

Scaling Up for Better Health

Highlights

In this issue of the IHP+ update, we include updates on Mozambique's recently signed Country Compact and the announcement of a High Level Task Force on Innovative International Finance for Health Systems. In addition, we provide news of upcoming IHP events, news from the UN Secretary General's MDG Africa Initiative, as well as final versions of the IHP+ guidelines for civil society engagement and compact development.

IHP+ Country Update

Mozambique signs Country Compact

16 September 2008 **Maputo, Mozambique**



The Government of Mozambique and development partners signed the second IHP+ Country Compact. The Compact includes support to a comprehensive Workforce Development Plan that aims to increase the number of health workers from 26,000 to 46,000 by 2015. The Mozambican government also intends to provide free universal health care access to health care. [read the Mozambique Compact ...](#)

IHP+ Recent Events

High-Level Task Force on Innovative International Finance for Health Systems

At the High Level Event on the MDGs held at the United Nations in New York on 25 September, the Prime Minister of the UK announced the setting up of a high level task force to contribute creative strategies for filling national financing gaps in order to reach the health MDGs by mobilizing additional resources, increasing financial efficiency of health financing and by enhancing the effective use of funds. The Taskforce will accomplish these objectives by:

- making recommendations on the mix of innovative international financing mechanisms needed to deliver the extra resources required;
- promoting international support for these recommendations to ensure that they are implemented.

The members of the Taskforce are:

- *Prime Minister Gordon Brown (United Kingdom) (co-chair)*
- *Margaret Chan (Director-General of the World Health Organisation)*
- *Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Health Minister, Ethiopia)*
- *President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf (Liberia)*
- *Bernard Kouchner (Foreign Minister, France)*
- *Graca Machel (Representing Civil Society)*
- *Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg (Norway)*
- *Guilio Tremonti (Finance Minister, Italy)*
- *Heidemarie Wierczorek-Zeul (Development Minister, Germany)*
- *Robert Zoellick (President of the World Bank) (co-chair)*

A draft Terms of Reference is being reviewed by taskforce members; once finalized, it will be circulated.

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MDG Call for Action

25 September 2008

New York, USA

Development partners rallied around the call to action to slash poverty, hunger and disease by 2015, at the UN High-Level Event on 25 September 2008 by announcing new commitments to meet the MDGs. This included the United Kingdom committing an estimated £450 million over the next three years to support national health plans for eight IHP+ countries (Ethiopia, Mozambique, Kenya, Zambia, Burundi, Nigeria, Cambodia and Nepal).

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Interagency Ethiopia Mission

15-18 September 2008

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Following the signing of the Country Compact in Addis Ababa in August, a joint mission to Ethiopia by international agencies and IHP+ development partners took place in mid-September. The mission defined a global plan of action to support the country in fully implementing the commitments set out in the compact. Representatives from the agencies agreed to discuss the global plan of action with their senior management and boards and report back to the Ethiopian government on progress. [read the Joint Mission Report and Global Action Plan ...](#)

IHP+ Upcoming Events

IHP+ timeline for Compacts.

High Level Global level events will provide opportunities for countries to announce the signing of Country Compacts. Governments and development partners will be able to use these events to show their support for their Compacts and related health strategies. A draft timeline of events has been circulated to SuRG members. The next major event will be the IHP+ Ministerial Review on 4-5 February, during which another 3 to 5 country compacts may be ready. [read more ...](#)

IHP+ News

UN Secretary-Generals MDG Africa Initiative

An IMF-led assessment of the macroeconomic implications of the spending of additional aid (in line with the 2005 G8 Gleneagles commitments), has been prepared for Benin, Niger and Togo. The scaling-up scenarios are based on sector-level analyses and spending plans by the country authorities. The conclusions are supportive of such scaling up, should sufficient international and domestic funds be effectively mobilised. A further seven country case studies are underway (Central African Republic, Ghana, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia). [read more ...](#)

World Bank support to health systems

World Bank President Zoellick announced at the UN High Level Event in New York that the Bank would double the number of its health systems experts on call in Africa to join local experts and partners in helping countries achieve better health results. The Bank committed to help countries to strengthen their health systems in order to achieve vastly better results, especially for mothers, newborns and children. [read the press release ...](#)

In support of the Ethiopia compact, the World Bank is prepared to commit US\$200 million over the next three years. This support represents almost a doubling of World Bank health financing to Ethiopia from the previous three years.

Compact Guidance for countries

The Compact Guidance Note is now available. After accounting for comments received from countries and SuRG members, the document serves as a tool for assisting countries in developing their compacts. As the development of such a guidance note is a dynamic process, the IHP+ welcomes additional comments that can be incorporated into future versions. [read the Compact Guidance note ...](#)

Civil Society engagement in country health sector teams

The final draft of the guidance note developed by members of the SuRG is now complete and will be widely disseminated to country-level counterparts. Global Civil Society representatives will be responsible for monitoring progress in implementing this guidance with support by all SuRG members. A select number of Country teams will be asked to provide progress updates and share experiences early next year in the lead up to further discussions during the February Ministerial review. [read the Guidance Note on Country-level Engagement of Civil Society...](#)

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