

**Advisory support to the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)**

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**Clients:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)

**Country / Region:** Global

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) is a global health partnership launched in September 2005. It is a unique entity which combines the maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) communities into an alliance of more than 300 members to work towards achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5. A cornerstone of the Partnership's work is promoting the concept and reality of "continuum of care" across MNCH.

CEPA is providing ongoing support to PMNCH on a range of issues associated with both the governance and functions of the Partnership as well as the implementation of its objectives:

- **Governance and functions.** Analysis of the potential value-adding activities and outputs that the Partnership could pursue within the MNCH space, and provision of a decision-making framework to support the Board in thinking about the institutional structures that may be most suitable for taking these activities forward. Supported the Board's Task Force on Structure in developing proposals for PMNCH governance as well as the Secretariat structure / functions. Support provided to the Secretariat in developing operational and decision making systems, and in preparing the background papers for Board / Committee meetings.
- **Strategy and workplan, and resource mobilisation.** Supported PMNCH in developing its three year operational strategy and workplan, as well as a resource mobilisation strategy and its implementation.

- **Engagement with the private sector.** Development of papers on: (i) understanding the effectiveness of child health initiatives globally to reach the MDG 4, and exploring the role and engagement of the private sector in child health programs and strategies; and (ii) development of principles for PMNCH for engagement with the private sector and assessment of the possible role of the private sector in MNCH activities more generally.
- **MNCH strategy for Asia / Pacific, and impacts of financial crisis on MNCH.** Support and facilitation of the Coogee Beach Consultative Group (CBG) meeting in August 2009, which is aimed at developing an operational strategy for improving MNCH in Asia and the Pacific. Support for analysis on the impact of the ongoing global financial and economic crisis on MNCH and nutrition financing and outcomes in the region.
- **Commodity management and financing in MNCH.** CEPA initially produced a scoping study to map to the main players in the MNCH commodity management landscape, identify the key issues impeding commodity security, and recommend potential areas for collaboration for the PMNCH Partners. CEPA has additionally undertaken an assessment of funding mechanisms to support MNCH commodity security. This is a 'User Guide' on the funding mechanisms for MNCH commodity security, including information of the different funding programs, the scope and nature of the funding, eligibility criteria and application requirements, etc.
- **Partners Forum.** CEPA has provided support to the Partnership and the Programme Committee on both the preparation and running of the PMNCH Partners' Forum, a major event in the Partnership's calendar, held in New Delhi, India, in 2010. The program of the Forum will build on the MNCH Consensus and the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health that emerged from the 2010 MDG Summit.

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