



EVERY WOMAN
EVERY CHILD

Sanitation

Since 1990, almost 1.9 billion people have gained access to an improved sanitation facility; however, we are not on track to meet the MDG sanitation target by 2015. The reality is that 1.1 billion people still defecate in the open and 2.5 billion people do not have adequate sanitation facilities.

To learn more about partners working on sanitation in support of *Every Woman Every Child* see below.

Business Community

Nestle

Overall, Nestlé maintains nearly 300 business-related activities and programmes which directly support the MDGs – particularly related to women's empowerment and health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and community development, especially in rural areas. This unique engagement experience with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is based on Nestlé's fundamental business philosophy of Creating Shared Value whereby healthy communities, lead to healthy economic systems for growth and development.

Unilever

By 2020, we are committed to helping more than 1 billion people improve their health and to providing clean water to 500 million people. The work we do to achieve these targets will support progress towards Millennium Development Goal Four.

By 2015, our Lifebuoy soap brand aims to improve the handwashing behavior of 1 billion people in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America, including school children and mothers with newborns. Handwashing with soap reduces diarrhoeal disease and pneumonia-- the world's two leading causes of deaths in under-5s.

We are also working to reduce diarrhoeal disease by improving access to clean drinking water and basic sanitation. By 2020, we aim to provide 500m people with safe drinking water through our PureIt water purifier – while our Domestos brand will help 400,000 people gain access to safe toilets and hygiene facilities.

The Unilever Foundation's partnerships with Oxfam, Save the Children, the World Food Programme, Population Services International and UNICEF will help us achieve our goals. We will reach millions of

children in the poorest communities in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia with life saving nutrition, sanitation and health interventions.

CSOs & NGOs

African Coalition on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

The Africa MNCH Coalition commits to innovative and targeted advocacy over the next four years towards: improved domestic resources, budgeting and policy; political commitments, monitoring, accountability; and innovative partnerships. Advocacy will focus on both the health sector and on social determinant sectors which impact strongly on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH), but which are not covered by health sector budgeting and policy. These include clean water, sanitation, hygiene, nutrition and food security, gender equality, and improved civil registration. The Africa MNCH Coalition also commits to strengthening advocacy for specific proven interventions such as immunization and human resources for health. The Africa MNCH Coalition further commits that all our advocacy efforts will include the millions of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, especially vulnerable women and children, whose plight is a blight on the progress of the African continent. This new approach emphasizing improved policy and budgeting in key social determinant sectors is based on the landmark August 2011 Africa Integrated MNCH Advocacy Strategy, developed with the African Union Commission and a cross-section of partners. The Strategy integrates cross cutting- issues impacting MNCH, and importantly includes both alignment of the Global Strategy for Women and Children's Health with African MNCH Frameworks for more effective and integrated implementation at continental and country-level, and promotion of African ownership and accountability.

Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth

Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth commits to develop and uphold a Code of Conduct that puts forth standards of excellence for all repositories to be upheld in partnership with countries where repositories are being established; collaborate with its Research Harmonization Committee to developing repositories in consideration of efforts to enhance national capacity of the country's healthcare and research sectors; work collaboratively with the local community to develop innovative approaches to engagement in research; evaluate the effectiveness of upholding the Code of Conduct and identify areas for further enhancement of operations in each country on an annual basis. Engage cross-sectors (nutrition, water, sanitation) in such efforts with the resolve of conducting the most comprehensive research to achieve improved birth outcomes. Share best practices in research at a conference in 2012 for all organizations and publish a case statement outlining the critical need for strategic investments in pregnancy and post-birth scientific research where large health gains can be achieved through the

development of new, low-cost, high-impact innovations and develop a global advocacy campaign to catalyze funding to promote the utilization of new science, technology and tools to advance research and development on pregnancy and early life.

[Water.org](#)

For the past two decades, Water.org has strived to develop and drive market-based and scalable models that can more effectively address water and sanitation needs at the base of the economic pyramid. Water.org is committed to taking this approach to the next level by expanding and scaling its WaterCredit initiative in India to reach a minimum of 800,000 people, of which more than half are women and children, with clean water and sanitation by 2016. This approach, Water.org's initial commitment to Every Woman Every Child, will empower thousands of households to gain access to critical financial services to meet their own water and sanitation needs over-time, and improve their well-being. More than 90 percent of WaterCredit loan recipients will be women.

[WaterAid](#)

Diarrhoea, caused by lack of access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and hygiene practices, kills 4,000 a day, every day. It is the biggest cause of under-five mortality in sub-Saharan Africa. The absence of these basic services continues not only to risk the lives of women and children, but also has a crucial impact on the quality of their lives, on their levels of poverty, on educational attainment, and on life opportunities. WaterAid, through our direct work and partnership with civil society, government, international organisations, academic institutions and the media, aims to ensure access to improved sanitation, hygiene and safe drinking water for a further 25 million people by 2015. By influencing the policies and practices of governments and service providers we hope to reach a further 100 million people. WaterAid will: promote and secure poor people's rights and access to safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation; support governments and service providers in developing their capacity to deliver safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation; and advocate for the essential role of safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation in human development.

[World Association of Girls Guides and Girl Scouts](#)

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has committed 2013 to be the year for Every Woman and Every Child. Girl Guide and Girl Scout organizations in over 100 countries, with a combined membership of 10 million girls and young women, will deliver education programmes, implement community action projects and advocate for change at national and community level including education and awareness campaigns focused on topics including family planning, early marriage, hygiene and sanitation

