

3.2 Everyone has a role to play

Countries, constituencies and partners united in support of the EWEC Partners' Framework and its measurable 2020 milestones can achieve more together than by acting alone. The following actions, by actor group, demonstrate the breadth and interdependence of the effort needed to achieve the aims and objectives of the EWEC *Global Strategy*. It is hoped that these activities will be increasingly evident in future progress reports, with stakeholders identifying specific actions for achieving their intended milestones.

The groups of commitment-makers listed below comprise the 10 constituencies of PMNCH and they work together in support of EWEC for improved action, alignment, advocacy and accountability.¹⁶¹

GOVERNMENT AND NONGOVERNMENTAL COMMITMENT-MAKERS

Governments: Increase government commitments to women's, children's and adolescents' health, including through costed and financed plans for integrated SRMNCAH activities, and increase the percentage of domestic financing supporting universal health coverage.

Parliamentarians: Strengthen the capacity of parliaments to move towards universal health coverage, and uphold the right of all women, children and adolescents to the highest attainable standard of health and well-being. Introduce or amend legislation and policies in line with human rights principles, including gender equality and non-discrimination.

Private sector: Increase commitments by supporting government policies aimed at universal health coverage, better nutrition, healthier foods and cleaner energy. Support efforts to improve access to good-

quality health services and life-saving commodities. Explore new drugs, technologies and interventions to improve health in resource-limited settings, bringing the most promising innovations to market.

Donors and foundations: Mobilize additional resources to complement domestic investments, and align these resources with country plans and priorities. Provide effective and streamlined technical support for country-identified priorities, while enhancing local capacities to develop, finance, implement and monitor evidence-based national plans and programmes.

Health-care professional associations: Provide the highest possible quality of care and treat all women, children and adolescents with dignity and respect, upholding their human rights. Audit clinical practice, providing information to track progress, and ensuring effective remedy and redress at facility and community levels.

NGOs and CSOs: Advocate for increased attention to, and investment in, women's, children's and adolescents' health, while ensuring that people and communities are meaningfully engaged in shaping high-quality health-care services and health-enhancing interventions. Contribute to strengthening accountability, and to efforts to reach the most vulnerable populations.

Adolescents and youth: Strengthen youth-led networks and use them to demand that young people's voices are heard and valued. Advocate for their rights, motivate and inspire authorities to take necessary action, and become active agents of improvement in their own health and well-being.

Academic and research institutions: Generate, translate and disseminate evidence and best practices to shape effective, human rights-based and equity-oriented health policies and programmes that are critical for improving women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being. Strengthen networks of academics and researchers to promote knowledge exchange, especially relating to cross-sectoral interventions. Increase research capacity in communities and countries where women, children and adolescents have poor health outcomes. Conduct research on relevant, under-addressed priorities, such as implementation and accountability.

EWEC PARTNERS

UN Secretary-General and High-Level Steering Group for EWEC:

Build political attention to and momentum for women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being through targeted opportunities (e.g. at G20, Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, African Union summits, G7, United Nations General Assembly, as well as at bilateral meetings and speaking engagements). Disseminate key messages through media, and urge the integration of health care with health-enhancing sectors (e.g. education, water, sanitation, environment and energy) and with humanitarian action.

EWEC and PMNCH secretariats: Support the High-Level Steering Group and partners in their collective and better coordinated action, across the health sector and other relevant sectors, as well as strengthening accountability at global, regional and country levels, including documenting positive systemic changes. Generate commitments to the EWEC *Global Strategy* through increased engagement with constituency groups, including the private sector. Conduct commitment tracking, develop annual EWEC *Global Strategy* progress reports, and analyse financial trends and forecasting for women's, children's and adolescents' health. Strengthen stakeholders' capacity to engage in social accountability processes (e.g. citizens' hearings, scorecards, checklists and death audits, media and parliamentary processes). Support efforts to increase transparency and information flows between country and global partners, which will help strengthen accountability mechanisms.

H6 partnership (UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, WHO and the World Bank Group): Provide technical support for nationally led efforts to develop and cost national plans and to implement them by working with a wide range of stakeholders. Define evidence-based policy options, packages of interventions and best buys for investments to inform prioritization and mobilization of domestic and external SRMNCAH financing. Facilitate technical exchanges (including South-South) and documentation and dissemination of SRMNCAH best practices and lessons learned. Provide guidance and support to strengthen country health information systems.

Global financing mechanisms (GFF, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance): Support smart, integrated, scaled, sustainable financing for SRMNCAH, contributing to country development of such financing strategies in support of high-impact, prioritized investments. Support monitoring and evaluation efforts to provide data on financing indicators and targets at country level.

EWEC Innovation Marketplace: Facilitate investments across the six EWEC focus areas, and target innovative financing mechanisms. Foster private sector engagement, including via provider partners and multinational corporations, and build political attention and momentum through targeted Innovation Marketplace events. Incorporate innovations into country plans, in cooperation with global financing mechanisms as appropriate.

FP2020: Generate additional country and nongovernmental commitments to rights-based family planning in support of EWEC, and raise awareness and profile of family planning at national and global levels. Strengthen the focal point system in 38 countries to include civil society and young people, and build family planning linkages across other sectors. Work with partners to ensure that new/renewed costed implementation plans integrate performance management, are based on human rights principles and use up-to-date data for decision-making.

Independent Accountability Panel (IAP): Provide an independent and transparent review of progress towards and challenges to the implementation of the EWEC *Global Strategy* to help strengthen the response from the international health community and countries. Deliver its messages to the widest possible audience, for review and action from diverse stakeholders within the context of SDG review processes, including the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the World Health Assembly, as well as annual meetings of the international financial institutions, human rights treaty bodies, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the African Union, Partners in Population and Development and other high-level political assemblies and events. The IAP's 2017 report focuses on adolescents, providing

the updated evidence, recommendations and guidance on progress towards, and challenges and constraints involved in, achieving the goals.

Countdown to 2030: Strengthen monitoring of and accountability for women's, children's and adolescents' health at global and country levels, focusing on equitable coverage of effective interventions and on the drivers of coverage, including health systems, policies, financial flows and broader contextual factors. Produce global synthesis reports and country profiles for the 81 highest-burden countries, and conduct regular workshops in priority regions to develop country capacity to collect, analyse and use data for decision-making on RMNCAH and nutrition.

The H6 is committed to help implement the Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health. Aligned and focused action is crucial to achieve the SDGs for all.

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