**Update: July 2007**

The Global Business Plan for MDGs 4 & 5  
Operationalizing The Partnership’s Approach to Country Support  
World Health Assembly - focus on MNCH  
Register: Women Deliver Conference

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**Partner activities**

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<th>Global Business Plan (GBP) for MDGs 4 &amp; 5</th>
<th>About 40 people representing an array of different constituencies, regions and country ministries attended a meeting to discuss the GBP for MDGs 4 &amp; 5 as part of the ongoing consultative process to develop the plan. The Partnership has served as the platform for developing the plan and ensuring contributions by its stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was to agree on the pillars of the GBP for MDGs 4&amp;5 based on input from colleagues from countries on the Draft Concept Paper for the GBP for MDGs 4 &amp; 5. The Partnership would like to share information on media and communication activities for the launch of the GBP with all members and partners. Could all communication focal points of partner agencies send an email to <a href="mailto:namjilsurent@who.int">namjilsurent@who.int</a> to be included in the email list for this purpose. Comments on the Draft Concept Paper for the GBP for MDGs 4 &amp; 5 accepted until 20 July 2007. Please find full information on GBP for MDGs 4&amp;5 on The Partnership website.</th>
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<th>At the 60th World Health Assembly (WHA)</th>
<th>Health ministers at the 60th WHA were urged to focus on reducing maternal, newborn and young child deaths by global leaders and Partnership--the Prime Minister of Norway, the Rt. Hon. Jens Stoltenberg, and Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund. As well, the Assistant Director-General of the Family and Community Health Cluster, Mrs. Daisy Mafubelu, gave the biennial report from the WHO Secretariat on resolution WHA58.31: Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions. <a href="#">Link to the report and speeches.</a></th>
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<th>At the 60th World Health Assembly</th>
<th>The Partnership team took the opportunity to meet with some of the attending Health Ministry officials. Discussions with country representatives focused on two issues: country needs with regards to technical support and The Partnership’s ability to respond to that need. The Partnership team also took this opportunity to update stakeholders on the Partnership’s latest developments and reinforce the importance of active member countries contributions. The Partnership was able to meet with representatives from: Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, Timor Leste and Zambia.</th>
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<th>Country Support (CSWG) Working Group Meeting</th>
<th>The CSWG held a teleconference meeting on 28 June 2007 to discuss its work in countries and The Partnership's &quot;modus operandi&quot; in countries. Read the Meeting report on the CSWG page of The Partnership website.</th>
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--*Operationalizing The Partnership's Approach to Country Support* - The Partnership's description of its "modus operandi" in countries is now on the website. --also on the web: visit the expanded [Country Support section](http://www.pmnch.org) of The Partnership website.

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**Nigeria PMNCH**

Following the establishment of the Nigerian PMNCH, the work continues to finalize the country's *Integrated MNCH Strategic Plan*. The country has also undertaken the roll-out of the Integrated MNCH Strategy at Zonal, State and Local Government Authority levels. A proposal for support is being finalized for submission to the PMNCH.

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### Partnership "News of Note"

**At the 34th Global Health Conference**

*Washington D.C.*

*30 May- 2 June 2007*

Global health decision-makers were urged by director of The Partnership, Dr Francisco Songane, to step up their commitment to maternal, newborn and child health at the closing plenary session of the 34th Global Health Conference in Washington. See more on [The Partnership's participation](http://www.pmnch.org) with a link to the official conference site.

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**At the SOGC Annual Clinical Meeting**

*Ottawa*

*21-26 June 2007*

Hundreds of Canadian and International obstetricians and gynaecologists, health professionals, world health leaders and NGO representatives met in Canada to discuss why twenty years of global efforts have not been able to reduce the number of mothers and newborns dying needlessly during childbirth. Find the link on the web's [Partners News](http://www.pmnch.org) section.

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**Quilting Bee**

Join others from around the world to raise awareness on maternal mortality and morbidity. Take part in the Mothers’ Memorial Quilt Project and Advocacy Campaign, coordinated by the White Ribbon Alliance and UNFPA. [http://www.projectquilt.org](http://www.projectquilt.org)

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**Link to "Partner News"**

[www.pmnch.org](http://www.pmnch.org)

- Link to a special audio interview with Mrs. Daisy Mafubelu, the new Assistant Deputy-General of WHO's Family Cluster
- The UN launched *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2007*
- The Neonatal Alliance for Latin American and the Caribbean launched its consensus document.
- [Partner News and Events](http://www.pmnch.org): on Home page, below the Champions speak for MNCH

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### Coming Up

**Women Deliver**

*London*

*17-20 October 2007*

The global community working in maternal and newborn health and development is awaiting a landmark advocacy conference -Women Deliver- marking the 20th anniversary of the Safe Motherhood movement and highlighting the need for renewed energy to achieve the MDGs to reduce maternal and newborn mortality. The theme: "Invest in women: it
Women Deliver will bring together more than 2,000 global leaders and decision makers, including major political and public figures, health professionals, social scientists and advocates who are engaged in women's education, human rights, gender, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, poverty reduction, environment, and maternal, newborn, and child health issues. The conference is to host more than 80 simultaneous sessions focusing on five critical areas of investment in women:

1. Improving Women's and Newborn Health
2. Advancing Human Rights
3. Expanding Financial Resources
4. Building Political Will, and
5. Promoting Women In the World.

On behalf of the conference organizers, The Partnership would like to extend the invitation to all members and partners to take part in this global opportunity. As the time for the conference approaches, we will also work to share more information and communication around the conference to encourage all of our partners and their affiliates to facilitate broader policy advocacy and media communication activities in own countries and regions. The deadline approaches and registration fees will soon go up!

Join Women Deliver by registering today, at [www.womendeliver.org](http://www.womendeliver.org)

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**Health Care Professionals Workshop**  
**Malawi, 12-16 Nov 2007**  
The Partnership in collaboration with the Health Care Professional Workshops Planning Group is preparing for a series of four regional workshops, the first which will be held in Malawi 12-16 November 2007. More information on the HCP Malawi Workshop is on the website.

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**Request:**  
**Media and Communications Focal Points**  
The Partnership is compiling a list for a network of *communications officers* to inform on upcoming advocacy and communications events and to mobilize wider outreach in global hubs, as well as regions and countries. Please nominate your communication focal points by writing to Tunga Namjilsuren in the Partnership at namjilsurent@who.int.

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**New at [www.pmnch.org](http://www.pmnch.org)**

**Français, Espanol!** The Partnership has launched a multi-language website. Find an abbreviated Partnership website in French and Spanish on the top right hand corner of the website. Arabic, Chinese and Russian will be launched soon.

**Share with all Partners your News and Events!**

- [Partner News and Events](http://www.pmnch.org)
- [MNCH Partners Calendar](http://www.pmnch.org)

Please send all news, events and new publications on maternal, newborn and child health for "Partner News and Events" to Partners News to the following email: pmnch@who.int