



Strengthening and aligning for better results

PMNCH progress update: Oct 2016 to May 2017

Helga Fogstad

Executive Director

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

From Maputo to Ottawa: Oct 2016 to May 2017

Summary of progress

- PMNCH value-add work planning contributes to country support through EWEC Partners' Framework, agreed April 2017
- Moving ahead with PMNCH work plan implementation through accountability, advocacy, analysis and alignment: aligning SO partner work with EWEC focus areas
- PMNCH progress enabled by governance and constituency structures, availability of financing
- Key priorities ahead: country platforms, EWEC Framework development, GS Progress Report, 2018 Partners Forum planning

The Partnership for Maternal,
Newborn & Child Health
In support of
Every Woman Every Child

2016
ANNUAL REPORT
Coming of age in a time of transition





THE PARTNERSHIP'S VALUE-ADD AT COUNTRY LEVEL: FIVE AREAS OF WORK

1. Promote inclusive and meaningful multistakeholder engagement	• Facilitate multistakeholder consultations to review the SRMNCCH partner landscape: Drawing on existing documentation, tools, and/or recent reviews, support in-country partners to assess existing multistakeholder platforms, jointly take stock of the country SRMNCCH partners' landscape, and identify: a) under-represented stakeholder groups (e.g. civil society, private sector and youth groups, health-care professional associations, academic and research institutions) and ways to facilitate their engagement; and b) opportunities to strengthen existing partner coordination mechanisms, promoting alignment and streamlining accountability processes; and priorities for joint advocacy. • Catalyse constituency-building and strengthen existing partner networks: including by convening and linking under-represented stakeholder groups with their respective PMNCH constituency networks, facilitating exchange and mobilizing support for building those groups' organizational, coordination and/or advocacy capacities to increase their inclusion and engagement in country-led multistakeholder platforms. • Reinforce coordination mechanisms to facilitate multistakeholder engagement and cross-sectoral linkages, as appropriate: focusing, in particular, on strengthening the effectiveness and sustainability of convening/coordination capacities and functions within the Ministry of Health (MOH) in alignment with existing governance structures and processes, building on the capacities of designated SRMNCCH-related coordinating focal points within the MOH (e.g. those coordinating GFF processes).
2. Strengthen and align accountability processes	• Review existing accountability mechanisms at national, subnational and local levels to identify opportunities for: a) promoting broader engagement in existing processes for tracking progress on the Global Strategy; and b) supporting efforts to streamline and unify accountability processes including through joint monitoring of agreed milestones and results; harmonizing data gathering and management, reporting, review and oversight processes; and linking social accountability initiatives and citizens' hearings with national/subnational SRMNCCH accountability frameworks.
3. Strengthen cross-sectoral linkages	• Facilitate dialogue between health sector SRMNCCH partners, health ministries and those in health-allied sectors: identify specific priorities and opportunities for collaborative action, and strengthen existing mechanisms for cross-sectoral coordination and exchange.
4. Support joint advocacy	• Foster a concerted approach to advocacy for women's, children's and adolescents' health: strengthen and sustain commitments to SRMNCCH priorities by leveraging PMNCH's global SRMNCCH advocacy strategy and the collective expertise and resources of its vast network of partners to: a) support consultations among in-country partners to identify key SRMNCCH priorities for joint advocacy and build local advocacy capacities; and b) amplify country-identified SRMNCCH priority advocacy messages through broader advocacy efforts in regional and global forums.
5. Facilitate learning and exchange across countries	• Support and facilitate learning through regular consultations among country representatives, including between GFF-supported and other countries, to share experiences in strengthening country-led multistakeholder platforms, accountability processes and joint advocacy efforts, including by synthesizing evidence and best practices across countries for global dissemination to foster multistakeholder action for enhanced impact in other countries.

PMNCH value-added work plan

- Guiding principle: Positioning countries at the centre of what we do, and the value we deliver together
- Workplan prioritizes focus countries (Malawi, India and Nigeria), strengthening multi-stakeholder platforms to ensure alignment and accountability
- Intensive effort since Maputo to prioritize outputs that represent the added value of PMNCH as a partner- and multi-constituency based partnership
- Aligned these outputs, to be delivered by SOs, with the emerging priorities of the EWEC Partners Framework, agreed April 2017

Aligning our work with the EWEC Framework

- **Since December 2017:** Development of joint EWEC Partners Framework. PMNCH guides conceptual development with EOSG and partners, including WHO.
- **Since February 2017:** Aligning PMNCH SO workplan with six EWEC focus areas, including through matrix and organogram

[illegible]

PMNCH value added: Accountability

- Laying the groundwork for GS monitoring and accountability in the SDG era

Including through:

- **Indicator and Monitoring Framework**
- **Monitoring Readiness report**
- Tracking **EWEC** commitments
- **IAP** secretariat hosting
- Launch of the first-ever **GS Progress Report** at the High Level Political Forum in July 2017



PMNCH value-added: Social accountability

- Global dialogue for citizen-led accountability, WHA 2017
- PMNCH NGO constituency:
Facilitation of 100+ citizens' hearings at national and district levels
- Development of leadership and capacity building grants for advocacy and accountability (small grants)



PMNCH value-added: Advocacy

- PMNCH platform allows multiple partners to advocate together through EWEC to amplify key messages, including :
 - Ottawa global adolescents health conference, including launch of advocacy toolkit with Women Deliver (May 2017)
 - QED advocacy working group, supporting attention to equity, dignity, UHC through Quality of Care network supporting national plans
 - Working with IPU for increased action on SRMNCAH and SDGs
 - Webinars on UHC, Adolescents, GFF, etc



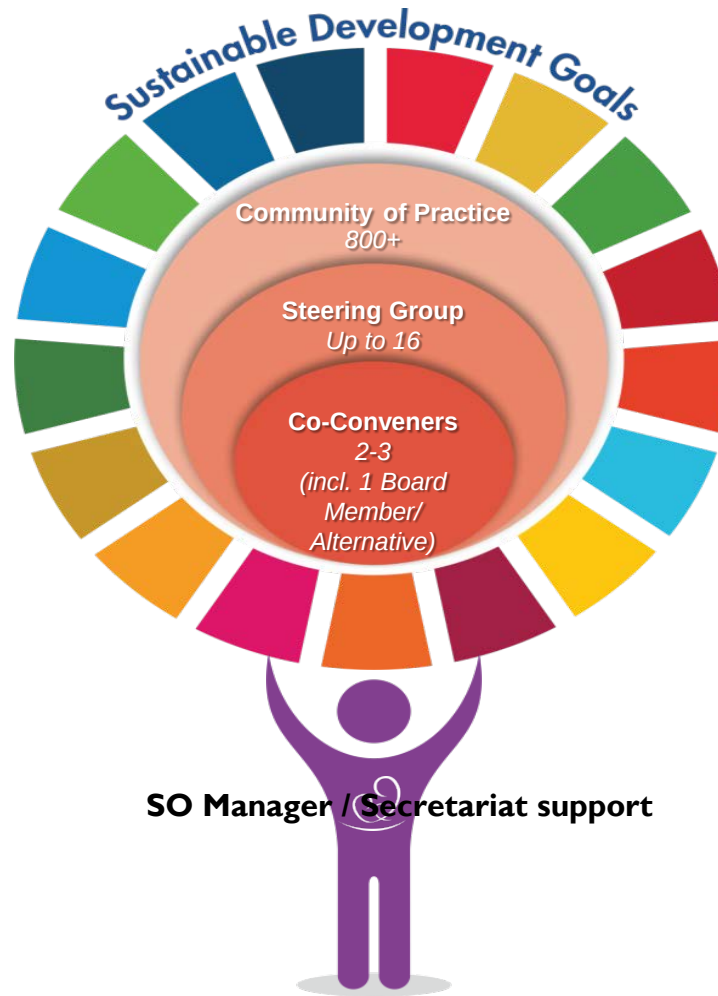
PMNCH added value: Analysis

- Gather learning and evidence to disseminate through partner networks, promote dialogue
- Encourage innovation and continual improvement
- Recent work includes:
 - SRHR ad-hoc working group, ODA projections
 - Scoping for potential investment case on social, community, behavioural engagement (SBCE) interventions



PMNCH added value: Alignment

- Strong governance model with a partner-centric approach
- 850 member org.
- Multiple committees / groups – supported 49 partner led meetings



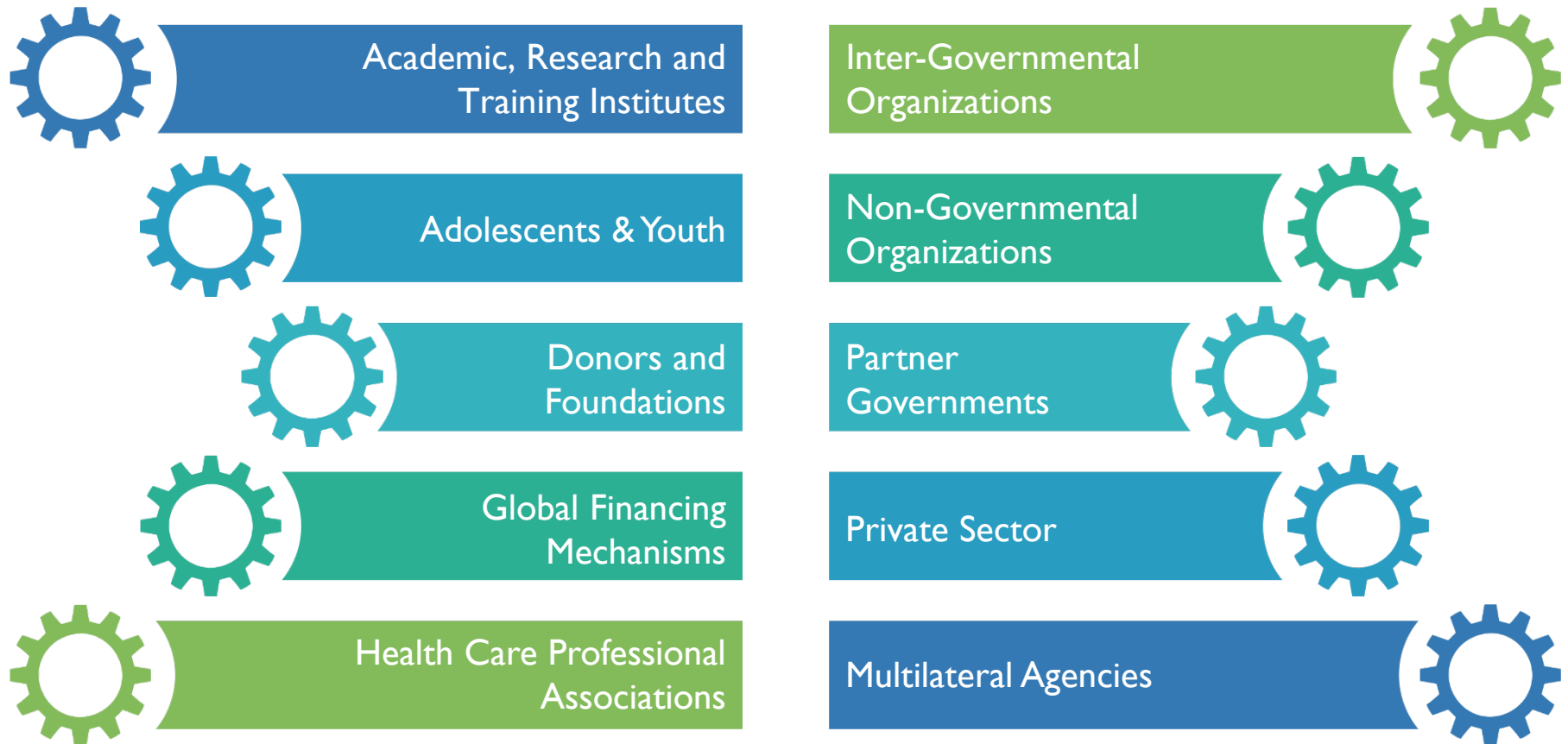
Power of partner engagement

- Developed Partner Engagement Strategy
- Established entry criteria, reviewing all member profiles and updating 200 profiles.
- Partner engagement improvement plans are being developed for all 10 constituencies.



PMNCH constituencies

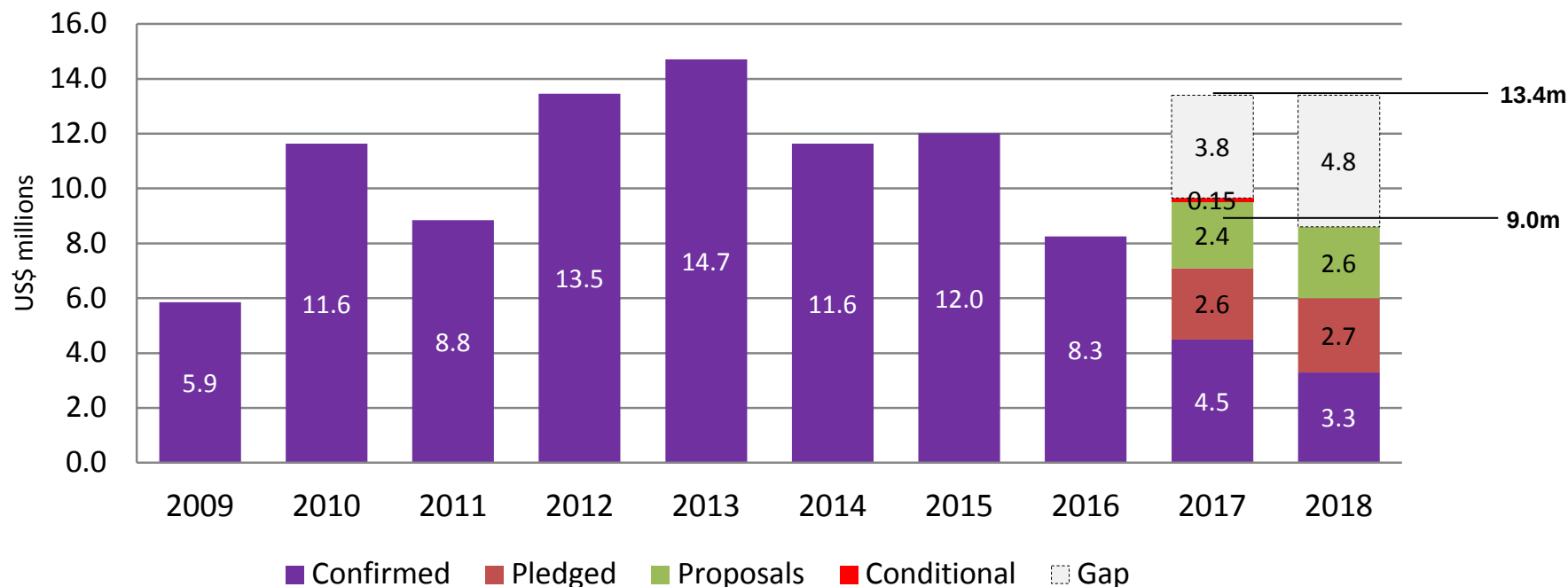
New: Inter-governmental, adolescents, global financing



Fit for purpose: Constituencies working together



Fit for purpose: Financing for implementation



- Confirmed, pledged, conditional and under proposal funds for 2017 total \$9.7m, with \$3.8m gap to Complete Budget and gap of \$4.8m (budget TBC) in 2018
- Total expenses in 2017 as at 01 May are \$2.9m
- Requirements for six months staff salary reserve are most effectively addressed through multi-year grants

Key PMNCH priorities ahead

- Global Strategy Progress Report launch at HLPF: July 2017
- Further development of EWEC Partners Framework, including through joint effective planning with core EWEC partners (EOSG, H6 and GFF)
- Implementation of country platforms for action, accountability and alignment
- Finalizing SBCE investment case, ODA SRHR/SRMNCAH projections, updating of essential interventions, guidance notes on key EWEC priorities
- Planning for 2018 EWEC Partners Forum
- Further development of EWEC priority area “packages” of outputs, advocacy roadmaps, monitoring, accountability, etc

The PMNCH Board in 2017

- Governance strengthening process has been successfully implemented
- Now effective governance empowers members to deliver the Partnership's vision
- Willingness of partners to engage, collaborate and drive results underpins the success of the Partnership



The PMNCH secretariat in 2017



“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.” – Mahatma Gandhi