



London Summit on Family Planning – July 11, 2012 – Accountability Annex

In July 2012, partners from across the world will come together at the London Summit on Family Planning to support the right of women and girls to decide, freely and for themselves, whether, when and how many children they have. The London Summit on Family Planning is about more than new money; it is about changing business as usual. Political and financial commitments made at the London Summit on Family Planning will support countries and stakeholders in the following transformative ways:

- **Increase the demand and support for family planning**, including removing barriers to access and use
- **Improve supply chains, systems and service delivery models and procure more affordable and quality contraceptives through better global coordination and include new methods** for expanded choice
- **Improve market dynamics**, including country forecasting capabilities and increased availability and quality of a range of family planning methods
- **Promote accountability at global and country levels through improved monitoring and evaluation**, covering both financial resource flows to family planning, as well as the quality of the information, services and contraceptives delivered through programs aiming to increase access to and voluntary use of contraceptives.
- **Advocacy for** sustained government and donor funding, and to protect and promote global commitments to family planning within the ICPD framework for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Taking forward FP2020 Summit commitments

Attaining the ambitious goal of providing 120 million additional women with modern methods of contraception by 2020 will require a concerted effort on the part of all stakeholders represented at the London Summit on Family Planning. In order to hold ourselves, the global community, accountable for reaching this goal, there is a need for robust **accountability** and **monitoring** of global performance and progress.

To drive this accountability, an independent, representative Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) **Reference Group** will be convened to ensure we achieve the goal to reach 120 million additional women by 2020. This Reference Group will be empowered to:

- Monitor and report on global and country progress towards the FP2020 Summit goals;
- Establish a clear framework to ensure promotion of voluntary family planning and concrete measures to prevent coercion and discrimination, and ensure respect for people's rights;
- Track and report on donor, developing country, multilateral, civil society, and private sector commitments made at the Summit, in liaison with the UN Secretary General's Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) accountability processes;
- Identify obstacles and barriers to achieving Summit goals and recommend solutions;
- Ensure data availability to support all of the above; develop communication and dissemination mechanisms to share data, such as a global score card; and publish an annual report to update the global community on progress and challenges.

A high level Champions Group will provide leadership and ensure that advocacy continues at the highest level, spurring commitments and maintaining political momentum.

The FP2020 Reference Group will be supported by a **FP2020 Task Team** which will have day to day responsibility for delivering the tasks needed to achieve the FP Summit goals. An oversight group comprised of the UK (DFID), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UNFPA, the USA (USAID) and others will be tasked with constituting the Reference Group and Global Task Team.



FP2020 Task Team and its Working Groups

The FP2020 Task Team will work to monitor pledges and results ensuring these are integrated into established global processes or, where appropriate, incorporated into newly agreed processes. The FP2020 Task Team will establish three working groups, comprised of 10-15 experts to advise on best practices and facilitate the availability of technical resources for countries and the Task Team. Suggested working groups are:

- Market dynamics: to support healthier market dynamics for contraceptives, including strategies to forecast and co-ordinate demand by contraceptive product type, reduce commodity prices, and encourage participation of southern-based manufacturers. This working group will interact closely with the Commission on Life-Saving Commodities technical groups and other relevant, on-going initiatives.
- Performance monitoring and accountability: to support the design and implementation of global and national accountability and M&E arrangements. It will develop plans to support data collection and reporting, and accountability frameworks. It will ensure results are submitted to the FP 2020 Reference Group and also inform EWEC's annual reporting process including the Independent Expert Review Group. This group will advise on capacity building of local stakeholders and strategies for ensuring civil society plays a key role in strengthening transparency and accountability.
- Technical assistance: to facilitate technical expertise to support country planning, costing of national strategies, and implementation guidelines, including supply and demand interventions. This group will link closely with other sources of technical knowledge.

Accountability linkages to Every Woman, Every Child

Monitoring and accountability arrangements will be integrated as appropriate with the existing processes established under EWEC by the UN Secretary General, aligning with the EWEC's Commission on Information and Accountability's recommendations and ensuring links with the Independent Expert Review Group (IERG), which reports annually on progress. Summit processes will also link to broader monitoring of progress towards relevant Millennium Development Goals. Commitments will be documented on the EWEC website as additional contributions to EWEC, and reported by PMNCH under the auspices of the UN SG's office as part of on-going commitment monitoring.

Financing

Summit partners continue to work with others on building options to support the flow of funds from a range of available sources to countries that have formulated transformational plans. The basis of increased financing should be strong, well elaborated country plans that are supported by stakeholders in-country and which are pro-poor, identify gaps, best practice and strategies to expand access in order to reach new women with information, contraceptives and services. Country plans are expected to set out proposals to increase access to contraception within the framework of broader efforts needed to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights and the continuum of care for RMNCH. It is expected that additional financing will be available from global resources to support transformational plans supplementing countries' own domestic funding and contributions from other partners in country including bilaterals, multilaterals, and the private and civil society sectors. In addition to the arrangements set out above, these additional financing arrangements include (a) an expanded commodity security building on existing mechanisms and (b) support for service delivery scale up and demand creation through an arrangement still under discussion with a broad range of RMNCH partners.

Next steps

In order to maintain momentum, arrangements for convening the FP 2020 Reference Group and Task Team will proceed rapidly. The Reference Group will be established by the time of the September UN meetings, and details about the process will be available following the Summit on the London Summit on Family Planning website: <http://www.londonfamilyplanningsummit.co.uk/>