



**African Population and
Health Research Center**



Partners In Population and Development (PPD)
An Inter-Governmental Organization
Promoting South-South Cooperation

MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH



The IMCHA Initiative



It is a seven-year multi-country Initiative funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada, to ensure that fewer women die while giving life and more children get a healthy start to generate productive human capital for their country's development.

The IMCHA Initiative



- A consortium of three institutions; APHRC, the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) Health Community (ECSA-HC) and Partners in Population and Development's Africa Regional Office (PPD-ARO) (the East African Health Policy and Research Organization (EA-HPRO)).
- The EA-HPRO drives the MNCH research to policy process by working with 13 IRTs in five countries in the East African region: Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The beginning – rapid review

ECSCA-HC did a rapid review of the implementation of commitments passed through the Health Ministers Conference from 2012-2016



Rapid Review

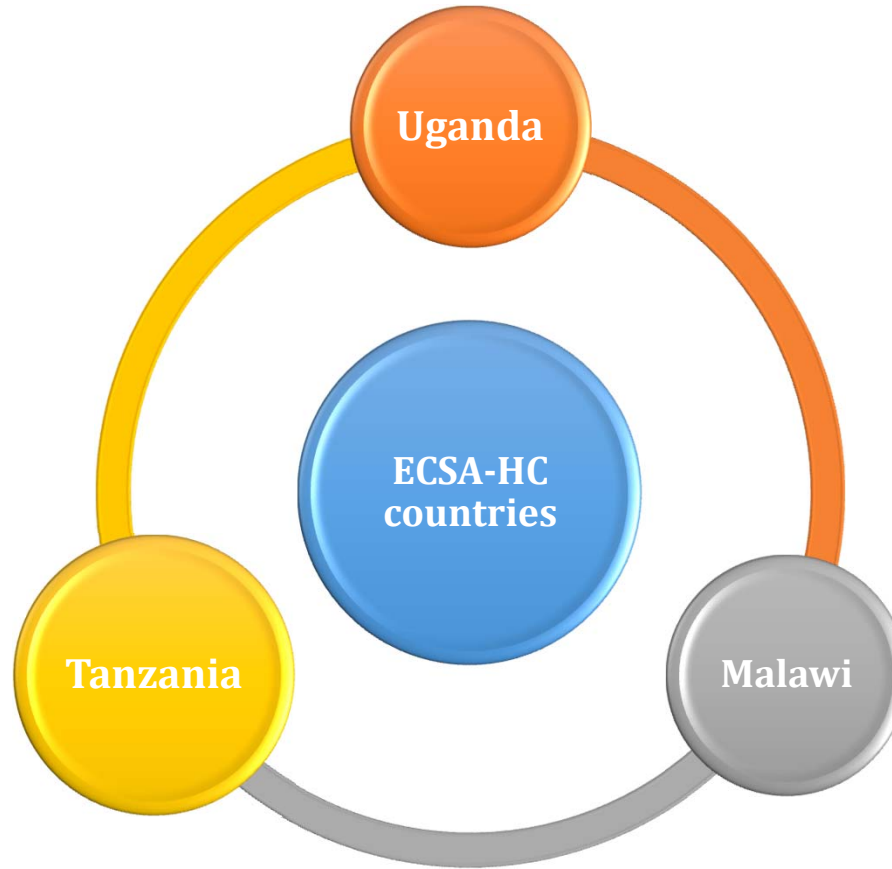
Objectives

- To identify the resolutions related to RMNCH passed in the last five years and the actions taken to implement them – ECSA Health Ministers Conference
- Assess the accountability mechanisms of the RMNCH commitments in the selected countries

Goal

- To strengthen tracking of future RMNCH commitments and hence strengthen the regional evidence uptake process by the IMCHA project.

Focus countries



Findings - Progress

- Key activities have been implemented
- The assessment showed impact and progress
- There is policy alignment linked to commitments/resolutions passed

Findings - Challenges

- Limited resources – secretariat and country levels
- Disconnect = poor communication
- Lack of effective accountability mechanism
- Turnover of government focal points



Account for reproductive, maternal and child health

The value of tracking

- Accountability
- Progress
- Resource allocation
- Cost-effective, workable solutions



REPRODUCTIVE MATERNAL, NEWBORN, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH



ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

OBJECTIVE

THIS FRAMEWORK AIMS TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RMNCAH COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE MEMBER STATES IN THE AFRICAN REGION

THE ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK



RESEARCH

USING EVIDENCE TO INFORM POLICY AND INTERVENTIONS



PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

FOCUS ON SERVICES, OUTPUTS AND RESULTS OF GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES



SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

HOLDING POLITICIANS, POLICYMAKERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE



FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

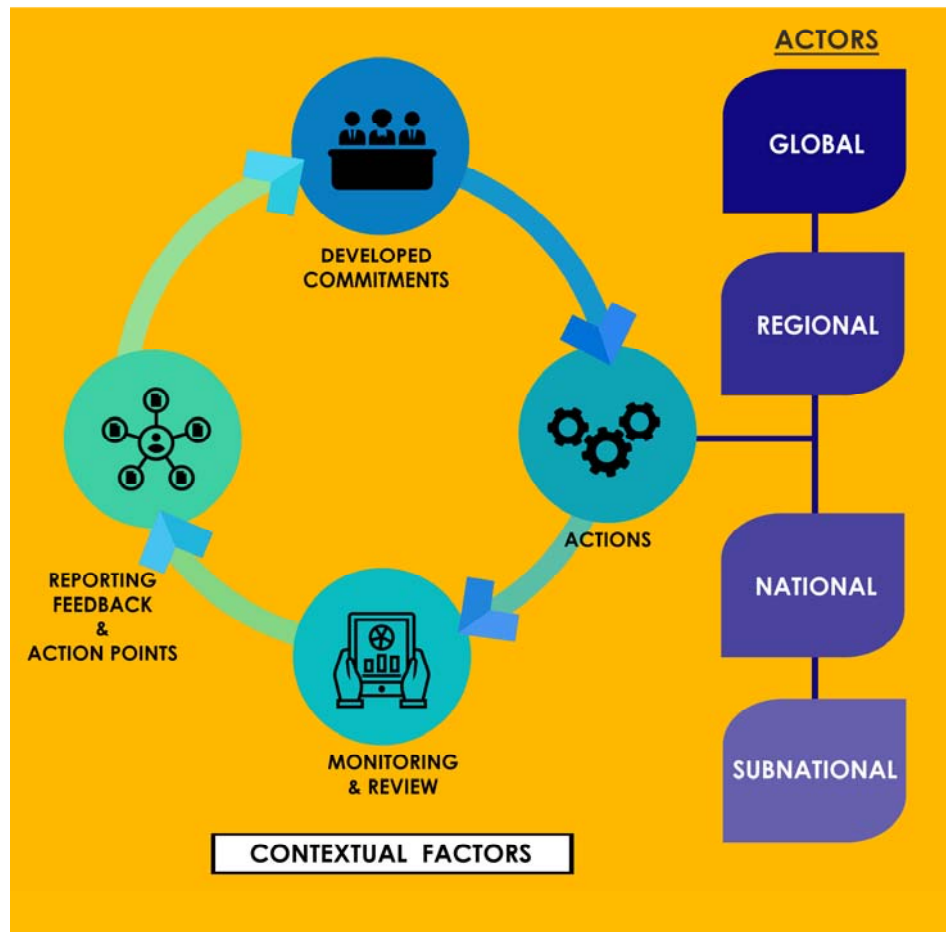
TRACKING AND REPORTING ON ALLOCATION, DISBURSEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF FINANCES



POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

FOCUSES ON INSTITUTIONS, PROCEDURES THAT REPRESENT CITIZENS INTERESTS AND RESPONDS TO SOCIETAL NEEDS

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK



ENHANCED ACCOUNTABILITY CAN ENSURE THAT INVESTMENTS IN RMNCAH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES LEAD TO BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

Commitment is not one-sided

- Countries can support by providing **data** on how, where and the extent commitments have been implemented.



Reporting made easy

Meeting Date	Commitments Made (List commitments for the previous year)	Actions taken	Fully Implemented	Partially Implemented	Not Implemented	Comments (May include reasons for failure to implement and challenges faced)



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