

# PMNCH Board Meeting November 2025

Executive Director Presentation

## *Outline*

- Key highlights
- Activities update
- Workplan Overview



# Key Highlights

## Strategy Launch

- Workplan consultations

## Our impact

- ★ Policy change and disrupting the status quo;
- Providing platforms for dialogue;
- Setting the agenda from global to local;
- Building grassroots coalitions in global south;
- Highest level of government leadership; and;
- Holding those in power to account.

# Activities update

# *Launch of 2026-2030 Strategy*



## New Strategy launched in July 2025:

- Full document + Executive Summary
- Commentary in Lancet by Board Chair

**Calls for collaboration, creativity & courage to protect the health and rights of women, children & adolescents.**

## Articulates forward looking vision and how to get there

- Partnerships and coalition-building at its heart
- Strong emphasis on Global South leadership
- Focus on delivering on Unfinished Agenda, Adolescent Health and Well-being, and standing up for SRHR

**Accompanied by workplan, implementation framework, and KPIs**

**Positive comments and support received from many stakeholders -  
-> now shift to mobilizing resources to allow for implementation**

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# PARTNERSHIP FOR CHANGE

## NEW PMNCH STRATEGY 2026-2030

- ✓ ROOTED IN RIGHTS
- ✓ FUELED BY EVIDENCE
- ✓ POWERED BY PARTNERSHIPS

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# Advancing multi-stakeholder action on WCAH in times of crisis

## Prioritizing WCAH amid fiscal constraints

- In the face of unprecedented cuts, PMNCH is coordinating multisectoral partners, including through high-level dialogues and publications on innovative financing mechanisms, domestic resource allocation, and the growing shift towards health sovereignty and equitable financing for WCAH



## Strengthening multisectoral action on preterm birth

- Launched journal supplement Born Too Soon: Progress, Priorities and Pivots for Preterm Birth in BMC Reproductive Health: 95 authors, from 67 organisations and 29 countries (including 19 LMICs); 10 papers, including high-level commentary by the heads of WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, and Helen Clark.
- PMNCH's launch event brought together more than 450 participants (June 2025)



## Strengthening Human Resources for Health through Inter-Professional Collaboration

- PMNCH convened partners, equipping them with practical tools to advocate for stronger human resources for health and enhanced interprofessional collaboration—both essential drivers of WCAH.

## Integration of Non-communicable Diseases and SRMNCAH

- The UNGA80 Side Event: Uniting efforts on non-communicable diseases and maternal health: From Integration to Impact, with UNFPA, WHO, HRP, WDF, Jhpiego, Maternity Foundation and the NCD Alliance, including joint publication.



# *Uniting forces across strategic initiatives*

## New Success Stories initiative on good practices in SRHR and WCAH

- Leading the development of country case studies to accelerate progress toward SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2 and to strengthen comprehensive SRHR policies and implementation, including by fostering cross-country learning.
- First Success Story from Malawi on investing in life-saving commodities for women, children, and adolescents.

## **Cross-coalition alliance building**

- Every Woman, Every Newborn Everywhere (EWENE)
- Child Survival Action Initiative (CSA)
- PPH Roadmap Advocacy Working Group and Stillbirth Advocacy Working Group
- World Patient Safety Day: safe care for every newborn and every child
- UHC2030 Task Force and The Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health

## Cross-movement initiatives

- SRHR coalition building
- G20 and Health Working Group
- Joint advocacy: UNHRC; HLPF, AU, IPU



# *Signature initiatives- Global Leaders Network*

## **Increasing investments for WCAH:**

- GLN endorses the PPP Health Accelerator driven by President of Botswana to leverage African resources for health
- Launched 6-part webinar series to capacitate GLN country members on strategies for mobilizing domestic resources for WCAH. Reached over 400 people in the first 2 webinars.
- Advocacy for regionally manufactured SRMNCAH commodities through Africa Pooled Procurement Mechanism

## **Prioritizing WCAH in the rollout of UHC plans**

- Advocacy for institutionalizing WCAH as a standing agenda in regional fora @ WHA, AFRO RC, UNGA, G20
- Ministerial reflections on successful rollout of WCAH plans inspire learning on the sidelines of HLPF
- Call for centralizing WCAH including SRHR in UHC rollout and broader development plans @ TICAD. SA president speech was captured in over 40 media outlets.
- GLN and ALMA side event at UNGA brought together 4 HoSG and multiple heads of agencies in commitments around strengthening WCAH through increased investments in health systems, in humanitarian settings, in Malaria and in funding global health partnership – 186 media hits
- G20 advocacy – bilateral outreach to HWG and C20 and Y20 sherpas, media outreach ahead of HWG, social summit and leaders' summit, side events on the sidelines of the HWG and summit. Op-ed by president Ramaphosa and Helen Clark. GLN in G20 decl.



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# *Signature initiatives- Global Leaders Network*

## Promoting SRHR

- GLN brokered a partnership between Liberia MoH and Seed Global Health to fund post abortion care – filling a 6-million-dollar gap left by the USAID cuts
- South-south learning: Liberia in contact with SA on how to expand access to safe reproductive health services through bill to expand access to abortion. Malawi learning from Tanzania on the country's m-mama emergency referral and transportation system. Tanzania learning from Nigeria on DRM

## Sustaining political will

- GLN reaches 11 heads of states – with adherence of Senegal and Somalia Heads of States, 12<sup>th</sup> pending with Botswana president
- Launch of GLN parliamentary network
- Ambassadorial convenings brief them on key advocacy entry points in Geneva @ WHA
- Newly launched Newsletter facilitates GLN member access to advocacy opportunities and talking points



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# Collaborative Advocacy Action Plans (CAAPs)

Advancing SRHR Policies: stronger engagement with parliaments, health care professionals, youth networks, for advancing progressive SRHR policies, countering misinformation



Mobilization of increased resources for WCAH issues: budget advocacy for improved financial tracking across ministries, transparency



Strengthening accountability: leveraging pre-election campaigns for WCAH, with follow up after elections; institutional parliamentary engagements; strengthened civil society participation



CAAPs country peer learning exchange initiative

# Parliamentary Engagement

## Launch of the Parliamentary Network of Champions (chaired by Hon. Speaker of South Africa) in support of the GLN

**Strengthening parliamentarian knowledge and action for greater political commitment, policy coherence and accountability for WCAH issues at national, global and regional levels**

## Elevating CSO perspectives and facilitating diverse parliamentary perspectives at the First Global Parliamentary Dialogue alongside the World Health Assembly

## Strengthening Parliamentary action on WCAH through engagements with Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU):

- Global webinars 'Partnering for Progress: Parliamentarians and Civil Society Advancing Health for All Women, Children and Adolescents' and Navigating Health Misinformation in the Age of AI
- National Assembly of Malawi to embed WCAH focus in the orientation of the incoming parliament



Nigerian lawmakers of Bauchi State committed to driving legislative oversight and ensure immunization financing accountability in line with the Lagos Declaration on Zero Dose, coordinated by the Africa Health Budget Network, August 2025



Senator Hon. Beatrice Ogolla, Kenya calling to pass the Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Bill, 2023, to strengthen coordination, financing, and accountability for MNCH services, November 2025

# Building capacity for impact

## Campaigning, communications and media

- Increasing reporting by journalists on WCAH aims to provide them with the tools, resources and contacts to facilitate reporting and increase media impact (9 October).
- Workshop targeted to advocates and communicators on how to campaign on WCAH in a complex environment with lessons (30 October)

## Understanding and applying evidence

- Workshop on strengthening advocacy capacity for Innovative and Sustainable Financing of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, convened advocates, decision-makers, and stakeholders to share strategies, build skills, enhance collaboration, and explore practical solutions to advance a progressive agenda on SRHR (November 2025).

Working with CAAPs partners to use the media strategically for their work. Writing and pitching support for Malawi and Kenya yielded articles covered by nearly 20 outlets – positioning calls for key issues such as passing the Maternal Health Bill in Kenya



# PMNCH FactCheck

Dedicated fact-checking tool designed to protect the health and rights of WCA worldwide, in particular SRHR, by combining expert feedback with accessible communication. We aim to equip and empower advocates, programmers, and policy-makers with credible evidence-based information on SRHR and the health and rights of women, children, and adolescents.

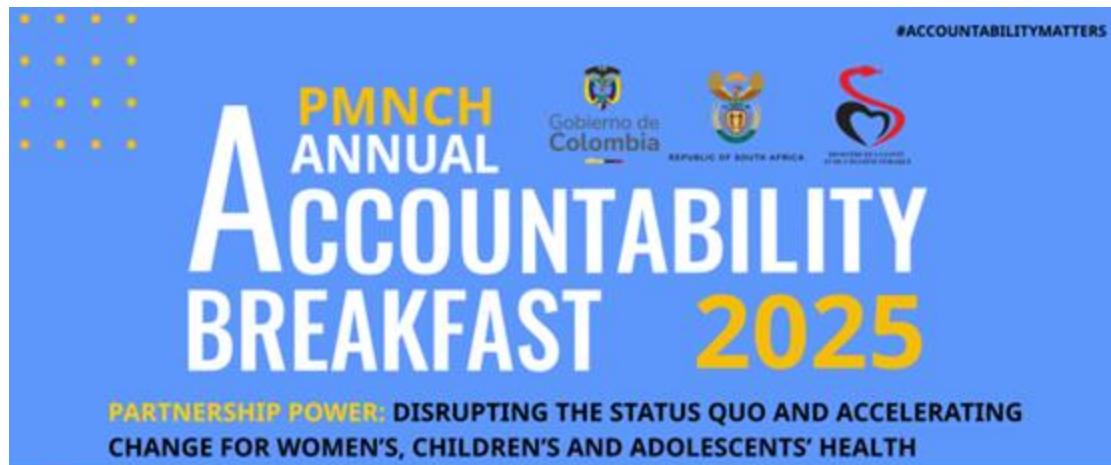


# Flagship events and convenings

- Lives in Balance
- Accountability breakfast
- Ready, Set, Implement

READY,  
SET,  
IMPLEMENT!

A PMNCH high-level dialogue series to accelerate action  
to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality.



Hosted by the  
World Health Organization

# PMNCH 2026-2027

## *Consolidated*

## *Workplan Overview*

# Unified Strategic Framework

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The workplan integrates SRHR, AHWB, and the Unfinished Agenda into a cohesive framework for effective action.

## Five Action Areas

Key focus areas include financing, accountability, building partnerships, policies, and capacity building.

## Expected Impacts

Galvanizing partnerships and global south leadership; greater equity; stronger accountability; and improved health service delivery across partners.

*“True progress in health and development comes when all voices, especially those of women, children and adolescents are heard, valued and included in decision-making. PMNCH champions this inclusive approach, ensuring no one is left behind.”*

Levy Mkandawire  
Programme Manager, Amref Health Africa Zambia,  
and CAAP focal point in Zambia



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# *Innovations in the 2026–2027 Workplan*

## **Integrated Systems Framework**

The workplan introduces a shift to an integrated, systems-based approach for improved coherence and impact.

## **Advanced Digital Monitoring**

Use of advanced digital tools enhances monitoring capabilities and supports data-driven decision making.

## **Institutionalized Coalition-Building**

Formal mechanisms for coalition-building, particularly focusing on global south countries and partners to strengthen collaboration and collective action.

## **Focus on Root Cause Analysis & Misinformation**

Formalizing root cause analysis and combating misinformation ensure deeper problem-solving and accurate information flow.



# *Ways of Working*

## **Coordinated Delivery**

PMNCH implements the workplan through coordinated efforts of partners and the Secretariat for effective delivery.

## **Cross-constituency Working Groups**

Working groups are established to enable joint implementation across different constituencies for unified action.

## **Secretariat's Facilitation Role**

The Secretariat facilitates cooperation, disseminates tools, monitors progress, and identifies collective action opportunities.

## **Leveraging Strengths for Impact**

The collaborative approach leverages constituency strengths and aligns with partner priorities for greater impact.

