



## Dr Flavia Bustreo, Director



A world-renowned physician with a global career in international health, Dr Flavia Bustreo is the Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH).

Dr Bustreo has assignments at the World Bank and Norway and in country and regional offices of the World Health Organization (WHO) including Sudan, Senegal, Bangladesh, as well as WHO's EURO office in Copenhagen and headquarters in Geneva. Dr Bustreo has been involved in key taskforces on global health, including the recent High Level Taskforce on International Innovative Financing for Health Systems launched at the United Nation (UN) General Assembly 2008 and the 2005 UN Taskforce on Millennium

Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5 to reduce maternal and child mortality. A well-published scholar in the field of child survival, she has also been instrumental in the development of the monitoring and tracking initiative for MDGs 4 & 5: the Countdown to 2015 for Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival.

At the World Bank, Dr Bustreo was a Senior Public Health Specialist responsible for the WHO-World Bank partnership for child health management. She formulated policy, influenced the allocation of resources at country level, worked on publications and analytical work and represented the World Bank on the UN Task Force on MDG 4 and 5. In 2004, Dr Bustreo was appointed Interim Deputy Director of the Child Survival Partnership, where she contributed to the renewal of the global movement for child survival, including coordinating the Countdown to 2015 and was instrumental in the creation of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) in 2005. In 2006, she joined The Partnership as Deputy Director. Since 14 July 2009, she has been the Director of The Partnership.

Dr Bustreo's career in international health has focused on diseases affecting the poor and the disadvantaged. Her work with the WHO focused on child health but also included tuberculosis surveillance and control, particularly multi-drug resistant TB. She provided technical assistance to several countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines and Uganda. Dr Bustreo also advised the Sudanese government on the introduction and implementation of the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) strategy and coordinated an IMCI clinical and managerial training for northern African and Middle Eastern countries.

Italian by birth, Dr Bustreo has also worked in Italy with local NGOs, setting up primary health care system for refugees in the former Yugoslavia, and assessing the condition of Iraqi children in the aftermath of the Gulf War.

Dr Bustreo received a degree in medicine and a postgraduate qualification in rehabilitation medicine from Padua University, Italy, and later obtained a M.Sc. in Communicable Disease Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr Bustreo speaks fluent English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian and has studied Russian and Arabic.