THE GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY

The Global Financing Facility (GFF) in support of Every Woman Every Child aims to contribute to the global efforts to end preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths and improve the health and quality of life of women, adolescents and children. It is estimated that more resources are needed to prevent a total of 4 million maternal deaths, 107 million child deaths, and 22 million stillbirths between 2015 and 2030 in 74 high-burden countries. As the world approaches the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), enormous progress has been made in improving maternal and child health. Despite the progress, it is clear that more remains to be done. The GFF has five objectives:

1. Finance national RMNCAH scale-up plans and measure results;
2. Support countries in the transition toward sustainable domestic financing of RMNCAH;
3. Finance the strengthening of civil registration and vital statistics systems which measure essential statistics related to populations such as births, deaths and marriages;
4. Finance the development and deployment of global public goods essential to scale up such as knowledge; and
5. Contribute to a better-coordinated and streamlined RMNCAH financing architecture.

THE CONSULTATION

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) is coordinating a wide-ranging consultation on the GFF in advance of its launch in 2015. PMNCH brings together the reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescents health (RMNCH+A) communities into an alliance of more than 650 members across seven constituencies. This model has enabled PMNCH to manage multi-stakeholder based consultations for several major global efforts, including the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health (2010). The consultation has three main objectives:

1. to incorporate views from a wide range of perspectives, including youth voices and other vital stakeholders on the Global Financing Facility concept, and its implementation plan guided by the broad themes set out below;
2. to inform the early stages of the process to develop a new Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health as recommended by the independent Expert Review Group in their 2014 report; and
3. to increase advocacy for women’s and children’s health during the critical final lap of the post-2015 goal-setting process.

ENSURING YOUTH VOICES WITHIN THE CONSULTATION

Youth voices are vital to this global conversation. Young people have an enormous opportunity to effect change for women, children and adolescent health in the next year and the years to come. To ensure that youth voices are heard throughout the consultation, we invite you to take the survey and submit your thoughts and ideas using #Commit2Deliver. Join an interactive Google + Hangout hosted by Girls’ Globe on December 3rd, 2014 at 10amEST. This interactive discussion will engage youth around RMNCAH priorities as they relate to the post-2015 agenda and global financing for health. Tweet your questions to #Commit2Deliver and learn how you can raise your voice for women, children and adolescents in the post-2015 agenda. Feedback from youth will be incorporated into a synthesis report of the PMNCH led consultation on the GFF which will be submitted to the GFF oversight committee and made public on 15 December 2015.

1. South Sudan was excluded from the analysis due to lack of data.
2. These are (i) academic, research and teaching institutions (ART); (ii) donors and foundations; (iii) health care professionals (HCP); (iv) multilateral organizations; (v) NGOs; (vi) partner countries; and (vii) private sector.