Accelerating Progress in saving the Lives of Women and Children

The 2013 report for the Global Campaign for the Health Millennium Development Goals

Oslo, 22nd January 2013 -- The Global Campaign for the Health Millennium Development Goals was initiated by Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg of Norway in 2007. The Campaign brings together a number of actions and initiatives, all aimed at fulfilling the promises given by world leaders in the Millennium Declaration in 2000. Since the launch regularly reports have been published focusing on progress on women’s and children’s health.

The report of 2013, Accelerating Progress in saving the Lives of Women and Children, provides an update on the significant developments and new commitments since 2010, when the United Nations Secretary-General launched his Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health.

“Such national initiatives as Saving One Million Lives in Nigeria, the National Rural Health Mission of India and Safe Motherhood in Malawi are characterized by strong national political backing at the highest level and clear national priority setting” writes Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway in their joint overview.

A tipping point for change: saving millions more lives in 2013 and beyond.

It sets out how initiatives will be further developed in a coordinated and effective manner, with a view to accelerating the significant progress that is now being made in reducing maternal and child deaths.

The report has contributions from the UN Secretary-General, Heads of States and Governments and other Global Leaders from UN agencies, Funds and Foundations, Regional and Parliamentary organizations, Private sector and Civil Society organizations, and a thematic article on the Progress on MDG 4 and 5; Insights from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010.

The 2013 report is published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Norad has contributed with technical, policy and editorial support for the report, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister’s Office. It will be launched at the conference Accelerating Progress: Saving Women’s and Children’s lives in the coming Decade in Oslo 22nd January 2013. An electronic version and previous reports can be found on www.norad.no/globalcampaign

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