

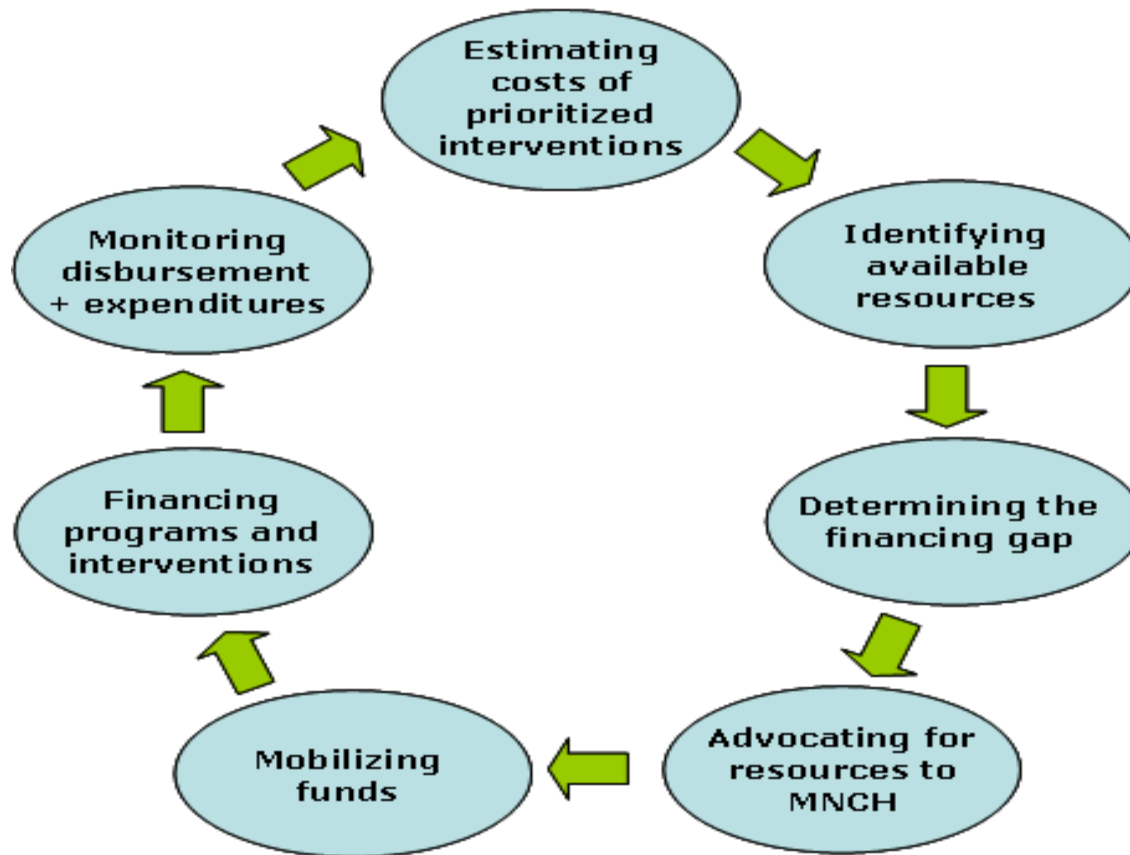
The financing cycle for MNCH

What is it? Why is it important?

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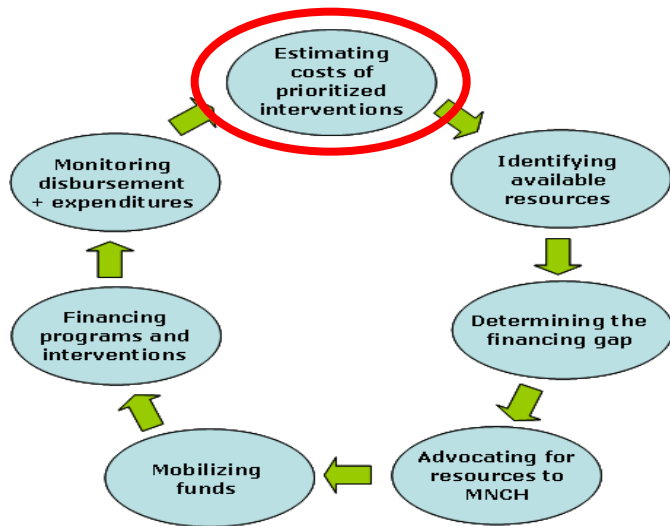
Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and
Child Health

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Introduction

- Overlaps, but each step should be carried out systematically and regularly
- Each step of the financing cycle needs to be linked to the national strategic planning cycle and its instruments
- Tools are available to inform the process, but need to ensure that data inputs to tools are reliable and accurate



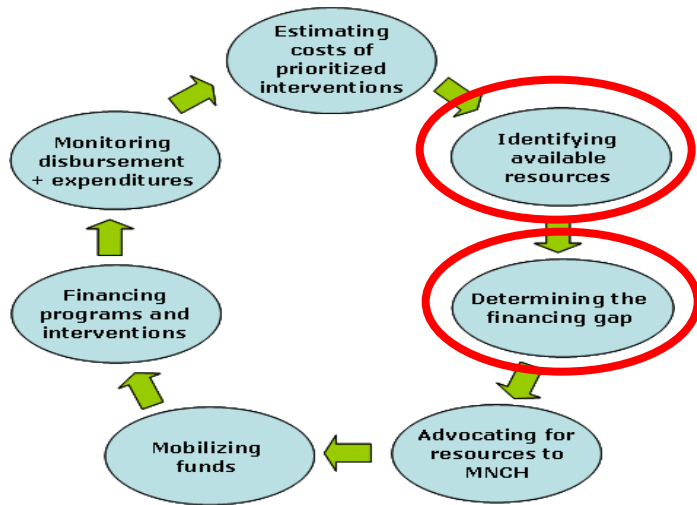
Estimating costs of prioritized interventions

- **Why important?**

- To identify package of interventions based on priority-setting exercise
- To estimate costs of implementing selected intervention package for planning and budgetary purposes

- **How?**

- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Costing and budgeting tools
- Example from Ethiopia presented by Wendwosen Feleke, Abt Associates Country Office



Identifying available resources and determining the financing gap

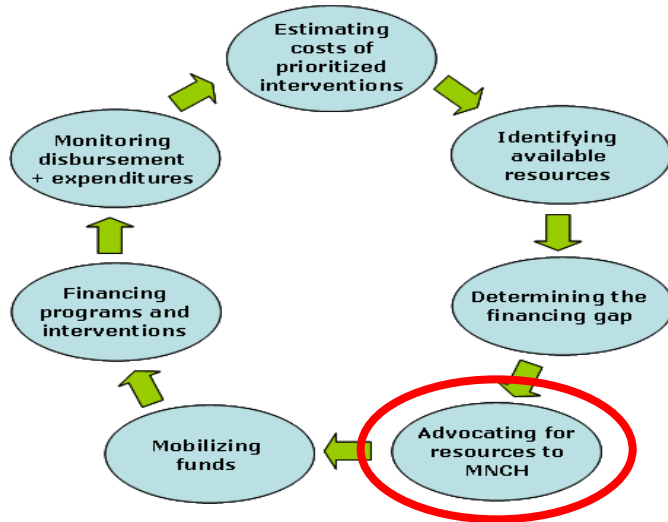
- **Why important?**

- In order to mobilize needed resources, need to know what the financing gap is

- **How?**

- Financial analysis of available resources and projected revenues, followed by subtracting estimated costs of selected package

Advocating for resources to MNCH

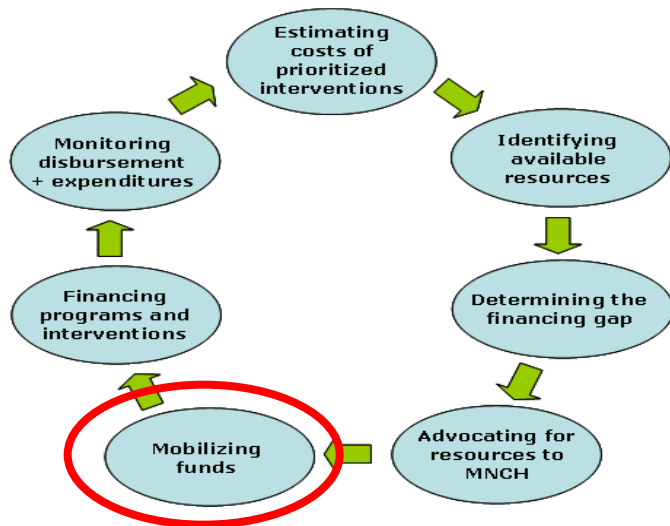


- **Why important?**

- Health budgets are limited and domestic policy makers and international donor agencies need to be convinced that more investment in MNCH is necessary

- **How?**

- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Example from Mexico presented by Shaamela Cassiem, International Budget Partnership



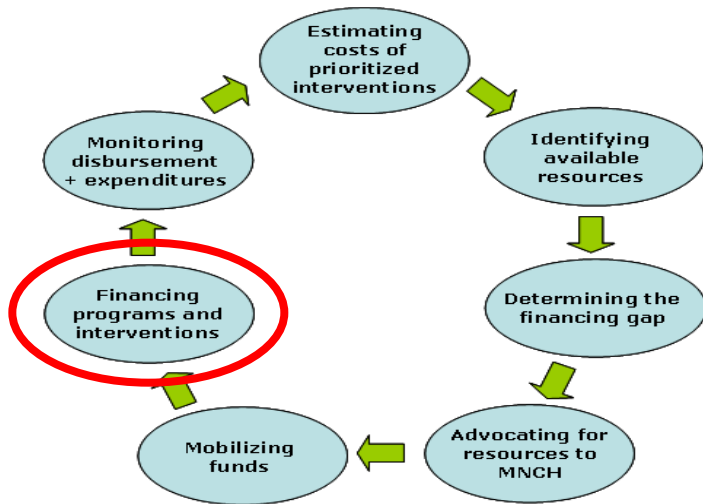
Mobilizing funds for MNCH

- **Why important?**

- To accelerate progress towards MDGs 4 and 5 and other health outcomes, programs and interventions need to be financed adequately

- **How?**

- Biram Ndiaye, Senegal Committee Against Malnutrition
- Melanie Galvin, Canadian International Development Agency



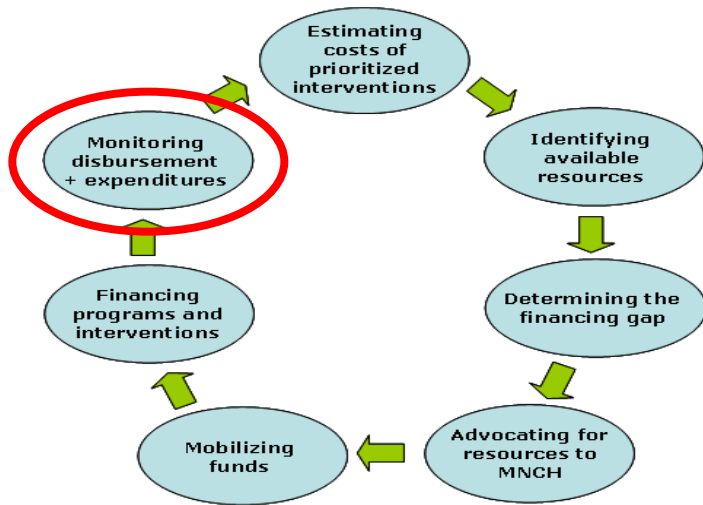
Financing programs and interventions

- **Why important?**

- The way MNCH programs and interventions are financed can have a critical impact on budgets, incentives, and access and financial protection

- **How?**

- Ok Pannenborg, World Bank



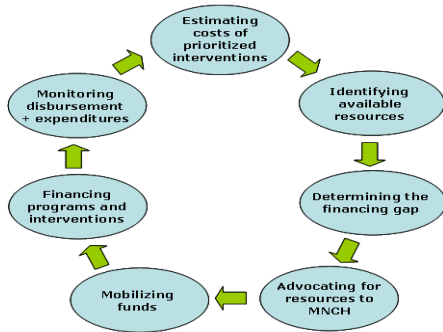
Monitoring/tracking disbursement and expenditures for MNCH

- **Why important?**

- To ensure that commitments to MNCH are being fulfilled and that expenditures are spent for intended purposes and in a cost-effective manner

- **How?**

- Monitoring tools and methods developed by International Budget Project, presented by Shaamela Cassiem
- Example from Ethiopia presented by Wendwosen Feleke (sub-accounts on child and reproductive health of the National Health Accounts)



Summary

- Systematically doing the steps in the MNCH financing cycle can increase resources and accountability
- Link each step to the national planning cycle
- Should be an ongoing process
- Use tools to inform process, but ensure that inputs are sound