



Who is hosting the Summit?

The Summit is being hosted by PMNCH and Core Group.

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) is the world's largest alliance for women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH), bringing together over 1,000 partner organizations across 192 countries. Learn more here: www.pmnch.org

CORE Group's mission is to improve and expand community health practices for underserved populations, especially women and children, through collaborative action and learning. CORE Group's membership is composed of over 180 US- and internationally-based NGOs, faith-based organizations, private sector institutions, academia, and individuals collectively working to advance community health policy and implementation. Learn more here: <https://coregroup.org/>

Why is the Summit necessary?

There has been a surge of virtual events, webinars, panels and conversations around COVID-19 to generate resources, disseminate tools and recommendations, and to discuss the challenges unique to this particular viral pandemic. However, there has not been a coordinated effort to bring organizations together to take pause, to document and make sense of all the available information, and to share the poignant and powerful lessons we are learning. It is crucial that the global community come together, at this moment, to identify common understandings, effective practices, and to shore up resources in anticipation of a sustained and far-reaching crisis unfolding in the developing world as a result of the outbreak. And while the current situation demands rapid and thoughtful response, at the same time, health ministries, global and local organizations will also have to prepare for the second wave of the COVID-19 infections, as well as for future pandemics.

What are the objectives of the Summit?

The Summit's objectives are to: **Pause and REFLECT** on the global response to COVID-19 and provide an opportunity for introspection to better prepare for the healthy recovery that the world needs. **SHARE** best practices for COVID-19 response from a variety of stakeholders, including how agencies and organizations have rapidly adapted program activities during the pandemic while maintaining quality programming and communications. **COLLABORATE and ACT** as we forge a path forward with innovative approaches, new partnerships and an energized community to work together to advance the health and well-being of Women, Children, and Adolescents.

A key focus will be country-voices, the lived experiences of community health workers, youth and vulnerable populations, (migrants, refugees, people living with disabilities, etc.) participating in the event and sharing their stories.

What is the programming of the Summit?

The Summit will include keynote addresses, high-level plenary sessions on topics related to the key COVID-19 themes, concurrent sessions in “break-out rooms” to allow a deep dive on specific topics related to each of the Virtual Summit’s objectives, opportunities to network, create social connections, showcase best practices, and join engaging (and energizing!) activities.

The PMNCH advocacy plan will also be launched at the Summit. It sets forth a multi-point call-to-action to be led by our champions as part of a coordinated two-year campaign, equipping and aligning partners at all levels to effectively advocate for the advocacy asks most relevant to them

How is the Summit different?

The Summit will embrace the latest technologies in virtual engagement and creativity to allow diverse participation, rich conversation, sustained engagement and co-creation.

In addition to the Summit platform, a wider audience will be engaged using livestream features on social media.

Who will attend the Summit?

We anticipate up to 1,000 participants from civil society, health professional associations, youth groups, private sector, UN agencies, academia, donor agencies, and the general public.

The Summit is free and open to the public, and the plenaries are translated to Spanish, French and ISL. There will also be networking opportunities in Spanish and French and for the deaf and hard of hearing.

What is the Marketplace?

Marketplace presentations share new tools, innovations, projects, and topics that relate to a selected theme. Themes for the Summit are:

- Room 1: Youth Engagement
- Room 2: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Room 3: Nutrition and Food Security
- Room 4: Sexual Reproductive Health / Family Planning
- Room 5: Digital Health

This session format encourages diverse feedback, small group problem solving, and in-depth conversations.

How do I register and stay tuned for updates?

To register please visit our website, www.livesinthebalancesummit.org. It’s the one stop shop for everything about the Summit. There you’ll find the agenda, news about speakers and entertainers and information about the Marketplace and Networking.