

MERCK FOR MOTHERS COMMITMENT SELF-REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE 2018



EWEC Secretariat, PMNCH, FP2020 self-reporting questionnaire to assess progress on implementation of commitments to the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.

COMMITMENT OVERVIEW

To date, Merck for Mothers has improved access to quality maternal healthcare and modern contraceptives for more than 6 million women, trained over 12,000 providers and community health workers, and strengthened nearly 3,000 facilities to provide quality care.

COMMITMENT PROGRESS SUMMARY NARRATIVE

Merck for Mothers is Merck's 10-year, \$500 million initiative to create a world where no woman dies giving life. Contributing our scientific and business expertise, as well as our financial resources, we are working to ensure that women have access to two of the most powerful means to end preventable maternal deaths: quality maternity care and modern contraception.

Working alongside more than 100 partners, Merck for Mothers has reached more than six million women in over 30 countries around the world. We collaborate across sectors – working with governments, NGOs, patient groups, physician, nursing, and midwife associations, entrepreneurs, UN agencies, research institutions, other businesses and even other pharmaceutical companies. Likewise, we collaborate across Merck, leveraging our talent to generate fresh thinking and infuse new, business-minded approaches to help solve the longstanding challenge of maternal mortality.

We are focused on:

- Empowering women to make informed choices about contraceptives and the quality care they need for a healthy pregnancy and safe childbirth
- Equipping health care providers with the skills, tools and technologies they need to deliver high-quality services wherever women seek care
- Strengthening health systems to sustain the delivery of high-quality services that benefit women and their communities

Working alongside our global partners, our major achievements over the past year include:

- We funded the largest clinical trial ever conducted in postpartum hemorrhage in partnership with Ferring Pharmaceuticals and the World Health Organization. Over 29,000 women participated in this 10-country trial to evaluate heat-stable carbetocin, a medicine that could improve the management of severe bleeding after childbirth in countries where reliable refrigeration is challenging.
- We launched one of the first – and the largest – health development impact bonds in collaboration with UBS, USAID, the government of Rajasthan, India and others. This innovative financing mechanism taps into new

sources of private capital and rewards achievement of specific health-related goals – in this case, improved quality of private maternity care.

- We joined the Global Financing Facility (hosted by the World Bank), as the first private sector partner. This multi-stakeholder partnership is leveraging private capital and expertise to support national governments' priorities in maternal and child health. As a member of this partnership, we are amplifying our impact in reducing maternal mortality by directing resources to programs that are the most effective.
- We successfully advocated with the government of Senegal to assume financial and management responsibility for an innovative model that has reduced stockouts of contraceptives significantly and helped transform the country's public health supply chain. The initiative – originally supported by Merck for Mothers and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – is expanding broadly, enabling the country to reliably distribute an additional 90 commodities, including critical medicines for pediatric illnesses, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- In India, we launched Manyata, a quality improvement and quality assurance model that helps private maternity providers improve their care and certifies those who consistently deliver high quality care. We are now scaling the model across three states and working with national accreditation organizations to institutionalize quality standards.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Has the overall financial support for your commitment changed in value since you last reported or since you made your commitment if this is your first report?

No

Disbursements. Since you made your commitment, how much of your commitment-related budget has been disbursed/spent-to-date (in USD)?

213,249,861

Start Date: 2015-09-01

End Date: 2018-02-28

Earned Revenue: 213,249,861 USD

THEMATIC COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Reduce global maternal mortality to less than 70 deaths per 100,00 live births

Maternal mortality ratio
Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel
Proportion of women aged 15-49 who received 4 or more antenatal care visits
Proportion of women who have postpartum contact with a health provider within 2 days of delivery

Ensure universal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

Percentage of women of reproductive age (15-49) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods

Proportion of women aged 15-49 who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care

Proportion of men and women aged 15-24 with basic knowledge about sexual and reproductive health services and rights

Geographic Coverage. Check all the geographical levels that you implement your commitment-related activities in?

Country

Sub-country

Linkage to National Health Strategies. Are commitment-related objectives and/or targets aligned with the national health strategy of the country or countries in which activities take place in?

Yes

Please provide details on how your organization selected its commitment-related objectives and/or targets. Responses should describe the overall process and any consultations held with government, non-government, and/or civil society entities during this process, if any.

Linkage to Objectives and Targets: Merck for Mothers' objective is to ensure that women have access to quality maternity care and modern contraception. To date, Merck for Mothers has reached 6.4 million women—improving access to high-quality care for 2.9 million women, empowering 326,000 women to demand quality care, and increasing access to modern contraception for 3.78 million women.

Geographical Coverage: We are working in over 30 countries around the world, with more intensive efforts in India, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, the United States, and Zambia.

Linkage to National Health Strategies: Merck for Mothers is committed to ensuring that every program and partnership is linked to countries' national health strategies. Merck for Mothers works closely with governments – at the federal and state level – to align its projects and integrate them within existing national health schemes to meet maternal health and family planning goals and ensure government ownership for long-term sustainability.

Geographical Updates. Have you made any changes to the geographical focus of your commitment?

No

EVERY WOMAN EVERY CHILD FOCUS AREAS

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Applicable

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights data

Current status: Ongoing

Activities Implemented: We enable access to quality modern contraception through sustainable solutions that 1) empower women to make informed decisions about contraception and to demand quality; 2) equip providers with the skills, tools and technologies they need to deliver high-quality contraception services; and 3) strengthen health systems by bringing quality contraception closer to women and their communities.

Results Achieved: 3.78 million women now have more reliable access to modern contraception.

Country Leadership: Yes

Health System Resilience: Yes

Research and Innovation: Yes

Multisectoral Action: Yes

Accountability: Yes

Service Delivery Included: Yes

Geographical Coverage: Both Urban and Rural

Other or key population: Women of reproductive age and health providers

2017: 3,780,000

Data Source: Routine-Project/Program specific information system (non-govt)

Quality, Equity and Dignity in Services

Applicable

Quality, Equity and Dignity in Services data

Current status: Ongoing

Activities Implemented: Over the past several years, Merck for Mothers has catalyzed models that enable providers to deliver quality maternity care in India, the United States, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zambia. Working closely with partners from the government, academia, professional associations, private companies, and NGOs, we are supporting models that are: 1) ensuring standard quality, by developing streamlined quality standards and tools for private maternity care providers and integrating those standards and tools into quality improvement and/or assurance systems; 2) incentivizing quality improvement, by developing new incentives for quality or linking existing incentives to quality; and 3) activating demand for quality, by investing in solutions that educate and empower women to make informed decisions about their care and demand quality.

Results Achieved: 2.9 million women have access to improved quality of care, and 326,000 women are now empowered to demand quality care. Additionally, 74,900 health providers are now equipped to offer quality care.

Country Leadership: Yes

Financing for Health: Yes

Health System Resilience: Yes

Research and Innovation: Yes

Multisectoral Action: Yes

Accountability: Yes

Service Delivery Included: Yes

Geographical Coverage: Both Urban and Rural

Other or key population: Women of reproductive age and health providers

2017: 3,300,900

Data Source: Routine-Project/Program specific information system (non-govt)

PROCESS RELATED COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Have challenges faced during the implementation of commitment-related activities resulted in either delays or unsuccessful implementation? Note: If you experience any challenges in completing this questionnaire, please list them under this section.

No

Have you made any changes to either the funding or implementation partners associated with your organization's commitment?

No

PHOTOS AND VIDEO

Please list below the individual/s or organization/s that should be acknowledge below for any video, photo, or document uploaded. If multiple items are uploaded, please specify the acknowledgement by item.

Website: <http://merckformothers.com/>

2016 MfM Program Report: http://merckformothers.com/docs/MFM_programreport_allformothers_061317.pdf

European Program Report: http://merckformothers.com/docs/RM43_MFM_EU_PR_DIGITAL.PDF

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