PMNCH welcomes Dr Carole Presern as new Director

9 FEBRUARY 2011 | GENEVA - Dr Carole Presern has joined The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health as Director of the secretariat, based in Geneva. Dr Presern joins PMNCH from GAVI, where she has been Managing Director, as well as Director of Change Management. She succeeds Dr Flavia Bustreo, who is now Assistant Director-General of the Family and Community Cluster at WHO and PMNCH board representative for WHO.

Read the Welcome message from Dr Julio Frenk, PMNCH Board Chair
Read the Welcome message from Dr Flavia Bustreo, Former Director

First meeting of Commission on Information and Accountability in Geneva

26 JANUARY 2011 | GENEVA – The Commission on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children’s Health met for the first time at WHO headquarters in Geneva on 26 January. Chaired by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Tanzanian President Jakaya M. Kikwete, the Commission reviewed presentations from its two technical working groups, on Results and Resources, and agreed on a timeframe for the presentation of results. The next meeting of the Commission is now scheduled for May, at which time the group will release a final report detailing specific steps to advance how results are measured, resources tracked and progress reported. Link here to find the Co-Chairs Summary Statement and the papers and presentations from the Results and Resources Working Groups. Comments are invited on the Commission website. Link to the Accountability Commission website and its comment and forum sections.

Also: Link to WHO resolution on MDG 4 & 5 accountability (January 2011)

Global Strategy Reception at World Economic Forum in Davos

28 January 2011 | DAVOS, Switzerland - PMNCH, the UN Foundation, and the Government of Norway co-organized a highly successful reception at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, to promote private sector commitments to the Global Strategy. More than 100 top industry leaders took part in the event. Speakers included the Prime Minister of Norway, the President of Tanzania, leaders from Johnson & Johnson and Intel, as well as UN Assistant Secretary-General Bob Orr, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan and UN Women Director, Michelle Bachelet.

Global Forum highlights Human Resources & Global Strategy

28 January 2011 | BANGKOK - The Second Global Forum on Human Resources for Health highlighted the centrality of the health workforce to the achievement of the Global Strategy and MDGs 4 and 5. At a session organized by the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA) and PMNCH, Helga Fogstad of Norad linked human resources for health (HRH) to the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health, its HRH recommendations, commitments and accountability work, notably the creation of the Commission on Information and Accountability. The countries of Bangladesh and Rwanda also presented on progress towards their Global Strategy commitments regarding midwives and HRH commitments.
Also on HRH: Literature Review on MDG 5
MDG5/Human Resources for Health (HRH) Literature Review
A review has been produced assessing the impact of HRH interventions on Skilled Birth Attendants (SBAs) to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity, identifying lessons learned, gaps and recommendations that derive from these studies. The review was produced by Zulfiqar Bhutta, Zohra Lassi and Nadia Mansoor, Division of Women & Child Health, The Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan, with the support of PMNCH. Link here to the MDG 5 Literature Review

Final Report: From Pledges to Action

From Pledges to Action: A Partners’ Forum for Women’s and Children’s Health – The 2010 Report is now available for downloading from the PMNCH website. A hard copy of the full report will be sent to all PMNCH organizations via each member’s Focal Point. Download the report.

Also: Link here to an updated web presentation of the Forum’s Innovation Showcase

MNCH in the news

Request for proposals: Media consultancy on stillbirths
Deadline: 24 February 2011 Download the request for proposals.

New on tools on www.pmnch.org

NEW: Online Costing Tool Guide
Policy makers and technical staff know that the appropriate use of costing tools can help shape national health policies, strengthen advocacy for increased investments to achieve health targets, and inform planning and budgeting processes. But how can stakeholders select, and access, an appropriate costing tool for their particular objectives? To assist in this process, The Partnership has developed an interactive online Costing Tool Guide in collaboration with USAID through the Health Systems 20/20 Project, Management Sciences for Health, Norad, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, and the World Bank. The guide is hosted on the Partnership website. Copy and paste the following url directly in the address field: http://apps.who.int/pmnch/topics/costingtool/

The Costing Tool Guide leads users through a short series of questions to help select an appropriate costing tool and understand the different parameters to consider before undergoing a costing exercise. The Guide is based on a technical review and mini-website of 13 costing tools for the health MDGs facilitated by The Partnership. Video tutorials on the use of the Costing Tool Guide are provided, along with details about the tools, including how to access them. For feedback and questions, please email us at costingtools@who.int

Member info

New: Searchable Online PMNCH Members’ Database
Have you tried to contact a PMNCH partner recently, or find out all the members in your constituency? PMNCH has launched an online searchable PMNCH Members database to help you do that more easily. The database is available in two modes:

1) MEMBER PROFILE: listed alphabetically: Link here to full profiles of PMNCH members, listed alphabetically

2) SEARCH & SORT: You may also search and sort the database, making selections in one or more of the following four fields: i) Constituency ii) Health focus iii) Country and iv) Region. Search PMNCH Members’ Database by
**UPDATE:**
Voting now open to elect constituency representatives to PMNCH Board

- Voting is now open for candidates to fill three seats on the PMNCH Board -- two representing the Non Governmental Organization (NGO) Constituency, and one for the Academic, Research and Teaching Institutions (ART) Constituency. Focal points from each member organization in these two constituencies are invited to cast their vote by **Friday 18 February** for each one of the seats available to represent them. Candidate profiles are available on the PMNCH website.

- [Link to View NGO Nominee profiles](#) and Online Voting Form
- [Link to view the ART Constituency nominee profiles](#)
- [New! 2011 PMNCH Governance meetings Calendar](#)

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**Resources & news from members**

### DfID launches “Framework for Results”

1 JANUARY 2011 | LONDON - The British Government's Department for International Development (DfID) has unveiled a landmark plan for improving reproductive, maternal and newborn health that could save thousands and impact millions of lives worldwide. **Two strategic priorities shape the plan** – to prevent unintended pregnancies by enabling women and girls to choose whether, when and how many children they have, and to ensure pregnancy and childbirth are safe for mothers and babies. [Download the Framework and link to DfID for more information](#).

### Saving Newborn Lives in Nigeria

12 JANUARY 2011 | ABUJA, NIGERIA – Every year 241,000 babies die in the first month of life in Nigeria, making it the African country with the highest newborn death toll, says a new Ministry of Health and Saving Newborn Lives report, Saving Newborn Lives in Nigeria.

### India: Towards Universal Health Coverage

**Special Lancet edition on universal health care, India**

This new series of papers reveals that a failing health system is perhaps India’s greatest predicament. This Lancet special series explores the opportunities and difficulties in Indian healthcare by examining infectious and chronic diseases, availability of treatments and doctors, and the infrastructure to bring about universal health care by 2020. Papers include a discussion on **reproductive, child health and nutrition**, with several PMNCH partners involved including PMNCH Co-chair, Dr Vinod Paul.

### Maternal and Newborn Interventions Database

**Towards 4+5**

Women and Children First, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and partners including the UK’s Department for International Development have created a searchable database of more than 90 interventions for maternal and newborn health. This practical tool is unique because it shows how the interventions can be integrated according to who they are for, how they can be delivered, and the maternal and neonatal outcome addressed.

### Champion: Yvonne Chaka Chaka

Yvonne Chaka Chaka, the South African singing sensation has launched a video documentary about women and children fighting preventable disease across Africa. The RBM + UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador spoke to PMNCH at a screening. [Listen to the audio interview with Ms Chaka Chaka](#)

### MNCH Calendar

**Coming Events**

- [World Mobile Congress in Barcelona 14-17 February 2011](#)
- [55th Session of the UN Commission on Status of Women](#) opens 22 February 2011
| **New:**  
| **2011 Calendar** |
| Tell us about your important MNCH events this year to share with our community through our PMNCH web contribution form. You can also download the 2011 Calendar compiled to date. |

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