

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Newly-formed global health partnership aims to harmonize and intensify actions at country, regional and global levels in support of the Millennium Development Goals for maternal and child health.**

### **Why a new global health partnership for maternal, newborn and child health?**

Each year, more than half a million women die in pregnancy or childbirth, and more than 10 million children die before their fifth birthday, almost 40% in the first month of life. Recent research finds that at least two-thirds of these deaths could be prevented with proven, cost-effective interventions that could and should be available to every woman and child today. By expanding access to these interventions and integrating maternal, newborn and child health efforts, an estimated 7 million deaths of women and children could be prevented each year. Given the scope of this challenge, no individual country, organization, or agency can address it alone.

### **What is the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health?**

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health is a new global health partnership launched in September 2005 to accelerate efforts towards achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5. This new partnership is the result of a merger of three existing partnerships: the Partnership for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health, the Child Survival Partnership and the Healthy Newborn Partnership. The Partnership aim is to intensify and harmonize national, regional and global action to improve maternal, newborn and child health.

### **Who is in the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health?**

The Partnership joins together the maternal, newborn and child health communities, encouraging unified and effective approaches that promise greater progress than in the past. The Partnership is made up of a broad constituency of more than 80 members representing partner countries, UN and multilateral agencies, nongovernmental organizations, health professional associations, bilateral donors and foundations, and academic and research institutions.

### **What does the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health offer?**

The Partnership provides a forum through which members can combine their strengths and implement solutions that no one partner could achieve alone. The Partnership supports country-led efforts towards universal coverage of essential interventions for maternal, newborn and child health by focusing on the following:

- **Country Support** - actively promoting improved partner coordination in countries and supporting the creation, implementation and evaluation of a single national plan.
- **Advocacy** – raising the profile of maternal, newborn and child health on political agendas and advocating for increased resources - financial and other.
- **Effective interventions** – promoting the assessment, scaling up, and delivery of evidence-based, cost-effective interventions, with a focus on reducing inequities in access to care.
- **Monitoring and evaluation** – assessing progress by holding stakeholders at all levels accountable in meeting their financial and policy commitments.

### **How can we get involved?**

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health welcomes new members. To learn more about the Partnership's activities and how you can become involved, please contact us.



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