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Subject: Constitution of the Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Health Coalition (RMNCH)

The Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Health Coalition is hereby constituted to provide and advocate for policy and programme directions to achieve improved Reproductive Maternal Newborn and Child Health outcomes in India. The composition of RMNCH coalition is as follows :

1. Chairperson : Ms. Anuradha Gupta, AS & Mission Director, NRHM
2. Co-chairperson : Mr. Manoj Jhalani, Joint Secretary (RCH)
3. Member Secretary: Dr. Ajay Khera, Deputy Commissioner
4. Co-ordinator and Secretariat : Dr. Rajiv Tandon, Save the children

Members :

5. Dr. V.K.Paul, Prof.& Head, Dept. of Pediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi
6. Dr N K Arora, Paediatrician, & ED, INCLIN
7. Dr. Dileep Mavalankar, PHFI
8. Dr. Sandeep Gupta, FOGSI
9. Dr. M KC Nair, National Neonatal Forum
10. Dr. Rohit Agarwal, President, IAP
11. Dr. Abhay Bang, SEARCH
12. Dr. Aprajita Gogoi, WRAI
13. Dr. Bulbul Sood, JHPIEGO
14. Dr. Pratap Reddy, CII, Public Health council
15. WHO Representative
16. UNICEF Representative
17. UNFPA Representative
18. USAID Representative

19. DFID Representative
20. BMGF Representative
21. SIDA Representative

The Save the Children will serve as the Secretariat for the coalition and detail terms of reference of RMNCH coalition are annexed

Encl. Terms of reference



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1. All Members of RMNCH coalition

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1. PPS to Secretary (H&FW)
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5. Director (RCH)
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Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Health (RMNCH) Coalition

Terms of Reference

- I. **About Us:** The Coalition will be a group of policy and programme leaders committed to raising awareness, fostering collaboration, advocating for improved programmes to achieve RMNCH outcomes in India
- II. **Mission:** The RMNCH Coalition will propose and advocate for policy and programme directions to achieve improved RMNCH outcomes in India.
- III. **Members:** Government (Central and State Government agencies), Academia, Research and Training Institutes, Health Care Professional Associations, Local Bodies (Panchayats and Nagarpalikas), NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, Media, Corporates, bilateral, multilateral donors and UN agencies
- IV. **Composition and Function of the Coalition:** The RMNCH Coalition will consist of a Chairperson, Co-chairperson, Member Secretary, coordinator, Steering Committee, Action Groups or Task Forces and a secretariat. The Action Groups/Task Forces will work on specific issues and report to the Coalition Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will meet at least twice a year. The Action Groups/Task Forces will have individual chairs and meet as and when needed.
- V. **RMNCH Coalition Secretariat:** The Save the Children India will serve as the Secretariat for the Coalition (*see attachment 1: TOR for RMNCH Coalition*). The RMNCH Coalition Secretariat will be supported through funds that Save the Children India will mobilize. Save the Children's Senior Advisor (MNCHN) will act as the Coordinator of the RMNCH Coalition. Additional staff would be recruited in Save the Children (India) Secretariat if required to ensure smooth functioning of the RMNCH Coalition.
- VI. **Key Activities:**
 - a. The RMNCH Coalition will proactively engage with the RMNCH efforts of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health; the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health; and the independent Expert Review Group (ERG).
 - b. The RMNCH Coalition will map national and sub-national advocacy partners, capacity building in resource-tracking and policy analysis, development of online communication platforms(dedicated website) to bring partners together, workshops and meetings to promote cross-sectoral engagement, training in media/communication skills and message development, development and translation of policy briefs, annual reports on government of India and state governments on RMNCH related progress etc.

Attachment 1:

Role of the RMNCH Coalition Secretariat

Terms of Reference

Purpose: The Secretariat provides technical, administrative and logistical support to the Chair, Member Secretary, Steering Committee and other working groups of the RMNCH Coalition, to help achieve its Mission.

Duties: The primary duties of the Secretariat include the following:

- Maintain files and essential documents; Maintain the Coalition website
- Support Coalition meetings (e.g., managing correspondence and attendance lists, securing venues, preparing and disseminating minutes and supporting travel logistics and costs for selected meeting participants)
- Provide document preparation services (e.g., editing, formatting, and printing for approved Coalition publications, such as the *Operational Guidelines*)
- Hire and support consultants for specialized assignments, as requested
- Contribute to strategic and administrative planning (e.g., evolution of structure, ideas for advocacy events)
- Contribute to technical and advocacy initiatives, according to the ability and interest of the Secretariat organization, and with Steering Committee approval (e.g., preparing technical SOW, conducting special studies or reviews, organizing advocacy events)
