BRIDGING THE FUNDING GAP for RMNCAH

The past two decades have seen unprecedented progress in improving the lives of women, adolescents, and children. However, far too many newborns, children, adolescents, and women still die of preventable conditions every year, and far too few have reliable access to quality health services. A large funding gap remains—US$33.3 billion in 2015 in high burden, low- and lower-middle-income countries, equivalent to US$9.42 per capita per year—that can only be addressed by dramatic increases from both domestic and international sources. The Global Financing Facility (GFF) in support of Every Woman Every Child was launched in July 2015 to respond to this challenge and help close this funding gap.

THE GFF MEANS SMART, SCALED AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCING DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AND MEASURE RESULTS

1. SMART

Smart financing ensures that evidence-based interventions—whether clinical and preventive, health systems strengthening, or multisectoral—are prioritized and delivered in an efficient, results-focused manner.

2. SCALED

Scaled financing entails mobilizing the additional resources necessary to finance fully the RMNCAH agenda from domestic and international, and public and private sources.

3. SUSTAINABLE

Sustainable financing secures universal access to essential services by capturing the benefits of economic growth and addressing the challenges of transitioning from low- to middle-income status.

THE COMBINED EFFECT OF THE GFF AND STRONG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The GFF aims to reduce inefficiency in health spending over time, ultimately resulting in a reduction of the incremental resource needs for RMNCAH of approximately 15% by 2030, which would lower the resources required by more than US$6 billion per year.
62 HIGH-BURDEN, LOW- AND LOWER-MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANT FINANCING FROM THE GFF

Prompt initiation of GFF support creates more opportunities to plan for economic growth and capture the benefits of it in ways that shift countries onto trajectories toward sustainable financing, which would enable nearly 20 countries to graduate from receiving GFF funding to fully financing their national RMNCAH responses from domestic resources by 2030. Currently, 62 high-burden, low- and lower-middle-income countries (highlighted above) are eligible for financing from the GFF Trust Fund.

IN THIS NEW ERA OF FINANCING, THE GFF LEADS THE WAY

The GFF acts as a pathfinder in a new era of financing for development by pioneering a model that shifts away from focusing solely on official development assistance to an approach that combines external support, domestic financing, and innovative sources for resource mobilization and delivery (including the private sector) in a synergistic way. The GFF will serve as a major vehicle for financing the proposed SDG on healthy lives and will play a special role in scaling up financing to support the UN Secretary-General’s renewed “Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health.”

THE GFF IS FOCUSED ON ACHIEVING AND MEASURING RESULTS

At the heart of the GFF approach is a rigorous focus on achieving and measuring results. The GFF provides results-focused financing to drive progress toward ending preventable maternal, adolescent, and child deaths, while also supporting the systems—particularly civil registration and vital statistics—needed to monitor progress and measure results.

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GFF financing will help prevent between 24 and 38 million deaths of women, adolescents, and children by 2030 (including the stillbirths that would be averted as a result of family planning).