

## Accountability Breakfast 2020 Key Messages and Talking Points

- COVID-19 is a massive threat to hard-won gains for women, children and adolescents around the world. The current crisis pushes new progress further away and magnifies existing social and economic fractures. Accountability matters deeply to citizens but is often lacking.
- Held during the 2020 UN General Assembly, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), White Ribbon Alliance and Every Woman Every Child, will host a live event (Tues 29 Sept, 8-12 noon EST) focusing on accountability for women, children and adolescents during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.
- Nothing is inevitable about the way that we rebuild our systems and society in the wake of COVID-19: Yet the collective choices we make -- moral, political and fiscal choices about what, and for whom – will write our history.
- The Accountability Breakfast will bring people with the power to make changes together with people calling for fundamental changes to be made and demanding “How are you playing your part to support women, children and adolescents?”
- The Power of voice , The Power of people , The Power of partnership united for every woman, child and adolescent will help forge a path forward for an energized community, working together to advance the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.
- This special half-day event, led by the Rt Hon Helen Clark, Board Chair of PMNCH and moderated by Mercy Juma of BBC Africa, the event will:
  - Discuss the difference that women’s political leadership makes to public accountability in relation to the pandemic;
  - Present new findings from the *2020 Progress Report on the EWEC Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health*;
  - Feature a citizen’s parliament that brings together women’s and girls’ lived experiences, a panel of female community leaders from India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria and the United Kingdom, in dialogue with political leaders for commitments to the Call-to-Action on COVID-19;
  - Unite partners in aligning for action under a new ambitious five-year strategy for PMNCH.
- The event will feature moderated chats led by Jane Rabothata of SABC Channel Africa, as well as live polling, and will be available in English, French and Spanish.
- Recovery from COVID-19 requires all of us to work together: global health, WASH, education, nutrition and gender-based networks. In this defining moment we are calling for leadership, action, and hope for a world in crisis. It is the responsibility of leaders to citizens and citizens to each other.
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