



**African Population and
Health Research Center**

Countdown to 2030 Strengthening evidence use for action and accountability

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Global Countdown to 2030

Countdown to 2030 covers low and middle-income countries globally that account for 90% of all child deaths and 95% of all maternal deaths.

Objectives of Global Countdown 2030



- Strengthen the evidence in support of RMNCAH&N programs through multi-country studies
- Enhance the capacity of country and regional institutions to conduct RMNCAH&N related analysis and research
- Effectively communicate findings to policy makers and all other stakeholders to inform decision-making

The Countdown core team

Secretariat

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Technical Working Groups

- Coverage
- Equity
- Drivers
- Related groups
 - Nutrition
 - ECD, AH and others

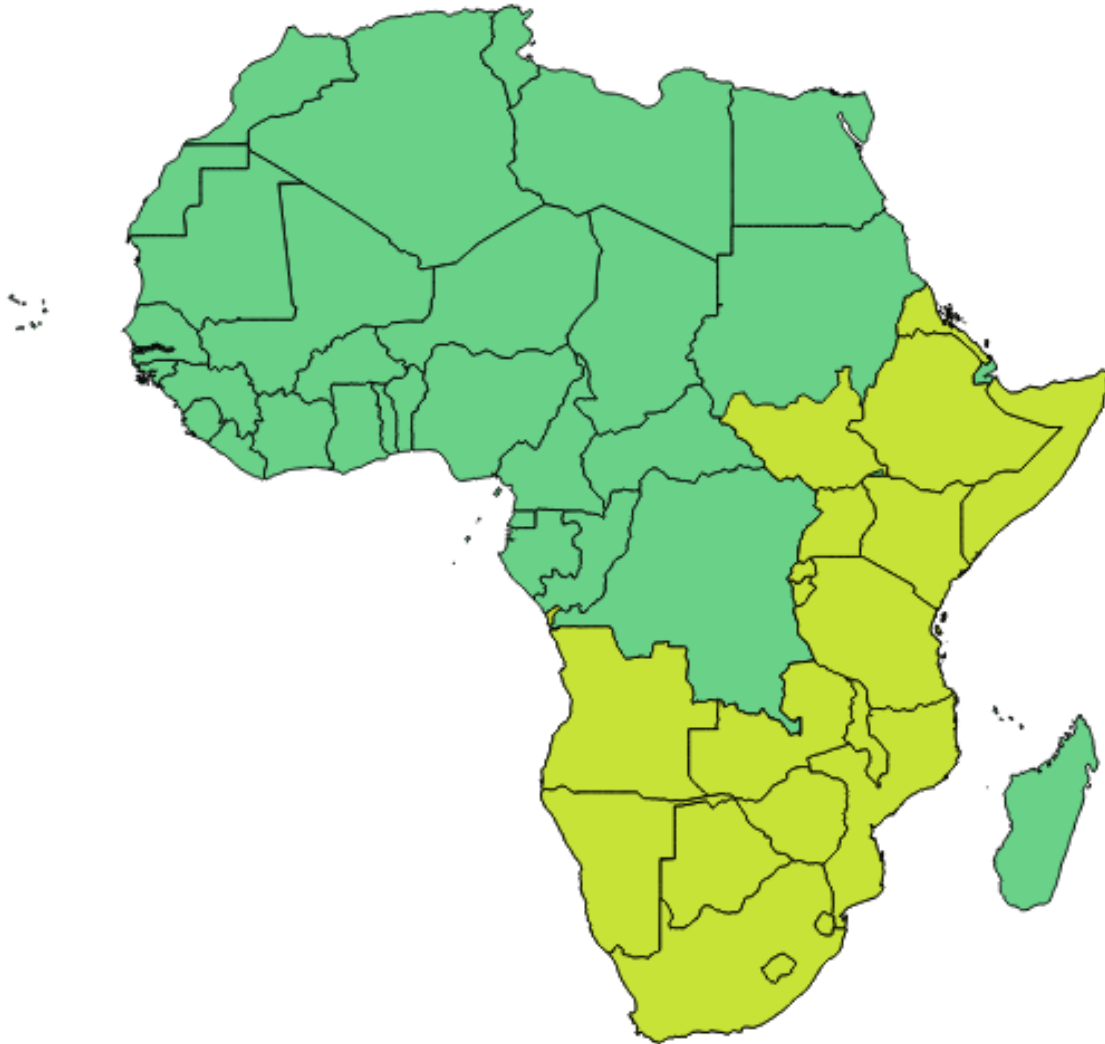


Regional collaboration – core facilitator teams

- University of Zambia/MOH
- APHRC
- U Pelotas
- U Manitoba
- Johns Hopkins
- WHO
- UNICEF



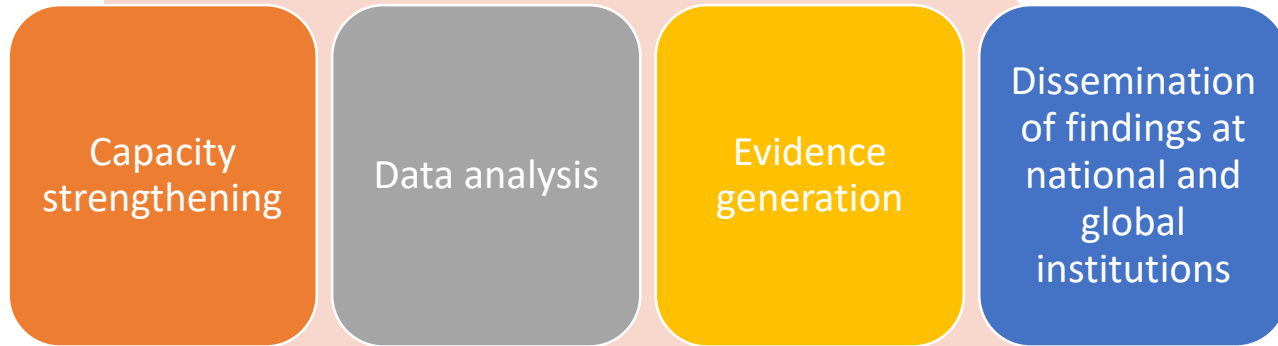
Countdown in ESA



1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Burundi
4. Eritrea
5. Ethiopia
6. Kenya
7. Lesotho
8. Malawi
9. Mozambique
10. Namibia
11. Rwanda
12. Somalia
13. South Africa
14. South Sudan
15. Swaziland
16. Tanzania
17. Uganda
18. Zambia
19. Zimbabwe

Strategy

Networking with national and regional institutions



The analysis- Continuum of care for RMNCAH



- Situation and trends analyses for key indicators of RMNCAH&N by socioeconomic, demographic, and geographic characteristics
- Using survey data and health facility data (DHIS-2) where possible
- Policy and program assessment, based on the Countdown evaluation framework

Lead actors

- **APHRC** coordinates regional consortium (research and public health institutions, and ministries of health), in collaboration with **CD2030** and Health Data Collaborative
- Oversee administration and logistics for training workshops and dissemination of results
- **APHRC** supports the overall technical work such as planning and execution of the project jointly with **CD2030**
- CD2030 and HDC lead in engaging **UNICEF**, **WHO** and other global partners, and guide their involvement

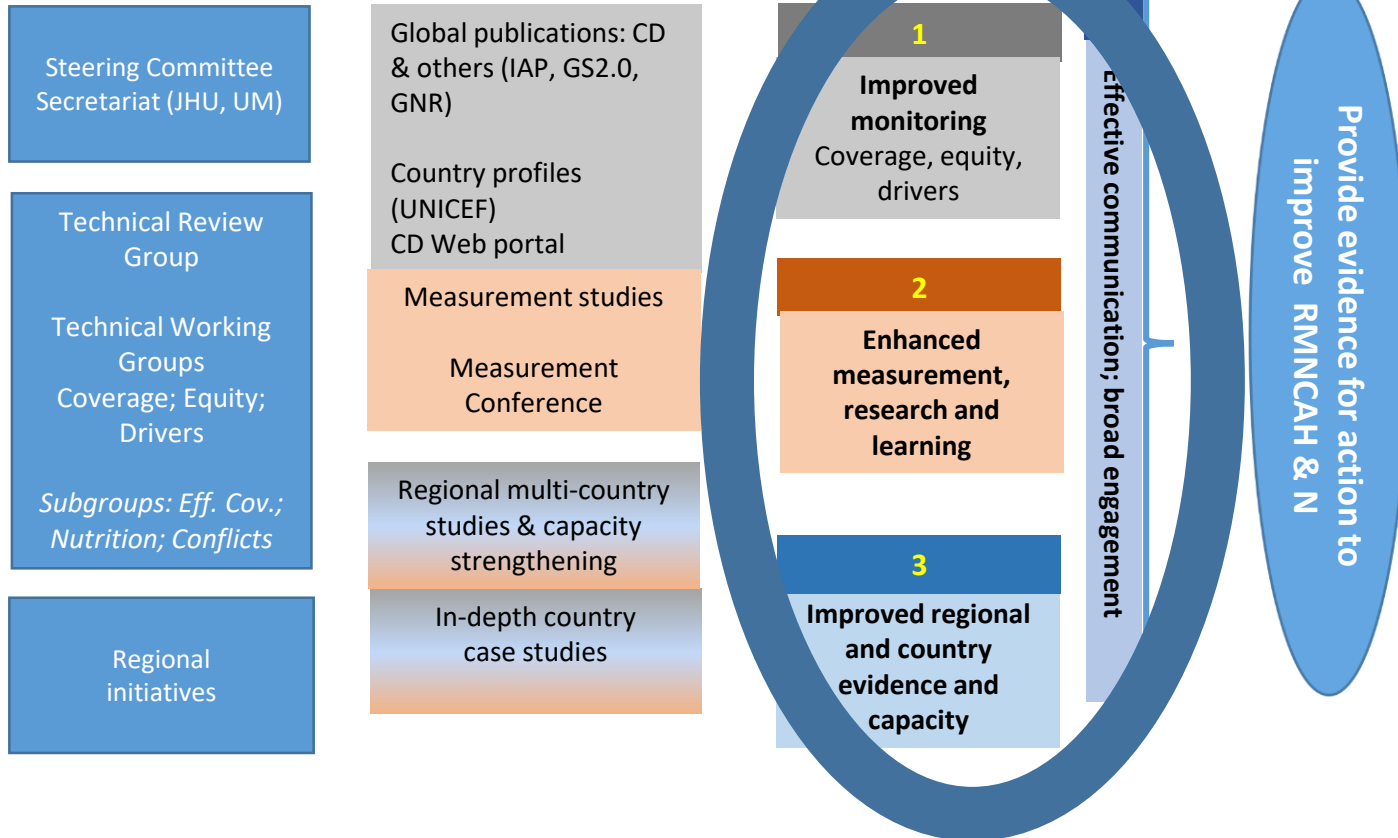
Partnerships

- CD 2030 has technical collaborations with **DHS, UNICEF-MICS, PMA 2020, INDEPTH and others**
- **Global, regional and country offices of WHO and UNICEF:** inputs into the selection of country participants
- **Global Financing Facility**
- Regional institutions: **UNECA, ECSA-HC and PPD-Africa Regional office (PPD-ARO)**, to enhance the uptake of results
- **PMNCH and local civil society groups:** support for dissemination activities including multi-stakeholder dialogues

MECHANISMS

MAIN ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES / RESULTS



Achievements



Global achievements

- Global monitoring products: **the Countdown 2030 2018 global report and** an accompanying [Lancet article](#) (2018 Jan 30)
- RMNCAH+N continuum of country profiles and equity profiles for over 81 countries
- In-depth data and analyses for global partner reports
 - WHO Global Strategy Report
 - Annual reports of the Independent Advisory Panel
 - UNFPA's State of the World's Population Report
 - Global Nutrition Report
- Submission of a 12 papers supplement in August 2019 to the **BMJ Global Health** journal on RMNCAH inequalities

Regional achievements

- Support to dissemination activities related to equity and coverage in **Zambia and Uganda**, with the country public health institutions as the lead
- Case studies in **Kenya and Ethiopia** have been completed
- In **Uganda**, CD2030 is working with public health institutions and WHO to produce an analytical report for the midterm review of the national five-year plan for the health sector
- In **Tanzania**, CD2030 is working with public health institutions and WHO to conduct a review of the five-year health sector strategic plan and the RMNCAH+N plan.



EQUALITY vs. EQUITY



Equality = Sameness

GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME
THING → It only works if
everyone starts from the same
place



Equity = Fairness

ACCESS TO THE SAME
OPPORTUNITIES → We
must first ensure equity before we
can enjoy equality

Key message

CD2030 provides insightful analyses on existing data and generates evidence to inform decision making for policy, programming and financing in RMNCAH and nutrition. The analysis is based on equity considerations.

It can indicate country progress — or lack of progress — in providing equitable coverage of effective health interventions for women, children and adolescents.



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