

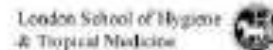
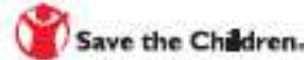
Towards Countdown 2010: Next Steps



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The partners in Countdown to 2015



The first Countdown in 2005

- An open forum for debate bringing together policy makers, academics, civil society, bilaterals and multilaterals
- A mechanism for strengthening accountability for newborn and child mortality reduction
- Limited follow-up action in countries

2008 Countdown: progress in the analysis

- Focus on the **continuum of care**
- **Expanded analysis**
 - Tracking financial assistance trends in 2003-2006
 - Human resources
 - Policy and health system indicators
- Diversified **products for different audiences**
 - Lancet Countdown Special Issue
 - Countdown 2008 report and country profiles
 - Materials for parliamentarians

2008 Countdown: progress in meeting

- Participation by 61 out of 68 focus countries
- Participation by parliamentarians of IPU Assembly
- Statement of Commitment by Ministers and participants
- Mechanism to follow-up in regions and countries discussed
- Significant media coverage

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Next steps: country action

- Country Countdowns
- Monitor commitments by governments and parliaments
- Create a mechanism for reporting on progress to the Head of State



Next steps: regional and global action

- Bring Countdown report and data to high-level regional fora
 - African Union Heads of State Summit
 - South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- Track actions by Members of Parliaments and report to IPU Assembly in April 2009 in Ethiopia

Next steps: Countdown 2010 analysis

- Tracking intervention coverage, inequity, donor assistance, and policies and systems
- Areas to expand
 - Health systems, particularly human resources
 - Nutrition
 - Adolescent health
 - Equity measurement
 - Domestic resources for MNCH
- Refine the methods and quality of data

Next steps: Countdown 2010 meeting

- The Global Campaign for the Health MDGs called for a "Status Now Conference" in 2010 to focus on women and children



Countdown 2010 meeting can serve that purpose