership



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- Facilitate development of JAP
- Coordinate feedback from and between WGs into JAP doc
- Contribute to Advocacy WG

UNF

- Overall coordination of commitment process
- Advocacy WG + Sept launch

UNSG's Global Effort and PMNCH strategy

PA5 – Advocacy for increased funding and better positioning of MNCH in the development agenda

- Totally in-line with PA5 and PMNCH added value work plan, as this will hopefully lead to increased political commitments, funding and operationalization of the MNCH Consensus.
- Great opportunity as Effort is lead by UNSG,
 - greater political commitment and accountability
- Also gives PMNCH an enhanced role and greater visibility

For Board Discussion and Decision

1. Effective consultation process to get inputs from our various constituency group into the JAP document development?
2. What messages and materials should PMNCH produce, endorse and disseminate that would be effective background doc or complementary to the JAP?
3. How can we use the PMNCH constituency structure to effectively galvanize commitments (political, financial and delivery), ensuring that all Board members are active champions?