



IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# THE H6 PARTNERSHIP

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A CATALYST FOR TRANSFORMATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO DELIVER HEALTH RESULTS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## VISION

**“WE WANT OUR UNITED NATIONS TO BE A CATALYST FOR ACTION, AN INNOVATOR, A CONVENER AND A CHAMPION OF WHAT WORKS, USING EVIDENCE AND DATA TO INFORM NATIONAL PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION, AS WELL AS OUR OWN COORDINATED SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL.”**

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## OUR SHARED VISION AND MISSION

Because healthy and empowered women transform societies, the H6 Partnership puts women, children and adolescents at the centre of a shared response.

The United Nations (UN) health space can become a central construct and living laboratory for UN reform—to deliver on 28 health targets across 11 health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—focused on better results for people.

The Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent (EWEC) movement aims to transform societies so that women, children and adolescents everywhere can realize their rights to the highest attainable standards of health and well-being. Ensuring that every woman, child and adolescent can survive, thrive and contribute to transformation will improve the lives of generations to come and contribute to more peaceful and prosperous societies.

The H6 Partnership leverages the full strengths of UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UN Women and the World Bank to support high-burden countries in their efforts to improve the survival, health, and well-being of every woman, newborn, child, and adolescent. It provides countries with a one-stop shop for:

- ▶ Technical support, capacity strengthening and strategic policy advice.
- ▶ Data and strategic information to reveal gaps, show returns on investment and prioritize responses.
- ▶ Support to countries to leverage investments.
- ▶ Convening stakeholders across women's, adolescents' and children's health efforts.

## NOW IS THE TIME FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE H6 AGENDA

The H6 Partnership already provides a proven platform to coordinate UN action on sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and rights. And is an entry point to deliver across health and well-being (SDG 3) and health-related targets of other goals, including under ending poverty (SDG 1), zero hunger (SDG 2), quality education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), inclusive societies (SDG 16) and global partnership (SDG 17). Through strong stewardship by H6 heads of agencies and drawing on the best of each partner organization, the H6 can become the gold standard for translating UN reform into results for people at the start of a new era of coordinated UN delivery in countries.

Agenda 2030 has given major impetus to global health, and the momentum is building. Robust investments in leading global health funds—namely Gavi, the Global Financing Facility (GFF) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria—demonstrate that the global community is confident that the sector can deliver significant returns. The UN plays a critical role in making such investments work for women's, children's and adolescents' health, well-being and human rights. It brings unique added value through political leadership, expertise, capacity-strengthening and physical presence around the world.

Without country presence, major health funders rely heavily on the UN—specifically the H6—to deliver on the EWEC Global Strategy. The H6 has proven to be indispensable to bridging global funding, policy and advocacy with country priorities and results for people. By leveraging the comparative advantages of its six partners, the H6 can drive unparalleled multisectoral action to deliver against complex health, development and social justice challenges.

Renewed dynamism in global health coupled with the UN Secretary-General's reform agenda offers a singular opportunity to elevate the H6. Many of the priorities of UN reform—delivering integrated policy advice, joint working, reducing fragmentation and duplication, generating strategic information and strengthening accountability—are at the heart of the H6 model, making it well-placed to serve as an incubator of reform.

## CHOOSING THE PATH OF AMBITION: STRENGTHENING THE H6 AS A TRANSFORMATIVE, COUNTRY-FOCUSED MECHANISM

The H6 has a responsive and flexible structure relying extensively on virtual teams and networks at the country, regional and global level to strengthen country capacity to lead, plan, coordinate, fund, implement and monitor action on the integrated health and rights agenda for women, children and adolescents. As the technical arm of the EWEC ecosystem, the H6 plays a critical role in facilitating the work of GFF (the financing arm) and the Partnership for Mother, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH, the advocacy arm).

Taking the H6 to the next level will require building on best practices, reinforcing existing mechanisms and raising our ambition. A transformative agenda can unlock the full potential of H6 structures, functions and ways of working.

Accelerating results and serving as a platform for UN reform will require strengthening the partnership as country-focused instrument. It will demand crystallizing H6 core functions and identifying cross-cutting, people-centred priority deliverables under the EWEC Focus Areas for 2020. The H6 will need to align efforts around these functions and deliverables, and identify key countries in which it will focus reform efforts in the near-term. Unifying the H6 agencies to ensure they speak with one voice on particularly challenging issues, such as sexual and reproductive rights, access to safe abortion, comprehensive sexuality education and demand creation, will be critical to accelerating progress.

The H6 is poised to become a convening and coordinating platform for actors across and beyond the UN, making real a multistakeholder and multisectoral approach to health and social justice. Strengthening the role of the H6 as a resource and entry point for funding partners at the field level will be key.

### **Five key functions to support countries to deliver results for people and drive UN reform:**

#### **1. One-stop shop for UN technical assistance and strategic policy advice for women, children's and adolescents' health and rights**

- ▶ Country-owned roadmaps, linked to investment cases, to elevate the most effective interventions, align partners to country priorities, reduce duplication, mobilize additional resources and accelerate results.
- ▶ Single technical support platform to enable countries to know where to find quality expertise to enable implementation, share knowledge on best practices, facilitate pooling resources and skills, and facilitate South-South cooperation.



- ▶ Single, high-level H6 results framework building on synergetic interventions of partners to address persistent, cross-cutting challenges.
- ▶ Differentiated H6 leadership at country level to drive efficient progress on individual result areas, while maintaining joint accountability, and cross-country networks (among and beyond the H6) on particularly challenging issues.

## **2. Support to countries to leverage health investments**

- ▶ Support to prepare grant proposals and develop investment cases, including for GFF, using data across sectors and strategic policy advice to inform country priority setting.

## **3. Data hub: gathering strategic information to identify gaps, show returns on investment, prioritize responses and drive accountability**

- ▶ One-stop shop for data with capacity strengthened and expanded to encompass monitoring of policy and systems enablers that will be key to accelerating progress on women's, children's and adolescents' health and rights.
- ▶ Real-time data visualization of local health situations as a live complement to the Countdown to 2030 Country Dashboards.
- ▶ Strengthening capacity for data collection and reporting in countries.

## **4. Convenor and broker across the health space and beyond**

- ▶ Leveraging the UN's convening power to build innovative partnerships with business, humanitarian actors, nongovernmental organizations and communities to identify targeted investment opportunities, address cross-cutting issues and unblock hurdles.
- ▶ Bringing change agents into national planning.
- ▶ Raising visibility of H6 results in countries through global reporting.

## **5. Mobilize political commitment to the EWEC focus areas**

- ▶ Rallying partners, building coalitions and leading global campaigns around EWEC focus areas.
- ▶ Mobilizing civil society and other partners to ensure accountability for results.

### **Greater transparency and accountability for collective results**

Reporting: The H6, with the involvement of implementing partners, will report on country results to the Chief Executives Board (CEB) and High-Level Steering Group.

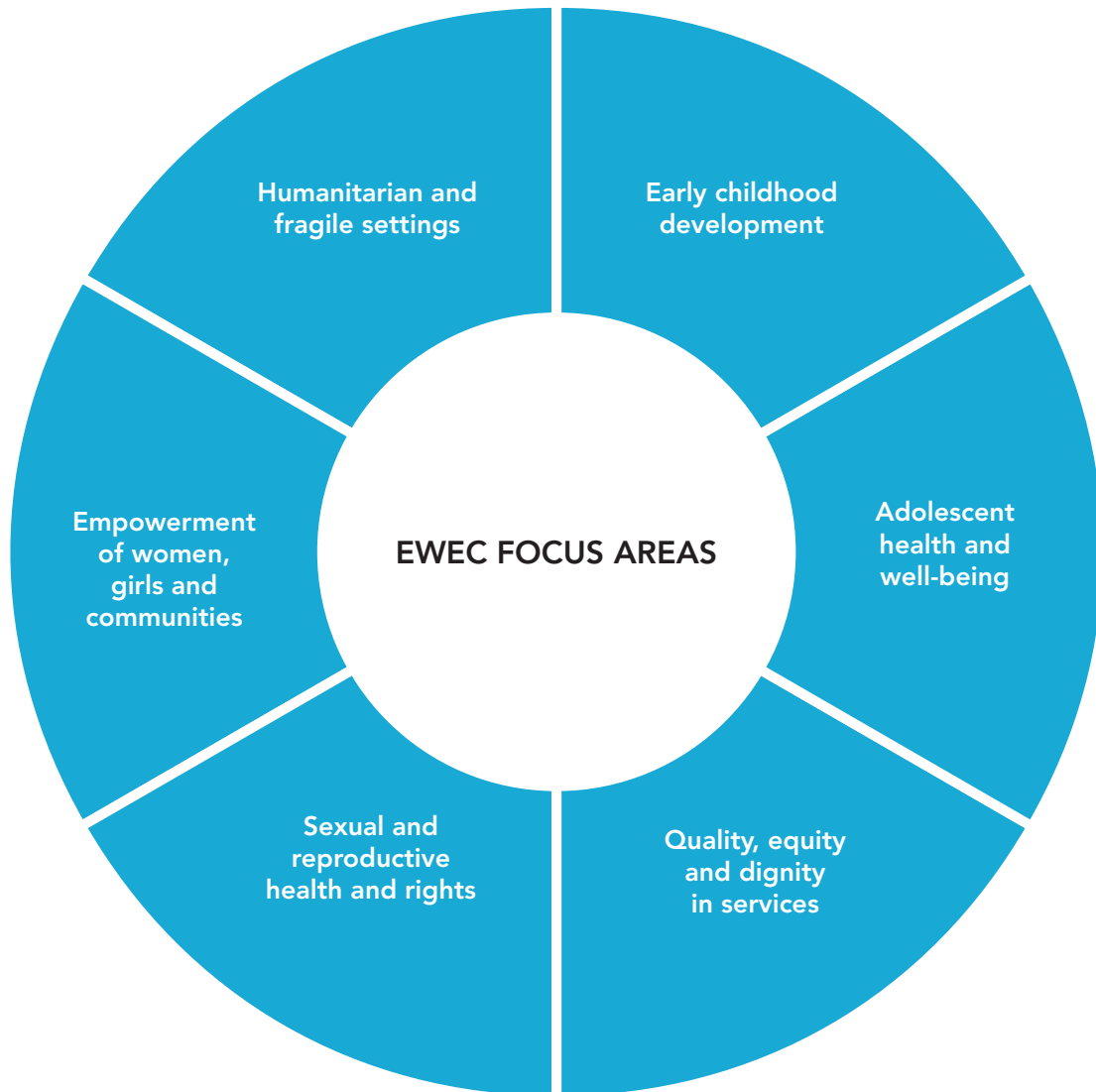
Ownership and accountability: The H6 is led by H6 Heads of Agency, and supported by mechanisms to accelerate action and maintain momentum.

Enhancing global coordination: Regular high-level, informal dialogue will be convened among the H6, EWEC, GFF and PMNCH to discuss priorities, minimize duplication and enhance coordination and multistakeholder engagement.

Evaluation: A joint H6 evaluation plan will be developed, including an independent review, to assess and demonstrate the added value of joint working and contribution to the UN reform.

## 2020 FOCUS AREAS OF THE EWEC PARTNERS' FRAMEWORK

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## SIX CORE UN SYSTEM FUNCTIONS OUTLINED BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE SDGS

Including areas where H6 has a comparative advantage to drive UN reform at the country level (in red)

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