AlignMNH is a knowledge-sharing and convening platform enabling purposeful and rapid sharing of science, evidence, and programmatic experience for the maternal and newborn health communities. Driven by country priorities, AlignMNH creates space for stakeholders to learn from ground-level implementation, problem solve around challenges, celebrate success, debate strategies, and align around priority issues for mothers and newborns and prevention of stillbirths.

The Challenge

With only 10 years remaining, urgent, collective action is needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-era targets for maternal and newborn health (MNH) and prevention of stillbirths. While many countries have taken meaningful steps, progress has plateaued and MNH priorities risk getting lost amid multiple competing health priorities, especially as countries transition through phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. We must act now to accelerate progress if we are to meet our collective goals.

We have heard from hundreds of stakeholders within the MNH community to understand what more can be done to accelerate progress:

Nurture meaningful collaboration and build a common agenda. Global MNH efforts have appeared separate, despite the inextricable links among maternal and newborn health outcomes.

Streamline and accelerate knowledge sharing. Information overload and the lack of a centralized location for information and resources have been noted as key challenges.

Address knowledge gaps and highlight what works and how. There are insufficient opportunities to share and discuss implementation experience and realities, regularly review progress, and learn what is working in different country settings.

Principles That Guide Our Work

Focus on the mother-baby dyad and drive collaboration among the maternal and newborn health communities.

Ensure action is driven by country perspectives and priorities.

Regularly review metrics to track progress.

Promote debate and discussion of evidence, research, and learning.

Focus on practical solutions that address realities on the ground.

Avoid duplication of existing efforts — instead, amplify them.

Recognize that all knowledge and experience is valuable and we have much to learn from one another.

AlignMNH will bring together national and subnational leaders and policymakers, implementers and program managers, scientists and researchers, as well as global agencies and donors to nurture a culture of information sharing behind which the MNH community can align as we drive toward 2030. AlignMNH will build from the work and knowledge sharing already occurring and provide a centralized location and meeting space for exchanging information on best practices, guidelines, technical advocacy tools, and communities of practice in a regular and inclusive manner.

Our Services

Convenings

We convene key MNH stakeholders to review and discuss evidence and implementation science, share knowledge and experience, align around country priorities, track progress, and spark collective action.

A biannual conference series, the International MNH Conference, serves as our anchor, and is complemented by ongoing convenings and touchpoints across the MNH community to maintain momentum.

Engage Country Stakeholders

We engage with national MNH technical working groups and stakeholders to plan, course correct, and drive action, powered by data.

We facilitate opportunities for multidirectional learning and sharing of evidence and experience. We work in partnership to prioritize ways to address entrenched obstacles and gaps in reaching MNH milestones and goals.

We drive country-level, multisectoral technical advocacy for emerging evidence in MNH care and practices.

Virtual Knowledge-Sharing Platform

We host an online platform that serves as a gateway for the MNH community to access and share resources, learning, events, communities of practice, and other information needed to support progress.

The platform brings together the most up-to-date resources and serves as a mechanism for focused dialogue and discussion around strategies and solutions for ensuring effective coverage of evidence-based solutions.

Global Leadership and Collaboration

AlignMNH is guided by an international Steering Committee of 19 global thought leaders, with Jhpiego serving as Secretariat. Members have direct, practical, and in-depth country experience, and represent countries and communities from Afghanistan to Nepal, from Cameroon to South Africa.

AlignMNH calls on the entire global MNH community as collaborators in this urgent effort—we have much to learn from one another! We invite you to visit our website to learn more about how together we can help set the stage for a decade of continued learning and collective action.