

Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), launched in September 2005, brings together 180 member maternal, newborn and child communities in an alliance to reduce mortality and morbidity. The PMNCH is the product of an alliance between the three leading partnerships on maternal, newborn and child health: the Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health, hosted by WHO in Geneva; the Healthy Newborn Partnership, based at Save the Children USA; and the Child Survival Partnership, hosted by UNICEF in New York.

The partnership focuses on four key areas of work:

- **Advocacy**, its central mission, to raise the profile of maternal, newborn and child health on political agendas and press for more financial and other resources.
- Promotion and assessment of **effective, evidence-based interventions** for scaling up, with a focus on reducing inequity in access to health care.
- **Country support** to include maternal, newborn and child health care in national development and investment

plans, strengthen health systems and improve equity in coverage.

- **Monitoring and evaluation** of coverage of priority interventions, progress towards MDGs 4 and 5, and equity in coverage, to hold stakeholders accountable.

PMNCH members are divided into six constituency groups: academic and research institutions, health-care professionals, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, donors and foundations, and governments.

The partnership aims to place at least 50 per cent of the 60 countries identified by Child Survival Countdown to 2015 on track to achieve MDGs 4 and 5 by 2010. A defining principle of its work is to engender a continuum of care to address maternal, newborn and child care in an integrated manner, across both time (pregnancy, birth, newborn and young child periods) and location (home, community and health facilities).

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