



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Two-day virtual summit explores the impact of COVID-19 on women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH) and how to restore and improve services going forward**

**WHAT:** *Lives in the Balance* is a major international summit bringing together hundreds of representatives from governments, UN agencies, policy framers, donor agencies, academia, primary and community health providers, NGOs, private sector, youth organisations and grassroots advocacy groups in an interactive, virtual space over two days.

Delegates will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 on sexual, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and rights, reflect on lessons learned and consider how post-pandemic global health systems can be built back with more robust protections and provision for women, children and young people.

Major sessions include:

- *Preparedness and Health Systems Strengthening: How to protect WCAH*
- *Protecting the most underserved: Women, children and adolescents in humanitarian and fragile settings*
- *Voices of the affected: The many ways COVID-19 is changing our lives*
- *Solutions to fight the 'infodemic' of misinformation*
- *Creative financing to deliver quality health services and supplies to women, children and adolescents*
- *Youth and digital engagement*

At the end of the summit delegates will come together to share learnings and voice how they would like to see the outcomes of the sessions to be applied to benefit their work and partnerships at the national and community levels.

**WHO:** *Lives in the Balance* is being jointly convened by the World Health Organization **Partnership for Maternal Newborn & Child Health**, the largest global alliance for WCAH, comprising over 1000 organizations from more than 192 countries, and **CORE Group**, a membership organization of over 185 organizations and individuals collectively working in over 180 countries to improve and expand

community health practices for underserved populations, especially women and children, through collaborative action and learning.

Key speakers include:

- **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, WHO Director-General
- **Helen Clark**, Chair of PMNCH and former Prime Minister of New Zealand
- **Lisa Hilmi**, Director General, the Core Group
- **Helga Fogstad**, Executive Director of PMNCH

**WHEN: Wednesday, 1 July, 2020 – Thursday, 2 July, 2020**

**REGISTER:** <https://livesinthebalancesummit.org/>

As a registered journalist, you will be able to take part in proceedings, receive updates, media releases and statements, and bid for interviews with key speakers and delegates.

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