

Title: Scoping study for commodity management in maternal, newborn and child health

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Client: 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.

CEPA was commissioned by PMNCH to provide support to the Partners leading the Priority Action Area 3 of the Partnership's Strategy and Workplan, and namely in the area of commodity management for MNCH. The work included:

- A high-level global mapping of current MNCH linked commodity management programs, activities and key actors (donors, industry, country partners etc.) along the continuum of care.
- A summary of existing information related to country specific procurement issues. This was primarily sourced from case study work already undertaken by the partners, particularly considering the 25 high burden countries as identified by the H4.
- Identification and analysis of the gaps and challenges, including those relating to policy and program management / effectiveness, human and financial resourcing, communication and coordination etc., and the lessons learnt thereof.
- Recommendations on potential value added role for PMNCH in the area of MNCH commodity management, including a preliminary list of next steps for the Partnership to take its involvement forward.

The work was presented at a partner workshop in New York in September 2009.

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