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

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

The 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
11. Advocacy
Commission’s Pathfinding Countries

- Tanzania
- Senegal
- DRC
- Ethiopia
- Malawi
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Uganda
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 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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