

The Humanitarian and Sustainable Development Contiguuum: Every Women, Every Child, Every Setting

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Bringing Every Setting into Focus for Every Woman Every Child

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Every woman's, newborn's, child's and adolescent's health is context dependent

- ❑ **95 per cent** of disaster fatalities occur in developing countries
- ❑ High-mortality countries - unlikely to achieve the MDGs for women's and children's survival – **more than 80 per cent** have suffered a recent conflict or recurring natural disasters or both
- ❑ **60 per cent of preventable maternal deaths and 53% of under-five deaths** take place in settings of conflict, displacement and natural disasters
- ❑ Newborns have the **highest risk of mortality** in these circumstances
- ❑ In fragile or hostile settings, **women and adolescent girls** in particular, also confront exclusion, marginalization, and exploitation, including sexual and gender-based violence (S-GBV)

Give specific attention to humanitarian contexts across age-related needs in the new **Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Every Setting**

- ❑ **Broaden the Scope** of the EWEC Global Strategy
- ❑ Situate the **EWEC Global Strategy as a delivery platform essential to the SDGs' success**
- ❑ **Recalibrate EWEC** for greater relevance to and effectiveness in **every setting**
- ❑ Support **critical interventions** relevant across the life course and to every setting

Implementation, financing and governance of humanitarian action

- ❑ It is estimated that the average duration of major refugee situations in developing countries almost doubled, from 9 years in 1993 to **17 years** in 2003
- ❑ As humanitarian disasters diversify and lengthen in duration, the need for **longer term costed and funded strategies** escalates
- ❑ **Schism between development and humanitarian**
- ❑ Need for **multi-stakeholder process** to develop, adopt and finance a comprehensive development investment plan
- ❑ More than ever before – we need these **communities to come together**, to support each other's efforts and work in more complementary ways