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# THIRD GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION SUMMIT, 2015

## for ending preventable child and maternal deaths

### Delhi Declaration, 2015

We, the Ministers and Heads of Country Delegations of 22 countries, gathered here in New Delhi, India from August 27- 28, 2015, for the Third Global Call to Action Summit, 2015 applaud the remarkable progress achieved in reducing maternal, newborn, and child mortality. We acknowledge the global partnerships, support and resources mobilized to achieve these gains, and save over 100 million lives since 1990.

We are at a pivotal time as a global community with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) completing at the end of 2015, and nations preparing to embrace a universal and transformative sustainable development agenda that leaves no one behind and ensures the health and well-being of all, particularly women, children and adolescents.

Recognizing the centrality of the health and well-being of women and children in shaping prosperous and sustainable societies, we commit to accelerate efforts to end preventable child and maternal deaths in support of the Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health.

We commit to making measurable improvements in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health through our respective country health plans, and, where needed, to develop focused country investment frameworks. We will work together to ensure women, newborn, children, and adolescents:

#### Survive.

We will end preventable maternal, newborn, and child mortality. We will reduce preventable deaths from both infectious and non-communicable diseases. We will strengthen health systems, including delivery of routine services and resilience to cope with unforeseen events.

#### Thrive.

We will end all forms of malnutrition, and seek to address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and children. We will prioritize universal access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services including for family planning. We recognize the need to promote inclusive and diverse partnerships and multi-sectoral action, and encourage adaptation and scale up of appropriate technologies, innovations and best practices, as a means to facilitate more rapid, effective, and equitable services, and access to timely, acceptable, quality, and respectful care.

#### Transform.

We will seek to create an enabling environment that fosters gender equality and the participation of all stakeholders including civil society, professional bodies, academia and the private sector and ensure through appropriate laws, policies and entitlements the realization of the rights of every mother, newborn, child, and adolescent. We commit to advancing equitable access to services and prioritizing the needs of those in marginalized, underserved, and poorer segments of the population. We will seek to strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration to promote universal access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, and education, in order to ensure that everyone is given the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.

To this end, we commit to mobilize the increased resources needed to accelerate our progress and support the implementation of the Post 2015 development agenda.

We commit ourselves to developing a culture of evidence-based decision-making, strengthening accountability and aligning our resources to those with the greatest need. We will hold ourselves accountable to these commitments through regular monitoring of progress through this joint platform, and to promote cross-learning, knowledge sharing and collaboration among the 22 nations to end preventable deaths of mothers, newborns and children; while safeguarding and promoting their health and well-being.



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