

Women Deliver and World Health Assembly: focus on our future

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Objectives

- Review the highlights of Women Deliver conference and the World Health Assembly
- Identify priority areas for maternal health and adolescent health
- Become familiar with innovations targeted to improve health outcomes for women and girls



Women Deliver!

- Focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as it relates to the health of women and girls
- "Women deliver more than babies, they build communities, economies."





Women Deliver Assets

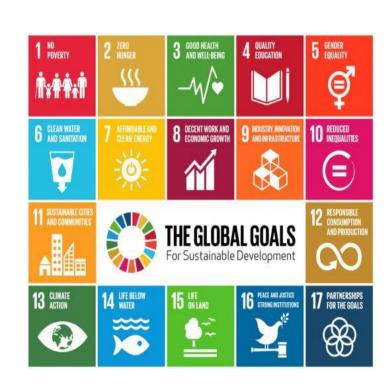
- Recommitting to maternal and newborn health
- Making SDGs work for women, girls
- Realizing SRH, rights
- Leveraging data, accountability





SDGs and Women's Health

- Adopted by UN in 2015
- Integrates economic, environmental, health
- Advances health, rights, well-being of women and girls
- Create partnerships for gender equality





From MDGs to SDGs





- 17 new goals
- 1 focused exclusively on health



Women Deliver Community Health

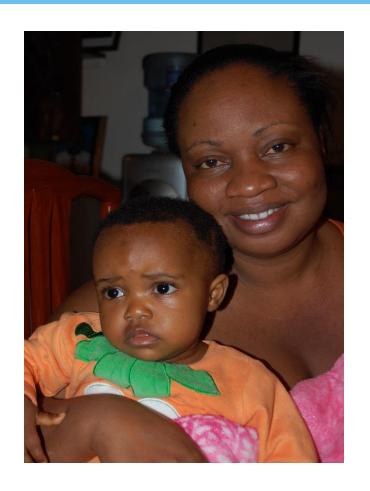
- Community groups interact closely with governments and NGOs to achieve the SDGs targets
- Accountability at both the local and national levels





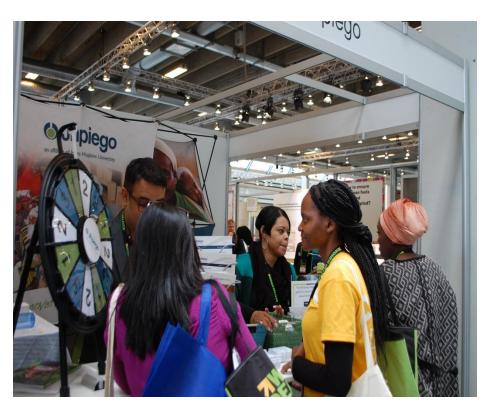
RMNAH Matters

- Promote choice not chance in RMNAH
- Caring fathers create healthy families
- Transition from maternal care to primary care- family planning for HTSP





Women Deliver Experience







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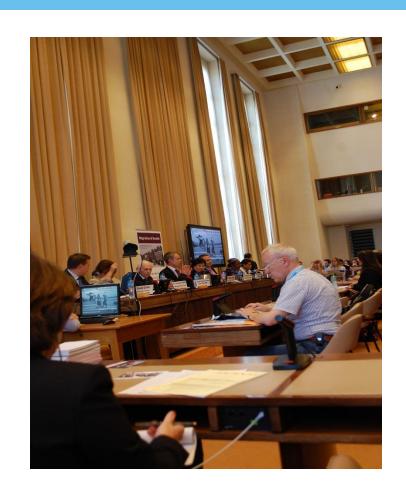






World Health Assembly

- Decision-making body of WHO
- All Member States represented in WHA
- Approves WHO policies, budgets
- Meets annually in May





WHA in Action

- Plenary meetings introduce WHO reform
- New structure to strengthen emergency response





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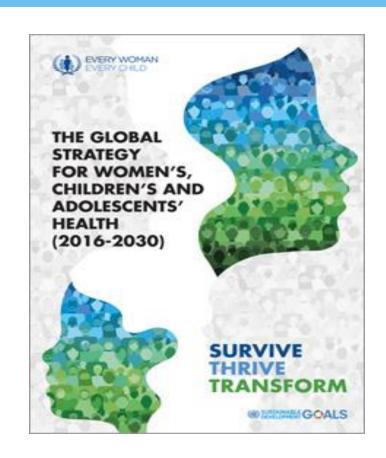
- Framework for engagement with Non-State Actors
- Promoting health through the life course
- New perspectives for adolescent health





WHA Policies

- Operational plan accepted for the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, Adolescents' Health
- Survive, Thrive, Transform





WHA

- Health system strengthening in fragile states; protect HCWs
- Non-communicable diseases will be a priority health concern through 2030
- WHO- Global Coordination Mechanism





WHA

- Global campaign to promote nutrition, food security, and to end childhood obesity
- Global vaccine action plan
- HIV, STI strategy
- Access to medications





WHA Side Events

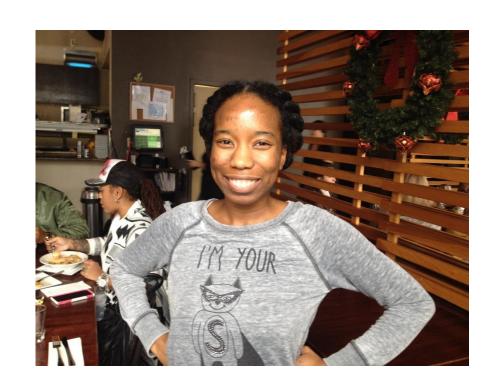
- WHA Technical Briefings for priority issues
- SDGs and intersectoral action
- Advancing global adolescent health
- Global Health Security
- Humanitarian crises





WHA Future Events

- Focus on adolescents and youth
- Integration of public and private initiatives
- Universal Health Coverage
- Strengthen health systems, surveillance





Summary

Women Deliver confirmed the collaboration of health, education, economic empowerment, advocacy, and policy change for continued global success for women, girls

WHA demonstrates opportunities to expand WHO's role with health and sustainable development, through inclusion of non-state actors, new health concerns including fragile states, NCDs, access to medications



Questions, Discussion



