



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the visionary behind the *Every Woman Every Child* movement, presented today with Delivering for Girls and Women Award

March 15, 2016, New York City -- On the occasion of the Commission on the Status of Women's annual meeting and during an *Every Woman Every Child* event at U.N. headquarters, Women Deliver presented the first-ever 'Delivering for Girls and Women' award to the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Women Deliver is a leading global advocacy organization for the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. The Women Deliver award was created to recognize true visionaries for game-changing efforts that move the needle forward for girls and women, and to initiatives, like *Every Woman Every Child*, that will lead to significant progress in the future.

"While I am honored to receive this award, the true champions are fighting on the frontlines for health rights everyday," remarked the Secretary-General. "This recognition is a testament to their dedication and to the hundreds of *Every Woman Every Child* partners who are united around a common vision to ensure the survival, health, and well-being of women, children, and adolescents in every setting."

"The UN Secretary-General has helped propel gender equality and girls' and women's health, rights and wellbeing to the forefront of the global agenda and into the SDGs," said Katja Iversen, CEO of Women Deliver. "His commitment to the new global health strategy and to the health and rights of every woman, every child and every adolescent everywhere has been outstanding".

The UN Secretary-General is been a champion for the health, rights, and wellbeing of millions of people around the world. He created *Every Woman Every Child* in 2010 to galvanize attention and support at the highest levels to end preventable deaths for women and children. Now for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) an updated *Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health* (2016-2030) underpins the movement and provides a roadmap for ending preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents and helps them achieve their potential for health and well-being in all settings. Its three objectives—Survive (end preventable deaths), Thrive (ensure health and well-being) and Transform (expand enabling environments)—are fully aligned with the SDGs. By working together, *Every Woman Every Child* partners have already saved the lives of millions of women and children and, by advancing the Global Strategy, will continue to support them to achieve their full potential.

Over 40 countries and over 120 multi-stakeholder partners have already made commitments to the *Global Strategy*, totaling over \$25 billion. At the event the UN Secretary-General called all stakeholders to make a new commitment to *Every Woman Every Child* or renew an existing one, to be announced at three opportunities this May: at the Fourth Global Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen; at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul; and at the World Health Assembly in Geneva.

To find out more about the *Global Strategy*, *Every Woman Every Child*, and how you can make a commitment—please visit www.everywomaneverychild.org and for advocacy resources visit www.EWECHUB.org.

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ABOUT THE AWARD

The Delivering for Girls and Women Award is an award given to visionaries, who are pushing the needle forward on progress for girls and women. It is given to and honoring a special individual or a group who has



not only has accomplished great things in the past but also has set in motion systems and started initiatives that will lead to real, tangible, magnificent, incredible progress for girls and women.

ABOUT EVERY WOMAN EVERY CHILD

Launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Summit in September 2010, *Every Woman Every Child* is an unprecedented global movement that mobilizes and intensifies international and national action by governments, multilaterals, the private sector and civil society to address the major health challenges facing women and children around the world. *Every Woman Every Child* is the fastest growing public health partnership in history. Since its beginning in 2010, the partners of the *Every Woman Every Child* movement have contributed to saving the lives of millions of women and children and supported them to achieve their full potential. The three objectives of *Every Woman Every Child's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health—Survive* (end preventable deaths), *Thrive* (ensure health and well-being) and *Transform* (expand enabling environments)—are fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with 17 targets spanning nine SDG goals.

ABOUT WOMEN DELIVER

Women Deliver believes that when the world invests in girls and women, everybody wins. As a leading, global advocate for girls' and women's health, rights, and wellbeing, Women Deliver brings together diverse voices and interests to drive progress in maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights. We build capacity, share solutions, and forge partnerships, together creating coalitions, communication, and action that spark political commitment and investment in girls and women. Our work includes: Convening [global and regional conferences](#); Engaging [new allies](#) in the movement; Building the [next generation](#) of advocates and Developing [advocacy tools](#) and resources.