



**Saving the Lives
of Mothers & Children**
Rising to the Challenge

**Next Steps and Key Drivers to
achieve MDGs 4 and 5**

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Where Are We Today (region-wide)?

- High maternal and child mortality in the Region
- Disparity/inequity between countries and within countries: rural/urban, poor and rich and by place of residence .
- Low coverage of evidence-based interventions
- Evidence based interventions available. We know what to do. The package need to be country specific
- Countries developed accelerated plans to increase the coverage of interventions
- Costing of scaling up is country specific and different scenarios were presented. Need to review and plan at country level.

Where Are We Heading?

At Regional Level

- To further strengthen the coordination between the different partners: Countries, UN, NGOs and Academy.
- Sustaining the high level commitment to MNCH as key indicators of countries' development.
- Consider establishment of a Commission on Maternal and Child Health for the Region (expert group) that will start working immediately.
- Mobilization of partners and donors to make the required investments needed for **SCALING UP** towards MDG 4 & 5 on one hand, and to **SUSTAIN** achievements and start planning to go beyond MDG 4 & 5 on the other hand for all countries of the Region.

Where Are We Heading?

A Common Endeavor of The H4+ Partners:

- UNICEF/UNFPA & WHO to advocate for the allocation of additional domestic resources to MOHs and other related line Ministries (from Governmental and other available funding sources).
- Focus on supporting high burden countries and monitor progress
- Sustaining the achievements reached by other countries such as the Gulf States.
- To have MCH as agenda item of RCs for the coming 3 years

At Country level

The Focus on High Burden Countries

- Strengthening partnerships and coordination among concerned stakeholders and programmes to contribute to the development and implementation of one costed and budgeted national MCH plan.
- To develop the one national plan
 - to cost the plans according to country specificities
 - to launch the plans within 2 months.
 - to be launched with high national commitment
- Leverage and enhance domestic resources for maternal and child health
- Ensure best use of resources – linking to the cost effective interventions with equity eye lens. ‘best buys’.

Key Drivers to Success

BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM WE CREATED TOGETHER HERE IN DUBAI

- **We know** what it takes from political, managerial and technical point of view: We need to focus actions on what is doable and achievable within the coming three years.
- **Solidarity** -within countries and between countries; rich and poor through advocacy, technical or financial support- is a MUST to reach the identified objectives.
- **Innovation** in approaches and methodologies and learning from each other through sharing success stories as well as failing experiences . A major role that can be facilitated by WHO/UNICEF and UNFPA.
- **Together we can** achieve the goal: Complementing each other action and avoiding duplications and waste of resources.



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So Let Us **Rise to the Challenge**
Together