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# *Consensus Statement*

SRHR in UHC

Delivering on the Vision of the G7

## *Realizing the G7's vision for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*

The 2022 G7 Summit set out a strong vision on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), which included the critical importance of reducing sexual and gender-based violence within fragile and humanitarian settings. G7 leaders underlined their intention to achieve comprehensive availability of SRHR interventions as an important component of health systems strengthening, emphasizing its important role in women's and girls' empowerment and adolescent health and well-being.<sup>1</sup>

PMNCH, the world's largest alliance for women's, children's and adolescents' health, applauds the G7's crucial leadership on this issue, and urges G7 leaders meeting in Hiroshima, Japan, in May 2023 to expand upon this effort to advance the realization of SRHR in the context of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Improving the health and well-being of populations along the entire continuum of care, including Adolescent Well-Being (AWB), SRHR, and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH), is the centre of the UHC vision, and critical to its achievement. SRHR must be fully integrated into UHC to accelerate progress toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

PMNCH pledges full support to G7 member-states in doing so. In this year of the SDG Summit and UN High Level Meeting on UHC, we call for G7 commitment in 2023 to a clear policy and financing framework to take this work forward, building on the G7 intentions of 2021 and 2022 and backed by a fully funded delivery plan.

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1. 2022 G7 Leader's Elmau Summit Communiqué: <https://www.g7germany.de/resource/blob/974430/2062292/fbdb2c7e996205aee402386aae057c5e/2022-07-14-leaders-communique-data.pdf>



## *PMNCH SRHR Call to Action*

Specifically, PMNCH calls on the G7 to adopt a concrete, time-bound action plan on SRHR that incorporates the following elements:

- **Support national governments to establish comprehensive SRHR as an essential component of UHC by:** Addressing the well-being of populations along the entire continuum of care, including Adolescent Well-Being (AWB), Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH), and Sexual and Reproductive Health needs throughout the life course; ensuring existing UHC monitoring frameworks capture all relevant dimensions of SRHR; providing technical support to incorporate SRHR into national UHC frameworks; promoting the inclusion of SRHR services and interventions in competency-based education and training for health workers at all levels; and incorporating SRHR in financing mechanisms to achieve UHC priorities.
- **Evaluate the state of SRHR service provision:** G7 to commission a review to examine and report on the impact of the global pandemic, climate change, the food and nutrition crisis, and the wider political enabling environment as they affect provision, access to, and quality of, SRHR care. G7 to commit to review this report by 2025. PMNCH partners to support the G7 in this process through the G7 Health Working Group.
- **Define and measure SRHR:** G7 to back an integrated, comprehensive definition of SRHR; G7 to agree on an accountability framework for SRHR action, including tracking and measuring impact; G7 to review ODA to understand how much of overall health ODA actually benefits women of reproductive age, including in humanitarian sectors; G7 to align its reporting on SRHR in line with the needs of end-users and implementing partners.

## *PMNCH commitment*

PMNCH commits to support the G7 in its action plan on SRHR by:

- Advocating for the prioritization of SRHR in UHC among G7 governments;
- Supporting coordination among all 10 PMNCH constituencies to support G7 members in their efforts to prioritize SRHR in UHC;
- In partnership with G7 governments, support the full inclusion of SRHR in the proposed G7 Action Plan on UHC.

## *Delivering a vision*

The 2023 G7 presents a strong opportunity to deliver for SRHR. The vision set out by the German G7 presidency in 2022, coupled with the Japanese government's prioritization of UHC, and the dynamics and electoral process of G7 member states, allows an important opportunity to recognize and elevate the importance of SRHR in UHC. The 2024 G7 presidency, led by Italy, has an important opportunity to take this forward in a concrete fashion. This statement outlines PMNCH's commitment to providing all necessary support to G7 members in this effort.