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[PMNCH Retreat focuses on future strategy](#)

9 -10 MARCH 2011| CAMBRIDGE, USA – Around 35 participants, including recently outgoing and incoming PMNCH Board Members, met at a retreat in Cambridge (MA) with colleagues and new Director, Dr Carole Presern, to discuss PMNCH's strategic directions for 2012-2015. New members and the new Director were welcomed by Chair, Dr Julio Frenk. Long-time departing Board members, including Co-chair Ann Starrs (FCI) were thanked. Discussions also focused on how to better engage and work with a growing membership.

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MARCH 2011 | CAMBRIDGE - . At the retreat, the PMNCH Board welcomed several new representatives, including HE Dr Hadji Hussein Mponda, Minister of Health & Social Welfare, Tanzania. Recent elections filled three available seats on the PMNCH Board: World Vision International (Dr Stefan German), Save the Children India (Dr Rajiv Tandon), and the ART representative and Child Health Expert (Professor Anthony Costello). The T. MacArthur Foundation (Judith F. Helzner) will now represent the Donor and Foundations Constituency.

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[PMNCH now more than 400 partners](#)

22 MARCH 2011 - With 18 new memberships approved –including the European Commission --the total number of Partners in The Partnership is now at 404.

Find all Partner profiles on the [PMNCH online inter-active PMNCH Partners Database.](#)



[2010 PMNCH Annual Report:](#)

9 March 2011 - *The 2011 PMNCH Annual Report – From Hope to Action* – was released at the PMNCH Retreat. In his Foreword, PMNCH Chair, Dr Julio Frenk wrote: “As this report articulates, 2010 was a year of hope and a year of action... PMNCH, in its short lifespan, has found a place at the heart of this dynamic and is poised to act as a vital catalyst for future progress...I welcome this report and the messages it conveys to everyone who has a role to play in one of the greatest public health missions of the 21st century.”

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[MNCH Global accountability](#)

[A review of global accountability mechanisms for women's and children's health](#)

8 MARCH 2011 - GENEVA – The Partnership released a new document - *A review of global accountability mechanisms for women's and children's health* - as part of its contribution to the United Nations' Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and in support of the work of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health.

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[Comment on Accountability Commission's Draft Papers](#)

The Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health is inviting comments until **15 April 2011** on its two final draft Working Group Papers. PMNCH is encouraging its members to make comments to the two papers: *Draft Final Paper on Accountability for Results* and the *Draft Final Paper on Accountability for Resources*.

Additionally: [PMNCH/ NGO constituents](#) are being asked to join a “consolidated” PMNCH/NGO submission.

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New ! [MNCH Essential Knowledge Portal](http://portal.pmnch.org/) - <http://portal.pmnch.org/>



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PMNCH members:

[Download special MNCH Knowledge Portal banners](#) & link to the MNCH Portal from your website!

The [MNCH Knowledge Portal](#) is a gateway to knowledge resources from more than 400 PMNCH partner organizations which builds on the commitment of PMNCH partners to translate knowledge into action for maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). We thank partners for their feedback on the portal prototype.

The portal is now online, and this first phase provides:

1) [PMNCH Knowledge Summaries](#) which are peer-reviewed and synthesize the scientific evidence in a short, user-friendly format to inform policy and practice; and 2) [An integrated, customised search function](#) of all partner organizations and other key MNCH knowledge resources, including journals.

We welcome all recommendations from partners on how to ensure that the MNCH portal is relevant for policy and practice to improve women's and children's health.

Please provide your feedback at: <http://portal.pmnch.org/contact-us> . Members: [download special MNCH Knowledge Portal banners](#) and post the banners and links to the MNCH Portal on your website! [Link to MNCH Knowledge Portal](#) .

Top stories & member news



[AU Ministers and UN Commission adopt health resolution](#)

24-29 MARCH 2011 – ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA - The fourth joint annual meeting of the African Union Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic development has adopted a resolution on health financing. [Link here to download the new publication:](#)

-Investing in health for Africa: The case for strengthening systems for better health outcomes and its Executive Summary: Investing in health for Africa .



New Global Partnership

[Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development](#)

MARCH 2011 - PMNCH Partners - USAID, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank - have launched a new partnership with the Government of Norway and Grand Challenges Canada to seek innovative solutions to reduce maternal and newborn mortality in developing countries. Saving Lives at Birth: A Grand Challenge for Development will call on the brightest minds across the globe to identify and scale up transformative prevention and treatment approaches for pregnant women and newborns in rural and low-resource settings.

[Call for innovative proposals](#)
Deadline: 29 April 2011

Saving Lives at Birth - Call for proposals: There are two types of grants: a) Seed Grants (US \$ 250,000) and b) Transition Grants (up to \$ US 2 million). Proposals for both types of grants are being accepted by the Grand Challenge for Development Partnership, geared to use advances in technology to improve MNCH worldwide. [More info](#)



[PMNCH Partners respond to crises in Japan & Libya](#)

24 MARCH 2011 - With emergency humanitarian situations in both Libya and Japan, PMNCH Partners have reached out, offering medical and humanitarian support as well as expertise in maternal, newborn and child health. [More info](#)



[UNCSW's 55th Session](#)

[New Report: Non communicable diseases: A priority for women's health and development :](#)

[Launch of UN Women and NCDs report at UNCSW's 55th session](#)

4 MARCH 2011 – At the 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations celebrated the official launch of its newest organization and leader: *UN Women*, with UNSG and new [Executive Director, Michelle Bachelet](#).

New Report: A side event saw the release of the world's first report focused on the specific needs and challenges of girls and women at risk of, or living with non communicable diseases (NCDs). [More info](#)



[June launch: State of the World's Midwifery Report](#)

GENEVA – In June, the first-ever report on the status of midwifery around the world will be released. Coordinated by UNFPA, the project is supported by a large number of partners, including PMNCH. The launch will take place on 20 June in Durban, South Africa, at the Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives. Ministers of Health attending the WHO Assembly in May will be invited to attend an advance briefing of key findings. [More info](#)
[Read an interview with Vincent Fauveau, Consultant, on preparing the Report](#)

New: 2011 PMNCH Events Calendar & Interactive Tools



[2011 PMNCH Event Calendar](#)

The [PMNCH Event 2011 Calendar](#) has a new look & many new MNCH events. The Calendar has 3 different views:

1. Month-at-a-glance: Click event title/hyperlink for full profile view;
2. Scroll-down option: Gives a quick description with link to full profile;
3. **Full event profile**: From view 1 or 2, click to event profile with related links, documents and reports.

Share your news and events – fill in the [PMNCH web Contribution Form](#) - both before and after the event. Give your feedback on the PMNCH [Contact us form](#) !

[Link to the Regular MNCH News Digest : MNCH in the news](#)

Latest MNCH IN THE NEWS DIGEST -Now available for download:
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Recently

- [Harvard webcast - Mammograms:](#) with Dr Flavia Bustreo, WHO
- [PMNCH partners marked 100 years of International Women's Day](#)
- [UK's DfID marks Mother's Day with special on-line highlight](#)
- [State of World Population 2010 - From conflict and crisis to renewal](#)
- [UNICEF: 2010 State of the World Children](#)
- [ECF: African Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights Day marked](#)
- [Global Gender Gap Index 2010](#)
- [WHO defines top 30 medicines to save mothers and children](#)
- [New Report: Links Contraceptives to Human Rights](#)

Future events of note

- 13 April 2011: [Lancet Stillbirth Series Launch Date](#)
- 15- 20 April 2011: [124th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly](#)
- 16-24 May 2011: [Sixty-fourth Session of the World Health Assembly](#)



[Online Costing Tool Guide](#)

[Mini-website of 13 costing tools](#)

The [Costing Tool Guide](#) helps users select an appropriate costing tool and understand the different parameters to consider before undergoing a costing exercise. Watch video tutorials on the use of the [Costing Tool Guide](#) Hosted on the PMNCH website and developed by Health Systems 20/20, the Costing Tool was launched in February 2011 and has been accessed by more than 100 individuals from Ministries of Health, multilateral organizations, NGOs, and academic, research and training institutions. Suggestions and comments? Contact us: costingtools@who.int

[Searchable Online PMNCH Members' Database](#)

The [Interactive PMNCH Members' Database](#): PMNCH has launched an online searchable PMNCH Members database which shows a [full profile listed alphabetically](#) or lets you [search PMNCH Members by Category](#)

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See April Events below, from PMNCH Events Calendar: <http://www.who.int/pmnch/events/en/>

[Link to the PMNCH Calendar Events for April 2011](#)

(Events as of 30 March 2011)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
				Call: Virtual Intl Day of Midwife...	Pathfinder Film Screening...	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Call: STC & ICM—Midwife Award Nomination...			G8 Sous-Sherpas Meeting...	NSI-CIDA Special speakers' lunch...		
	PMNCH Donors Constituency Teleconference...					
			WHO: World Health Assembly...			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
World Vaccine Congress...				124th IPU Assembly...	Unite For Sight...	
	PMNCH Executive Committee Teleconference...					
UN Population & Development Commission ...						
				Call: PMNCH Global Strategy Donor coordinator(s)...		
				WB & IMF.Spring meetings....		
				more»		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Africa Partnership Forum...			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
World Malaria Day ...			WHO/Russian Federation: NCD ...	Call Deadline: Duke Innovation..	PAS/ASPR Joint Meeting...	