PMNCH Constituency Membership Criteria

PMNCH brings together over 1200 partner organizations across 10 constituencies: Academic, Research and Training Institutes (ART); Adolescents and Youth (AY); Donors and Foundations (DF); Global Financing Mechanisms (GFM); Health-care Professional Associations (HCPA); Inter-governmental Organizations (IGO); Non-governmental Organizations (NGO); Partner Governments (PG); Private Sector (PS); United Nations Agencies (UNA). All PMNCH partner organizations must be working to advance sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.

When applying to become PMNCH members, partner organizations must also agree with the mission and vision of PMNCH, the operational principles of PMNCH, and the principles of engagement with PMNCH. When applying for PMNCH membership through the membership application form, partner organizations are assigned to the most appropriate constituency based on the following criteria.

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| Academic, Research and Training Institutes (ART) | The ART Constituency is constituted by registered academic, research, or training (ART) institutions with expertise in sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMCAH) along the entire continuum of care. ART institutions act as a knowledge broker and play a critical role in delivering the 2021 – 2025 PMNCH Strategy through: collating and synthesizing knowledge to equip partners for mobilizing and implementing commitments for policy and action; packaging, disseminating and promoting the uptake of knowledge resources for partner-led mobilization and implementation of commitments and action, including digital technologies. ART members include:  
  - Universities and academic institutions;  
  - Research institutes;  
  - Capacity strengthening and training institutions;  
  - Networks for knowledge production and translation; and  
  - Teaching hospitals. |
| Adolescents and Youth (AY)                | The AY Constituency is composed of youth-led organizations and networks that have been leading or implementing SRMCAH projects at national, regional or global levels for at least two years. Each organization appoints one main and one alternate delegate, aged 10–30 years, as its representative in the constituency. AY Constituency members must be youth-led rather than youth-serving organizations. PMNCH defines organizations as youth-led when at least 80% of the senior management is under 30. AY members include:  
  - Civil society organizations led by youth;  
  - International, national or local youth-led networks;  
  - Charities led by youth;  
  - Research institutes led by youth;  
  - Student networks; and  
  - Student-led societies. |
| Donors and Foundations (DF)               | The DF Constituency is composed of all governments and organizations who provide grants to PMNCH to finance the delivery of its workplans. DF members include:  
  - Government ministries and/ or agencies (e.g., development ministries, ministries of foreign affairs, specialized government development agencies);  
  - Private philanthropic foundations (e.g., family foundations, foundations linked to private sector organizations, etc.); and  
  - Multilateral agencies (e.g., UN agencies, global financing mechanisms, etc.). |
| Global Financing Mechanisms (GFM)         | The GFM Constituency works in partnership with major health financing partnerships, organisations and centres towards increased, more equitable and cost-effective financing measures at both domestic and ODA levels with the objective to advancing progress for women’s children’s and adolescents’ health and well-being, leaving no one behind. GFM members include: |

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1 This 2-page on the Constituency Membership Criteria is part of the PMNCH Membership Application Guidelines and Process that will be included in the new Governance Manual which is under development by the Governance and Ethics Committee.
| **Health-care Professional Associations (HCPA)** | The HCPA Constituency is composed of healthcare professional organizations at community, country, regional and global levels. HCPA members includes:  
- Medical associations at the global, regional, country and local level;  
- Midwifery associations at the global, regional, country and local level;  
- Nursing associations at the global, regional, country and local level; and  
- Student or young health-care professional associations at the global, regional, country and local level. |
| **Inter-governmental Organizations (IGO)** | The IGO Constituency is composed of organizations that convene representatives from multiple governments and/or state representatives such as parliaments, and individual Heads of State or Ministers. IGO members includes:  
- Regional Economic communities such as European Union, African Union Institutions, Latin American Communities and their Institutions, Asian communities and their institutions;  
- Inter-Parliamentarian Union;  
- European Parliamentary Forum for SRHR; and  
- African Leaders for Malaria Alliance. |
| **Non-governmental Organizations (NGO)** | The NGO Constituency is composed of non-profit organizations that are actively engaged in women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health and well-being. NGO members include:  
- Civil society organizations at the global, regional, national, and local level; and  
- International networks of non-profit organizations. |
| **Partner Governments (PG)** | The PG Constituency comprises of national governments who drive and support PMNCH’s work in reducing preventable maternal, newborn and child mortality, including stillbirths; upholding and protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights; and advancing adolescent health and well-being. PG members include:  
- National governments through specific ministries; and  
- Local governments through state/district or similar administrations. |
| **Private Sector (PS)** | The PS Constituency is composed of national, regional and multinational private entities and associations representing for-profit organizations. PS members include:  
- For-profit consultancy companies;  
- Pharmaceutical companies;  
- Start-ups;  
- Media outlets;  
- ICT/tech companies;  
- Social enterprises;  
- Private hospitals;  
- Organizations and associations focused on private sector work/research/collaboration; and  
- Private Sector Associations. |
| **United Nations Agencies (UNA)** | The UNA Constituency is composed of funds, programs and specialized agencies of the UN system at the headquarter, regional and national levels. The constituency enhances alignment and synergies among its members to enable joint advocacy and accountability actions at the global, regional, and country levels to achieve greater impact for women, children, and adolescents. The constituency members work closely with a range of multi-sectoral partners to support the development and translation of evidence informed country-led health policies and plans as well as improve monitoring, evaluation, and accountability for WCAH. UNA members include:  
- UN funds and programs;  
- UN specialized agencies;  
- Other UN entities and bodies;  
- UN youth envoy and UN youth advisory groups; and  
- UN appointees. |