John Snow Inc.'s (JSI) commitments to *Every Woman Every Child* from 2016-2020 include actions in at least 10 countries to:

- Scale up innovative reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCH+A) interventions.
- Improve quality of health data, and respond to the growing demand for information-driven health services planning and management.
- Support inter-sectoral nutrition interventions by helping governments implement Scaling Up Nutrition initiatives.
- Train and support more than 20,000 health workers, community-based workers, and volunteers.
- Reduce inequities in access to and use of immunization services by supporting approaches to Reach Every Community/Child and introducing new vaccines.
- Strengthen supply chains for priority *Every Woman Every Child* health products, such as vaccines, contraceptives, and other MNCH supplies.

John Snow, Inc. (JSI) and its nonprofit affiliate JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. are public health management consulting and research organizations dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities in the US and internationally. Since 1978, JSI has implemented over 2500 projects around the globe to ensure women, children, and adolescents have access to quality essential health services, affordable medicines, routine vaccinations, and adequate nutrition.

**KEY RESULTS**

- **Implemented RMNCH+A interventions in 22 countries**, including working with the Government of Nepal to scale-up use of the antiseptic chlorhexidine to reduce neonatal mortality and umbilical cord infection.
- **Strengthened health information systems in 9 countries**, including helping the Guinean Ministry of Health transition from paper-based record collection to the DHIS 2 platform to improve data quality and use.
- **Supported effective nutrition interventions at the community, facility, and national levels in 11 countries**, including working with the Ministry of Health in Liberia to scale up the Essential Nutrition Actions.
- **Enhanced health workforce capacity by training 108,735 individuals** and health and community workers in 37 countries.
- **Built stronger routine immunization systems in 19 countries**, including assisting India’s Ministry of Health introduce the rotavirus vaccine in 4 states.
- **Strengthened supply chains in 14 countries**, including supporting the national strategic plan for reproductive commodity security in Ethiopia to ensure access to contraceptives and essential health supplies in all public facilities.

**ABOUT EVERY WOMAN EVERY CHILD**

*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. The movement puts into action the *Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health* which presents a roadmap on how to enhance financing, strengthen policy and improve service on the ground for the most vulnerable women and children.

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LESSONS LEARNED

Innovations must be integrated into existing systems to be sustainable and taken to scale. JSI works with in-country partners from the private sector, governments, and NGOs to ensure that interventions are tailored to country context and integrated into local systems, including policies, health services, and information and procurement systems. This enables in-country actors to scale up and sustain access to life-saving services and products and achieve lasting impact.

Data is the cornerstone of responsive and proactive public health policies and programs. An emphasis on iterative data collection and analysis over the program lifecycle facilitates insights into program implementation, including program strengths and weaknesses. Real-time data analysis ensures a consistent focus on data timeliness and quality and prompt, evidence-based actions to course correct or fill gaps where needed.

A multi-sectoral, context-specific approach, while difficult, is crucial to truly improve nutrition. A multi-sectoral approach, which addresses the complex determinants of malnutrition across food and health systems, hygiene, agriculture, and more, is vital to improve women’s and children’s nutrition. However, working across sectors can pose challenges for coordination, design, and evaluation, which require effort, mutual trust, learning, and iteration to overcome.

Strong routine immunization programs are essential to child survival. The focus is often on externally-funded, disease-specific vaccination campaigns, yet vaccination coverage levels have stalled in many countries, which in turn limits the impact of new life-saving vaccines. JSI has learned that we must focus on improved policies, monitoring and evaluation, human resources, delivery and supply systems, local political commitment and ownership, partnerships with civil society and communities, and sustainable financing to strengthen routine immunization programs and save lives.

PARTNERSHIPS

With support from multi-lateral organizations, the United States government, other bilateral development agencies, and private foundations, JSI partners with governments around the world to fulfill its Every Woman Every Child commitments.

JSI works with partners at all levels of the health system, with an emphasis on the community, to strengthen local government responses, build upon existing networks, and expand the role of communities in planning, implementation, and monitoring efforts to implement sustainable projects that improve the health of women and children. JSI also partners with thought leaders and working groups, including academic institutions, UN entities, and professional organizations, to share lessons and strengthen RMNCH+A programming globally.

JSI works in 41 countries around the world, including the United States.

NEXT STEPS

JSI is committed and proud to support country progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths (EPCMD), Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN), Reaching Every District/Child (RED/REC), and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) efforts to improve survival and health for every woman and every child around the world.

To date, JSI has met or exceeded nearly all of its 2016-2020 Every Woman Every Child goals and is actively working to go beyond these goals to contribute to further advancements in mitigating barriers to health for women, children, and adolescents. Taking the lessons learned from its many programs, JSI advocates for best practices, and continues to be engaged in building innovative and successful approaches and taking these approaches to scale.