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# UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children: Update



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# UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities For Women and Children

- Mission of the UN Commission: build consensus around priority actions for increasing availability, affordability, accessibility and rational use of essential commodities for women's and children's health
- Commissioner's Report released at the UN General Assembly in 2012, included:
  - 10 recommendations for innovative actions to rapidly increase access and use
  - 13 overlooked life-saving commodities

# Architecture of the Commission

Currently Technical Reference  
Teams/Groups corresponding to  
the commodities

Working on identifying and  
addressing issues related to  
insufficient supply, ineffective  
quality assurance and  
inadequate demand

## *The Commodities*

### Reproductive Health

Female Condoms  
Contraceptive Implants  
Emergency Contraception

### Maternal Health

Oxytocin  
Misoprostol  
Magnesium Sulfate

### Newborn Health

Injectable Antibiotics  
Antenatal Corticosteroids  
Chlorhexidine  
Resuscitation Devices

### Child Health

Amoxicillin  
Oral Rehydration Salts  
Zinc

# Architecture of the Commission

11 Working Groups corresponding to each of the Commission Report's recommendations and one for advocacy



## *The Recommendations*

### Recommendations

1. Shaping Global Markets
2. Shaping Local Delivery Markets
3. Innovative Financing
4. Quality Strengthening
5. Regulatory Efficiency
6. Supply and Awareness
7. Demand and Utilization
8. Reaching Women and Children
9. Performance and Accountability
10. Product Innovation

### Cross-Cutting

11. Advocacy

# Commission's Pathfinding Countries



Tanzania



Senegal



DRC



Ethiopia



Malawi



Nigeria



Sierra Leone



Uganda

or, Publication

## Current Progress and Country Ownership

- RMNCH Steering Committee established to accelerate and align the international RMNCH-related global initiatives under Every Woman, Every Child
- Country plans from eight pathfinding countries were finalized in September
- Evidence-based plans focused on addressing critical bottlenecks across the RMNCH continuum



# Advocacy Working Group

**Advocacy Working Group developed an  
Advocacy Toolkit around the Commission**

The Toolkit will be officially launched at the  
International Conference on Family Planning  
in Addis Ababa

RHSC's A&A WG assisted in developing the  
Reproductive Health Commodities Brief for  
the Toolkit



# Other Highlights of A&A WG's Commission Work Stream

- A&A WG's Commission Work Stream led by Pathfinder submitted a proposal to the Templeton Foundation
- Project Overview:
  - Plan a range of policy monitoring and advocacy activities in two of the Commission's pathfinding countries, Nigeria and Senegal
  - Provide support to local advocates to ensure sound execution of work plans with civil society inputs





## On the Horizon

- In the coming months, focus on disbursement of funds to pathfinding countries and monitoring progress
- Implementation of the pathfinding country plans
- Potential for a larger country engagement process to focus on 20-25 high burden countries next year



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