

# 2019: Year in review

## January

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PMNCH conducts an external review of global accountability reporting, finding extensive duplication and overlap. PMNCH brokers agreement among key partners to reduce the number of independent reports covering similar content relating to women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH). Partners agree to develop a joint set of articles, to be published by *The BMJ* in January 2020. "Leaving no woman, no child and no adolescent behind" includes 11 articles and four commentaries.

PMNCH publishes a report of a social accountability workshop held in New Delhi before the December 2018 Partners' Forum.



## February

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PMNCH and partners launch a global call to action on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) demanding that SRHR be recognized as an essential element of universal health coverage (UHC). The call to action seeks to influence the content of a forthcoming political declaration on UHC, to be launched at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in September 2019.

PMNCH and the Global Financing Facility (GFF) announce a new Small Grants Mechanism managed by US-based global nongovernmental organization Management Sciences for Health to improve WCAH by strengthening civil society engagement in national processes and platforms, including GFF national investment cases.

The PMNCH Adolescent and Youth Constituency (AYC) co-organize a three-day "hackathon" in London on developing innovative blockchain solutions that could potentially transform the lives of women, children and adolescents, attracting 190 participants.

## March

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PMNCH reviews Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) commitments to WCAH in humanitarian and fragile settings and tests a tool ("Motion Tracker") to validate EWEC commitments in four countries (Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia) through the Samasha Medical Foundation of Uganda.

The *Lancet* publishes a piece by the Independent Accountability Panel for EWEC (IAP) on why accountability matters for UHC and the SDGs.

## April

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At the 140th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly in Doha, Qatar, PMNCH and the IPU Advisory Group on Health co-organize a workshop for parliamentarians: "Act now for women's, children's and adolescents' health: lessons on health financing, legislation and partnerships", to ensure the IPU's resolution on UHC delivers for WCAH.



## May

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### WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

- PMNCH introduces a draft advocacy brief on WCAH in UHC at a reception hosted by the Government of India. The brief seeks to address partners' needs for dedicated evidence and messaging on UHC in relation to WCAH, and to elevate attention to WCAH within UHC discourse.
- PMNCH announces a new partnership with the EWEC Innovation Marketplace to explore the potential of a unified platform for innovation and digital technology for WCAH.
- "Adolescent health: the missing population in UHC" event highlights the global adolescent health agenda as an integral component of UHC and shares findings from a new report.
- PMNCH and partners launch a call for action to align efforts to improve and protect WCAH in humanitarian and fragile settings.
- PMNCH launches a new Knowledge Brief series on the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents in fragile and humanitarian settings.
- PMNCH event showcases recent evidence and best practices for institutionalizing social accountability in government processes, highlighting the importance of government leadership and support.
- PMNCH publishes a systematic review of professional accountability mechanisms aimed at improving health system performance to inform WCAH policies and programmes.

## June

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PMNCH joins more than 8,000 organizations at the Women Deliver 2019 Conference in Vancouver, hosting 14 concurrent sessions and events covering a range of topics vital to understanding and addressing issues that hamper WCAH.

The H6 on behalf of PMNCH launches a grant mechanism to strengthen government-led national multistakeholder platforms to deliver jointly and more effectively for WCAH in high-burden countries.





July

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Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, is officially confirmed as PMNCH Board Chair at PMNCH's 23rd Board meeting in The Hague, co-hosted by the Dutch Government, the Bernard van Leer Foundation, the International Confederation of Midwives and Task Force Health Care.



August

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To commemorate International Youth Day, PMNCH and partners kick off a month-long webinar series, with over 800 youth-led and youth-serving organizations sharing experiences and best practices concerning key areas identified by the AYC.

PMNCH, Fondation Botnar, Women Deliver and PATH, in collaboration with Devex, publish findings from more than 1,500 responses to a global youth survey on health and technology. Young people have three key messages: they want the international community to focus more on their health needs; they believe technology will play a key role in achieving UHC; and they want to be more involved in decisions about how to best use technology to improve health outcomes.

PMNCH, WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank Group and the ECD Action Network publish a guidance note to catalyse country-level dialogue and action on nurturing care for early childhood development, focusing on health services and complementary actions by other sectors.

September

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PMNCH, Management Sciences for Health and the GFF announce the nine civil society coalitions awarded grants totalling almost US\$ 600,000 to support civil society engagement, alignment and coordinated action, particularly in relation to the GFF.

PMNCH co-organizes with Countdown to 2030, the African Population and Health Research Center, WHO and UNICEF a regional equity data analysis workshop in Nairobi. More than 40 researchers, policy-makers, parliamentarians and civil society representatives from 11 countries discuss inequities in access to WCAH interventions and how these can be reduced.

#### UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- The annual PMNCH Accountability Breakfast presents country evidence demonstrating the importance of community voice and participation in planning and accountability processes and of political will.
- Countdown to 2030 country profiles on equity, updated and expanded from 91 to 138 countries, are launched at the PMNCH Breakfast. Country profiles on early childhood development (UNICEF) and adolescent health (WHO) are also launched at the event.
- At an adolescent-themed event, PMNCH and partners launch a knowledge summary on adolescent mental health and a consultation on a call to action for increased investments in a holistic, multisectoral, evidence-based approach to adolescent well-being.
- At the annual high-level event co-hosted by PMNCH and the EWEC Secretariat, partners announce new commitments bringing total commitments to WCAH since 2010 to US\$ 88 billion, according to PMNCH analysis.
- PMNCH, PATH, Women Deliver and Fondation Botnar launch a search for young leaders to join the Global Youth Council's Tech for Health, a platform for young people to share their perspectives on the role of technology in accelerating progress towards UHC.

October

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PMNCH's AYC launches a new advocacy brief sharing successes and lessons learned in five countries from rolling out the *Advocating for Change for Adolescents!* toolkit from late 2017 to June 2019.

PMNCH, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning and FP2020 launch an accountability system for the Global Consensus on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement to track actions by the 250+ endorsing organizations and share best practices.

PMNCH conducts an analysis of meaningful youth engagement in the GFF process, focusing on four countries (Kenya, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Uganda). The report outlines key recommendations on how the GFF can strengthen meaningful youth engagement at all levels. This analysis provides the evidence base for the Adolescent and Youth Addendum to the GFF Civil Society Engagement Strategy.



November

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PMNCH holds its 24th Board meeting in Nairobi, hosted by the Government of Kenya and overseen by Board Chair Helen Clark. Participants include WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Ministers of Health from Afghanistan, Kenya and Nigeria. Approximately 100 partners take part in a three-day programme of meetings, field trips, side events, cross-constituency meetings and press events. Outcomes include agreement on the process to develop PMNCH's 2021-2025 Strategy, endorsement of an umbrella advocacy campaign and a commitment to strengthen national multistakeholder engagement.

#### NAIROBI SUMMIT MARKING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ICPD+25)

- PMNCH launches an op-ed on SRHR authored by current and former PMNCH Board Chairs Helen Clark, Graça Machel and Michelle Bachelet, published by Thomson Reuters and reaching over 14 million media consumers.
- The paper "Adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights: a stock-taking and call-to-action", authored by PMNCH and partners, is published in *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*.
- PMNCH launches a Sida-commissioned report highlighting the importance of SRHR in national health benefits packages for UHC, focusing on six sub-Saharan African countries.

The GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group, hosted by PMNCH, brings together more than 80 representatives from GFF countries at a capacity building workshop on investment case development and effective monitoring of implementation of GFF-funded projects.

December

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A PMNCH-commissioned report requested by the PMNCH Executive Committee analyses current and potential future investments in SRHR, informing discussions on how to ensure adequate support for SRHR.

With the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine as lead partner, PMNCH contributes to a *Lancet* paper recommending improvements for ODA methods for RMNCH called Muskoka2, including a description of the consultation process.

PMNCH publishes an independent assessment of the AYC, which outlines concrete findings and recommendations for action to enhance and improve AYC engagement.

#### 2019 in numbers



25.5k+ Twitter followers (950+ more than 2018)



10 newsletters



12 webinars



30+ events



15+ news articles

