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NGO R4M4NCH Accountability Guidance Note Project Outline

Following the launch of the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health, a Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health was established to develop an accountability framework and action plan.

The Commission identified ten key recommendations that focus on “ambitious but practical actions that can be taken by all countries and all partners.” <http://www.everywomaneverychild.org>

These recommendations focus on:

- **Better information for better results** through national systems for registration of vital events, introducing common indicators across all countries and exploring opportunities for innovation in information technology to improve access to reliable information on resources and outcomes;
- **Better tracking of resources for women's and children's health** using the same two aggregate resource indicators across all countries, developing compacts between country governments and all major development partners in that country, and reviewing health spending in relation to commitments, human rights, gender and other equity goals and results.
- **Better oversight of results and resources, nationally and globally** through the establishment of national accountability mechanisms that are transparent and inclusive of all stakeholders, transparency by all stakeholders, capturing of MNCH spending by development partners and establishment of an independent “Expert Review Group” for global oversight

The Role of NGOs

NGOs are often the link between community members and health services. NGOs are often the first point of contact with the health system for women, children and families. This is done through community mobilization, support for greater community participation in management of health care or delivery of outreach services. NGOs contribute to improved accountability by tracking progress to hold all stakeholders, including themselves accountable for commitments.

- Governments and policymakers at local, national, regional and global levels
- Donor countries and global philanthropic institutions
- The United Nations and other multilateral organisations
- Civil society (NGOs, non-profit organisations, women's associations, community groups,...)
- The business community
- Health-care workers
- Academic and research institutions

Focus on NGOs:

- Develop and test innovative approaches to delivering essential services
- Educate, engage and mobilize communities
- Track progress and hold all stakeholders (including themselves) accountable for their Commitments
- Strengthen community and local capabilities to scale up implementation of the most appropriate interventions
- Advocate increased attention to women's and children's health and increased investment in it.

Background:

At the PMNCH Partners forum in Delhi last year the NGO members of PMNCH began to develop an NGO RMNCH Accountability guidance note in support of NGO activities in country.

Purpose:



This guidance note, initiated by World Vision and PMNCH NGO Board members, aims to support NGOs in aligning their efforts to the Global Strategy and assist them in enhancing their own accountability mechanisms with a view to strengthening national accountability frameworks. It builds on Recommendation 7 of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health:

National oversight: By 2012, all countries have established national accountability mechanisms that are transparent, that are inclusive of all stakeholders, and that recommend remedial action, as required.

Proposed format: Short 12 page, plain English one stop document with interactive website with self assessment tools

Process & Timeline

plan

- PMNCH agreed (Oct 11) & included in 2012 workplan
- Establish Drafting Team & Advisory Group (call Dec 11)

consult

- Drafting Team to develop draft zero
- Review of draft by Advisory Group
- Extensive consultation via NGO PMNCH partner side events during regional Women Deliver meetings in 2012

launch

- PMNCH approval process
- Formal global launch in May 2013 at Women Deliver Conference, Malaysia

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Thank you