# Empowerment

## Working Group Presentation

# Overview

- The *factors that influence* women's and girl's risk of poor SRMCNAH and rights can be found throughout the *lifecycle*

- Progress to address gender-based inequalities has been *too slow* and is *reversing* in some areas

- Actions and interventions required to address gender-based inequalities are not always well understood, tracked or systematically integrated

- Many of the necessary policies and programmes go beyond the health sector and *require cross-sectoral collaboration for transformative change*

**Opportunity:** The empowerment of women, girls and communities has been prioritized for increased and concerted collective attention by 2020 among all partners engaged in implementing the Global Strategy.

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# What Can and should be Done?

Global community agrees to undertake the following:

**Strengthen individual and community capacities and engagement** for SRMNCAH and rights

**Create national policy environments** that enable women's social, economic and political participation, as well as economic empowerment and gender parity

**Adopt rights-based approaches to health** in health policies and programmes, *prioritizing those most in need*

**Foster equitable gender norms and address violations of rights** across society

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# PMNCH Added -Value

The Partnership's contributions to what needs to be done can be grouped into two categories:

**Promoting knowledge and evidence**
- Develop investment cases on Social, Behavioural and Community Engagement (SBCE) interventions
- Promote country multistakeholder dialogues
- Disseminate knowledge and evidence at global events

**Advocating for uptake of SBCE interventions**
- Take a lead role on the advocacy and social media communications

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# Empowerment Working Group Questions

- Identify 2 to 3 frontier issues regarding women's, girls' and community empowerment that should be given priority by PMNCH. Why should they be given priority? Keeping in mind the 4As (alignment, analysis, accountability, advocacy), what role do you envision PMNCH would play in addressing these issues?

- What suggestions do you have for sharpening the proposed deliverables for the empowerment work stream to ensure PMNCH's business plan contributes to achievement of the EWEC targets? Should the work stream be integrated across othersor is it necessary to have it as an individual work stream?

- Related to point 2, PMNCH proposes to bring partners together for the development of an SBCE investment case. A scoping exercise was conducted in 2017 and PMNCH has been in discussion with WHO (to ensure it is aligned with and embedded within their existing UHC package of work) and USAID (who are supporting a similar exercise with Breakthrough Research) about taking an SBCE investment case forward. What other partners should be engaged in these discussions who could contribute to the framing of the process and methods for undertaking an investment case.

- What role should PMNCH play in securing commitments related to women's, girls' and community empowerment? What commitments should PMNCH prioritize?