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Women and Children First?

BACKGROUND

Global and national attention for maternal and child health needs a more ambitious approach under the SDG agenda, aiming to end all preventable child and maternal deaths, leave no-one behind and ensure universal coverage of sexual and reproductive health services. There is an uneasy relationship between “vertical” disease-specific initiatives and UHC, but maternal and child health targets have an especially high dependency on a functioning health system which can deliver UHC to all. However, these can seem competing agendas. This session will aim to look at how the UHC and maternal and child health agendas can be better aligned and calls for a convergence of these movements under a common cause.

OBJECTIVES

- To explore in what ways systems working towards UHC have identified the maternal and child health continuum (from reproductive health to child health) as the first priority.
- To hear positive and negative examples from national level studies.
- To consider how the maternal and child health movement has aligned itself with UHC
- To consider how the global movement for UHC can support maternal and child health services as a first priority.



MODERATOR

Emanuele CAPOBIANCO

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Dr Emanuele Capobianco is the Deputy Executive-Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH). The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health PMNCH is an alliance of more than 800 organizations in 77 countries from the sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health communities, as well as health influencing sectors. The Partnership provides a platform for organizations to align objectives, strategies and resources, and agree on interventions to improve maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.

Emanuele joined the Partnership in 2016 from the Global Fund where he worked as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Executive Director, leading the development of the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy and providing strategic and technical advice on critical policy issues like Global Fund's engagement in fragile settings and in health system strengthening.

Before moving to Geneva, Emanuele was the Chief of Health and Nutrition in UNICEF Mozambique, where he worked for four years to advance health outcomes for Mozambican children and women. Previously he was at the World Bank as Senior Health Specialist, managing a large portfolio of grants, particularly in South Asia and Eastern Africa. He also worked in Somalia to support the EPI, Polio and Tuberculosis programs; and at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean promoting the STOP TB partnership in the Middle East.

Emanuele holds a Medical Degree from Pavia University, a Master in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a MSc in Humanitarian Assistance from Rome University. He is happily married and the father of three girls.



PANELISTS

Simon WRIGHT

Head of Health Policy & Advocacy
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Simon Wright is Head of Health in the Policy, Advocacy and campaigns Division at Save the Children UK.

He has worked in both the health and development sectors for over 20 years, including in the UK NHS as a public health manager overseeing sexual health, HIV and drugs policy. He worked at the UK Parliament as the policy advisor to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on AIDS and also the International Development Select Committee. Reports included the UK, HIV & Human Rights (2002). In 2002 he joined ActionAid where he led its campaigning on HIV, including through the Make Poverty History campaign which ensured that the Gleneagles G8 committed to AIDS Treatment for all.

In 2006, he established the European advocacy network, Action for Global Health, set up to advocate for more and better health ODA from the European Union, the UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy in support of the Millennium development Goals. After serving as its first head for three years, he joined Save the Children. He is responsible for Save the Children UK's global policy and advocacy activities on health, and leading its focus on child survival. This includes advocacy on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health with focal areas including immunisation and Universal Health Coverage. During this time, Save the Children has played a leading role in ensuring that Every Newborn Action Plan was adopted by the World Health Assembly, that Gavi and other global health players have prioritised equity and coverage



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and that the Sustainable Development Goals were agreed with commitments to health and to leave no-one behind. Publications have included Ending Newborn Deaths (2014) and A Wake Up Call (2015).

Simon has served as a member (and Chair) of the Gavi Civil Society Steering Committee and the World Bank's Health Nutrition and Population Civil Society Consultative Group and a Board Member of the Global Health Workforce Alliance. He is a board member of Global Health Advocates (France) and Health Poverty Action (UK).



PANELISTS

Jenny YATES

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Jenny joined The Elders in June 2015. She worked for the previous 12 years at the UK's Department for International Development (DFID): leading the UK Government's efforts to help Indonesia address climate change, based in Jakarta; and also working for DFID in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and in the Communications Division in London. Prior to that, Jenny worked in NGOs and with the governments of Uganda and Swaziland, including working with Oxfam in Mozambique and as an Overseas Development Institute Fellow in the Ministry of Agriculture in Swaziland.

Jenny has a degree in History from Queens' College Cambridge and a Masters in Development Studies from the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia.



PANELISTS

Anne MILLS

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Professor Dame Anne Mills is Deputy Director and Provost of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and also Professor of Health Economics and Policy in the School's Department of Global Health and Development. She has researched and published widely in the fields of health economics and health systems in low and middle income countries. She continues to be involved in research on universal coverage developments in Tanzania, South Africa and Thailand, and on strengthening services for mothers and children. She has had continuing involvement in supporting capacity development in health economics in low and middle income country universities and research institutes. She has advised multilateral, bilateral and government agencies on numerous occasions; was a member of WHO's Commission on Macroeconomics and Health; and co-chaired one of the two Working Groups for the 2009 High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Finance for Health Systems co-chaired by Gordon Brown. In 2006 she was awarded a CBE for services to medicine and elected Foreign Associate of the US Institute of Medicine. In 2009 she was elected Fellow of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences and received the Prince Mahidol Award in the field of medicine. She was President of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA) for 2012-13. In 2013 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and in 2015 she was made a Dame in the Queen's New Year's Honours, for services to international health.

Anne Mills is a world authority on the development and use of health economics to improve understanding of the impact of tropical diseases, guide policy on intervention selection, and

identify the efficiency and equity consequences of various ways of organising health systems in low and middle income countries. Her seminal work on the economics of malaria identified the cost-effectiveness of interventions now implemented across the world, and developed methods for understanding the circumstances under which changing policy (e.g. changing first line drug, introducing rapid diagnostic tests) would be cost-effective. Her health systems research on financing of health care documented the catastrophic consequences of household payment for health care, and evaluated how public policy on health insurance could address these; on contracting out of health services identified the problems as well as possibilities of contracting the private sector to deliver health care on behalf of the state; and on the private sector explored its functioning and how quality of care could be improved. Through combining high quality empirical research and policy engagement, she has pioneered the development of health economics and health systems research in Africa and Asia.



PANELISTS

Nazib KHAN

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I have completed my BSS [3 years Academic degree] in Anthropology and MSS in Anthropology [1 year's Academic degree] from Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. I have start working as a research officer after completing Masters in Anthropology at International Cholera Diarrhea Diseases Research, Bangladesh [ICDDR,B] from 2005. In the beginning of my research carrier my focus area was child and infant health, reproductive health, maternal health. In 2011 I have accomplished M. Sc. in Public Health from Umea University, Sweden. After having my masters in Public Health in 2011 I again join in ICDDR, B as a Research Investigator in the Centre for Equity and Health System and currently I am working as Assistant Scientist in Universal Health Coverage Unit under the Health Systems and Population Studies Division, ICDDR,B. In last five years my focus research areas are health systems study, especially nutritional services, mHealth & eHealth and maternal and newborn health in low and middle income countries. Currently I am a co investigator in a project aiming to improve Future Health Systems through e and mHealth from this study I have published one journal article on experiences of using mobile phone for connecting informal health to the formal health work forces. As background of Anthropology my expertise is o qualitative research method and I am using this expertise for public health research

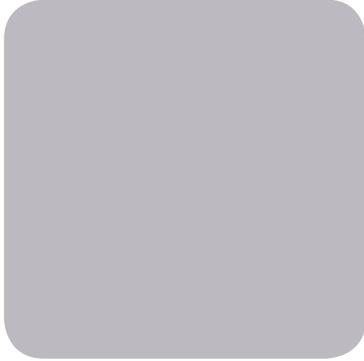


PANELISTS

Sulakshana NANDI

State Convener
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Sulakshana Nandi is the State Convener of Public Health Resource Network (PHRN), Chhattisgarh and has been involved with PHRN from its conception stage. She is part of the People's Health Movement and is a National Joint Convener of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (PHM India). She is working in Chhattisgarh, one of the poorest states in India with more than one-third tribal population. She is a founding member of Chaupal, a Tribal Resource Agency that supports numerous tribal organizations and community based organisations in working on the right to food, health, forest rights, gender and tribal identity. She specifically provides support and facilitation to the 'Adivasi Adhikar Samiti' (Tribal Rights Organisation), a tribal women's organisation that she helped organise. She is involved in capacity building (of government and civil society), research and advocacy on issues related to health equity and access, health insurance, public policy and programmes for health and nutrition, social determinants and community participation, with a focus on gender and indigenous tribal and other vulnerable communities. She has contributed to the state wide Mitandin (Community health Worker) programme in Chhattisgarh in terms of inputs into design of its training modules and other field processes. She is a member of the National ASHA Mentoring Group that provides inputs to the national ASHA community health worker programme and has been part of various evaluations under the National Health Mission in India. She is a member of the Right to Food Campaign and the Medico Friends Circle. She has a degree in MA (Social Work) from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and has completed her Masters in Public Health, graduated cum laude, from the University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa. She is currently pursuing PhD at UWC, studying the issues in equity, access and utilisation in the state funded universal insurance scheme in Chhattisgarh. She has authored a number of publications.



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