Leaders advocating for

EVEN WOMAN
EVEN CHILD

Every Woman Every Child is an unprecedented global movement, spearheaded by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, to mobilize and intensify global action to improve the health of women and children around the world. 235 organizations, including 70 governments, have made commitments to advance the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health. Working with leaders from more than 30 UN agencies and multilateral organizations, the private sector and civil society, Every Woman Every Child aims to save the lives of 15 million women and children and improve the lives of millions more.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON

“When women and children die needlessly from disease, or complications which can be prevented, it is a tragedy. It is a tragedy of the world because these deaths are easily preventable.”

Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon (left) and his wife, Yoo Soon-taek (right), meet a mother and child at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The visit to the Centre is part of a three-nation Southeast Asian tour of maternal and child health facilities.

WHAT NATIONS ARE SAYING

“We hope that we can look back on 2013 as the tipping point – when the bulk of the Every Women Every Child countries accelerated progress towards MDGs 4 and 5.”

- Gro Harlem Brundtland, President of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

“The Government of Ethiopia is committed to improving the health of its people, with particular emphasis on women and children.”

- Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

“Improving women’s and children’s health remains a high priority in Indonesia, particularly in the context of achieving the MDGs by 2015.”

- Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia

“As a woman and a mother, I believe that there is no wish more basic, no task more important, than protecting the health of a child and the mother. As Prime Minister, I wish to see a healthy world population where everyone has access to quality health care regardless of race or gender.”

- Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

“I was pleased to co-chair with President Kikwete of Tanzania, in early 2011, the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children’s Health, which recommended practical actions to deliver better results from our shared actions. The Commission proposed a simple but powerful framework of accountability – monitor, review and act – and Canada is doing just that.”

- Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada