

**Title:** Support for the Strategic Review of the Family and Community Health (FCH) cluster of the World Health Organisation (WHO)

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**Client:** World Health Organisation (WHO)

**Country/Region:** Global

The Family and Community Health (FCH) cluster in the World Health Organisation (WHO) plays a key role in work towards MDG 4 (child health) and MDG 5 (maternal health) through its: (i) core support for Member States and Donor partners; and (ii) work with a number of key global health partnerships (including GAVI and PMNCH).

The FCH Assistant Director General (ADG) commissioned a strategic review of the cluster's functions and priorities, which aimed to:

- review its existing activities and contributions;
- identify and assess strategic options for prioritisation of its activities to maximise its impact over the next five years, including how it works collaboratively with the relevant global health partnerships to achieve synergies; and
- make recommendations on appropriate structure and resource allocation.

CEPA supported the ADG and Department Directors ('the Review Team') in carrying out the strategic review, serving as an independent source of input and analysis. Our work focused on the following: (i) an analysis of the cluster, based on a review of FCH documentation and data from Global Management System (GSM), as well as a series of interviews with staff across the cluster; (ii) discussions with the Review Team on key issues and opportunities faced by the cluster; (iii) consultations with WHO stakeholders on the cluster's current performance and suggestions for improvements; and (iv) development and discussion of the proposed recommendations and action plan for the cluster going forward.

**Links:**

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