

Partners in Population and Development special session on improving financing mechanism for Every Women Every Child
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PMNCH in collaboration with Partners in Population and Development (PPD) hosted a consultation session on the Global Financing Facility during the 11th International Inter-Ministerial Conference on Population and Development. This special session on day one of the conference, brought together ministers from PPD countries, senior level policy makers and development partners to discuss opportunities to improve financing for population, health and development, including sharing their views on new financing mechanisms such as the new Global Financing Facility in support of Every Woman Every Child, as well as:

- discuss a new, more inclusive Global Strategy in support of Every Woman Every Child;
- highlight financial mechanisms that can drive the transformative investments needed so that all countries achieve the levels of population, health and development outcomes reached by the best-performing middle-income countries by 2030; and
- Identify opportunities for south-south collaboration for investing in the demographic dividend.

Shri J P Nadda, Minister of Health & Family Welfare who chaired the session, introduced the Global Financing Facility in his opening remarks and spoke briefly about PMNCH's role in facilitating the consultation. Urging members of PPD to engage in the process he said " We have an opportunity to shape the development priorities of the future. Let us not waste this and lead from the front".

An overview of opportunities to improve financing for population, health and development as well as challenges was presented by Dr Andre de Franciso, Executive Director a.i for PMNCH. One of the emerging opportunities he stressed was the increase in youth and the working age population, particularly in low and middle income countries, noting “ Investing in the health of young people is an opportunity for countries to achieve a faster rate of social and economic development, and is known as the ‘Demographic Dividend’”.

Dr Rakesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (RCH), Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Spoke about challenges for women’s and children’s health in India. Challenges aside, Dr Kumar said he believed that “the right investments can pay off. India, through investments in newborn health, has been able to dramatically reduce newborn deaths”.

The view from Mr Hu Hongtao, Commissioner, Department of International Cooperation, National Health and Family Planning Commission of China, Government of the People’s Republic of China, was that “Investments are not sufficient to make an impact on health”. He stressed that “there is also a need for political commitment; effective strategies; and accountability of all stakeholders.

At the end of this special on improving financing mechanism for Every Women Every Child PPD members agreed to include a statement in support of updating and strengthening the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health and to promote its implementation in PPD member countries.

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Speech

Shri J P Nadda, Minister of Health & Family Welfare

Presentation

Opportunities to Improve Financing for Population, Health and Development
- Dr Andres de Francisco, PMNCH Acting Executive Director

Knowledge Summary

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