Performance gaps and the cost of inaction

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Progress towards MDSs 4 & 5, but many countries are lagging

MDG4 for child survival

MDG5 for maternal health

*Figure 3*
Progress towards Millennium Development Goal 4 in *Countdown* countries

*Figure 4*
Progress towards Millennium Development Goal 5 in *Countdown* countries

Focus of Countdown to 2015: to assess progress towards MDG 4, 5 and 6 by reviewing:

- Intervention coverage
- Health systems and policies
- Financial flows to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health
- Equity in intervention coverage

In 75 countries that together account for > 95% of maternal and child deaths worldwide.
Intervention coverage across the continuum of care

Median national coverage of selected Countdown interventions, most recent year since 2006 (%)

- Pre-pregnancy
- Antenatal care (at least one visit)
- Antenatal care (at least four visits)
- Intra-partum care and treatment for pregnant women
- Neonatal tetanus protection
- Skilled attendance at birth
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Postnatal visit for mother
- Exclusive breastfeeding (for first six months)
- Introduction of solid, semi-solid or soft foods
- DTP immunization
- Measles immunization
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) immunization (fit two doses)
- Vitamin A supplementation (two doses)
- Children sleeping under an insecticide-treated bed net
- Curative care for pneumonia
- Antibiotics for pneumonia
- Malaria treatment (first-line antimalarials)
- Oral rehydration salts
- Improved drinking water sources
- Improved sanitation facilities

a. Data are for 2010.

b. Analysis is based on countries with 75% or more of the population at risk of *P. falciparum* transmission.

Source: Immunization rates, WHO and UNICEF; postnatal visit for mother, Saving Newborn Lives analysis of Demographic and Health Surveys; improved water and sanitation, WHO and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2012; all other indicators, UNICEF global databases, April 2012, based on Demographic and Health Surveys, Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys and other national surveys.
Key MNH interventions by SES, 2000-2008

Source: Barros et al, Lancet 2012
Sources of inequality in coverage of MNH interventions

- Poverty
- Low educational levels
- Disempowerment
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Isolation
- Discrimination
- Women with disabilities
Universal Health Coverage

– Essential services package
– Improved access to services
– Elimination of financial barriers
– Reduction of social barriers
– Performance monitoring mechanisms
Key messages

• The greatest successes so far in integrating newborn and maternal health services have occurred in global policy and agenda-setting.

• Global policy agenda needs to be translated into implementation at country level: policies, health systems, demand generation, measurement, evaluation, dissemination, and accountability mechanisms.

• Special focus on implementation is critical to reduce inequalities and increase integration.
Thank you!