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.
ECSA-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

ECSA-HC countries

Uganda

Tanzania

Malawi
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

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