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**The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health | PMNCH**

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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health is an alliance of over 1000 members working together for a world where all women, newborns, children and adolescents not only are healthy, but thrive. The Partnership provides a platform for organisations to align objectives, strategies and resources, and agree on interventions to improve maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health. The goal of the partnership is to empower every woman, child and adolescent in every setting to realise their rights to physical and mental health and well-being, have social and economic opportunities, and be able to participate fully in shaping prosperous and sustainable societies.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Reduction of maternal, newborn and under-five mortality in every country
- Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Ensuring the availability of modern contraceptives to meet the demand for family planning
- Alignment of members' strategic directions to catalyse collective action
- Acceleration of the achievement of the unachieved MDGs for women and children
- Digital health and innovation

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The Partnership facilitates increased access to, and use of, knowledge and innovations to enhance policy, service delivery and financing mechanisms. It advocates for mobilising and aligning resources and for greater engagement of stakeholders and partners, leading to additional resource commitments for PMNCH, visibility of women's and children's health issues in relevant forums, and consensus on evidence-based policy development and implementation. Furthermore, the Partnership promotes accountability for resources and results, leading to better information to monitor PMNCH results, as well as better and more systematic tracking of how resource commitments are actually allocated. PMNCH also formed a coalition with Fondation Botnar, PATH and Women Deliver to support a 10 -year effort around advocacy, communication and accountability for AI, digital and frontier technologies as a catalyst for the 2030 UHC agenda.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The Partnership Secretariat is hosted and administered within the World Health Organization in Geneva and has currently a staff of 16. It is governed by a Board which is responsible for

overseeing PMNCH at a macro-level with a focus on medium- and long-term plans. The Board is also charged with mobilising funds; outlining organisational policy; and establishing goals, priorities, strategies and targets for the Partnership. The current Executive-Director is Ms. Helga Fogstad, formerly Head of Health at Norad.

#### **FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

The Partnership's workplan budget is USD 15.66 million for 2017 and USD 13.40 million for 2018. The Partnership is supported by grants from 18 donors, including eleven governments, four foundations and three multilateral organisation. The Partnership's workplan is also supported through in-kind contributions from its member base, who are committed to delivering the objectives of the workplan.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

See: <http://www.who.int/pmnch/knowledge/publications/en/>

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