

Latin American Countdown to 2015 Conference, Cape Town

Bolivia

- Policies to address inequity:
 - Mother and Child Universal Insurance with interventions during pregnancy, delivery and postpartum care, neonatal care, cervical cancer, contraception, and adolescent health
 - Development of a Intercultural, Family, and Community Model of health care, with outreach strategies including social movements participation
 - Address key social and economic determinants: e.g. Malnutrition “O” Initiative
 - Built Alliances: CONAN, (Nutrition) Safe motherhood and Newborn National Committee with common plans, and monitoring and evaluation for mothers, newborns and children.

Brasil

- Integrated policies addressing Maternal and Neonatal, Child Mortality, including:

Empowerment of women

- Women Health / including HIV AIDS focus
- Adolescents free drug program
- Domestic and intrafamily violence
- Adolescent Pregnancies
- Reproductive and Sexual rights for handicapped persons

National pact for the reduction of maternal, neoantal and child mortality (Government and key stakeholders)

Guatemala

- National plan to address maternal, neonatal and child mortality including nutrition, focused on selected municipalities for extreme poverty reduction
- Specific financing policies towards empowerment of women, and families to address poverty

Recommendations

- Increase budget for health and education and advocate with Congress and Presidential Cabinets
- Create mechanisms to ensure that resources are properly allocated at national, departmental and municipal level
- Promote alliances and partnerships with civil society to position MNCH as a priority as well as to develop and implement monitoring and evaluation and accountability mechanisms
- Need to adjust national policies to socio cultural local contexts
- Ensure that protocols and standards are evidence based and are well implemented targeting skilled health professionals
- Need to recognize traditional practices and non conventional therapies that are not harmful; should be included in the service delivery care
- Ensure that essential MNCH services are offered to families when contacting services for any reason

Next Steps

- Strengthen the concept and implementation of the continuum of care approach in MNCH

Next Steps at regional level

- The Government of Brazil is committed to convene a regional meeting at the end November / first week of December 2008 with a focus on:
 - Regional Monitoring of MDG 4 and 5
 - Poverty and environmental sustainability

It is recommend to use of existing regional integration mechanisms to promote MNCH and international agreements

- Comunidad Andina de Naciones
- CICA
- MERCOSUR
- Cumbre Iberoamericana
- CARICOM

Next Steps

- Convene inter professional associations meetings among FLASOG, ALAPE, ICM, NURSES to promote a common agenda to promote the best practices available in MNCH and Reproductive Health
- Disseminate countdown recommendations and conclusions to other countries thru:
 - MERCOSUR
 - REEMSA
 - CICA

Use the existing Maternal and Neonatal National Committees Professional Associations meetings to disseminate recommendations and best practices

28 May 2008, International Day of the reduction of maternal mortality, 5 Presidents of LAC will be in Haiti as well as International Cooperation to support Haiti's initiative to combat maternal, neonatal and child mortality.

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Recommendations for Declaration

- Ensure major LAC participation in up coming Countdown and international meetings by:
 - Translation Spanish and Portuguese
 - Financial resources
- Include in the commitment:
 - Participation of LAC as a region
 - Empowerment of women
 - Importance of including social movements role and the promotions of healthy practices
 - Include importance of alliances