

Title: Preparation of the Africa Investment Case -
Investing in Health for Africa

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Client: Harmonization for Health in Africa (HHA); Partnership for
Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)

Country/Region: Global

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 4 (reduce child mortality) and 5 (improve maternal health). PMNCH is also a member of the Harmonization for Health in Africa – a regional mechanism through which collaborating partners agree to focus on providing support to the countries in the African region for reaching Health MDGs. In addition to PMNCH, the HHA is comprised of AfDB, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, and World Bank.

CEPA provided support to PMNCH and the HHA as a whole in developing a case for investing in African health systems. The case was based on the recognition that investing in African health systems is an opportunity to save millions of lives, prevent life-long disabilities, achieve wide economic benefits, and ensure social and political stability. CEPA led the research and writing of this document, which aims to:

- support African leaders and their global partners to focus their attention and resources on health investment that works, and can achieve More Money for Health and More Health for the Money, as called upon by the High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems;
- provide a resource for Ministries of Health to make the case to Ministries of Finance, Parliament and other key stakeholders for health sector investment; and
- stimulate national and international debate on the most appropriate ways in which health systems can be improved in the individual national settings.

Links:

PMNCH: Investing in health for Africa – The case for strengthening systems for better health outcomes