LESSONS FROM A DECADE OF EWEC ACCOUNTABILITY
Driving improvements for women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health with UHC

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A decade of EWEC accountability: independent review, multiple partner processes and products

Multiple EWEC Global Strategy accountability processes and products e.g.: by national governments; EWEC and PMNCH (unified accountability framework, commitments tracking), WHO and H6 (GS data portal, WHA papers, reports), IPU (UHC resolution), Countdown to 2030 and academic and research institutions (reports, profiles and papers), global financing mechanisms (annual reports), multistakeholder platforms (Lancet and BMJ series), civil society (citizen hearings), adolescent and youth networks (advocacy for accountability), private sector and donor (capacity strengthening for accountability mechanisms), professional associations (standards, guidance) etc.
• Currently most emphasis on monitor
• Review mechanisms are institutionalized to various degrees
• Remedy and Act related to accountability recommendations are far behind
• Imbalance/misalignment between global and country accountability
An **integrated accountability mechanism** for health & SDGs

- under UHC, implemented through PHC, covering all of SDG 3 and linked to health-related SDGs
- prioritizing women, children and adolescents and those furthest left behind in fragile settings
- using EWEC lessons to build an integrated health accountability system to drive resources, results & rights

*IAP Statement to the HLM on UHC*

(also see on integrated accountability:
- *iERG 2015 Report Recommendations*
- *IAP Comment in LANCET*)
Why accountability, and UHC, matter for women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health

UHC through PHC in SDGs: an unprecedented political, strategic and operational opportunity for effective, equitable and efficient WCA access to quality health and multisectoral services without financial hardship.

UHC and SDG targets cannot be achieved without meeting the needs of WCA
IAP ‘asks’ to address women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health with UHC (examples)

1. National UHC packages should include evidence-based, essential interventions for WCA through the life course with financial protection (e.g. informed by the WHO UHC compendium).

2. The majority of WCA health and multisectoral services should be accessible in their communities through PHC and supported by a strong workforce and referral systems (e.g. Respect and WASH were top priorities identified in ‘What Women Want’)

3. All systems and services should be designed and deployed to respect, protect and fulfill WCA rights, with particular attention to SRHR (e.g. over 1/3 of women experience mistreatment and abuse, and are particularly vulnerable around the time of birth, Brizuela et al, Lancet 2019)
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4. Country information systems should have real-time, quality, disaggregated data to identify who is being left behind in UHC, where and why, and to drive remedy and action.

5. The global community should converge/align external support for countries and their people in greatest need, including migrants, and ensure universal access to essential interventions (e.g. IAP Lancet comment on HPV vaccine availability).

6. ‘Custodians of accountability’ in countries should be supported to demand and catalyze required progress: parliamentarians, courts, civil society, media, academia, and importantly, citizens (e.g. health and rights literacy and recourse for violations).
7. Explicit attention should be paid to indicators of accountability (e.g., human rights measures, CRVS, community engagement, good governance, budget transparency, anti-corruption measures, access to information etc.)

8. Investments in research and innovation to improve the health of WCA, to implement evidence-based interventions and test and scale innovations for transformative progress

9. There should be an integrated system for accountability, converging and aligning mechanisms through the monitor, review, remedy and act cycle to drive improvements in resources, results and rights, with clear stakeholder roles and responsibilities

10. Advocacy is needed to promote a shared sociopolitical understanding of, and commitment to, accountability to realize the 2030 goals and the rights of all people to the highest attainable standard of health
To realize the asks: Lesson 1. Shared sociopolitical understanding of, and commitment to, accountability

**WHAT?** Sociopolitical **Answerability for Resources, Results, Rights & Roles** to Achieve Agreed Goals

**HOW?** Monitor, Review, Remedy and Act (IAP 2016 report)

Accountability, IAP working definitions, will be finalized in 2020 report
Lesson 2. Systematic investment to implement accountability recommendations

Country achievements with CoIA from 2011 to 2015, with investment and implementation support for countries

- **70 countries** funded to strengthen CRVS, health information systems, supported by WHO and partners
- **55 countries** implementing maternal death surveillance and reviews
- **30 countries** implementing community death reviews
- **33 countries** with a System of Health Accounts to track resources, including specifically on RMNCAH, nearly doubling from 18 in 2011
Lesson 2. Systematic investment to implement accountability recommendations

iERG and IAP recommendations: less systematic investment, implementation and tracking

• **iERG**, regular stakeholder follow up on investments and actions needed
• **IAP**, less focused follow up on recommendations

**Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Human Rights assessment**: only 15% of health-related recommendations were fully implemented
Lesson 3. Clear accountability roles and strategic focus to improve impact

What the IAP will do (i.e. 2020 workplan and report):
1. Independent review of EWEC GS and UHC progress and accountabilities, highlighting successes and failures
2. Highlight experiences, voices and needs of those left furthest behind in fragile settings
3. Make targeted recommendations for remedy & action

→ Count on the rest of the accountability system to make the required links to the monitor-review-remedy-act cycle for resources, results, rights and roles for WCAH and SDGs
‘UHC for all people: accountability for every woman, child, adolescent and those left furthest behind’

IAP 2020 Report, to be launched around UNGA

Draft outline

1. A new **imperative for accountability with UHC** to reach every woman, child and adolescent

2. **What is accountability and how can it drive Resources, Results and Rights** for health and SDGs?

3. **Country league tables** on progress, areas of greatest need, and multistakeholder commitments and accountabilities

4. **Country case studies** to amplify accountability experiences and voices of WCA and others left furthest behind

5. **Lessons** from a decade of EWEC accountability

6. **Recommendations** for integrated health accountability with UHC era and a priority focus on WCA and others in fragile settings (EOSG request)
Lesson 4. An integrated system is needed for effective, efficient and equitable accountability

Need to consolidate, align and link accountability processes and products, with required attributions
## An integrated health accountability system
### Illustrative details

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