As expected this report focuses on MDGs 4 and 5.

From the perspective of the HTM cluster, however, a great deal of what we do on MDG 6 (HIV, TB, malaria, neglected tropical diseases) is also related to the health of women and children.

It would therefore be helpful to have a fuller recognition of this point in future editions of the report. One does not want a proliferation of unnecessary indicators, but the 8 coverage indicators in Annex 6 (one of which includes HIV) could usefully be extended to include measures for, say, TB, malaria and parasitic infections, in relation to women and children.

Indeed the present indicators for children all deal with aspects of health of under 5s. That raises a more general issue. Interventions such as preventive chemotherapy for parasitic infections in dependant (on their mothers & family), school-age children highlight the fact that older children have health needs too. Where do they stand in the drive to improve maternal and child health?

I hope this helps. Regards,

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