Reaching the Vulnerable with Effective Health Services and Financial Protection
How Well are We Doing?

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Four Parts

- What is vulnerability?
- How many people are vulnerable?
- How well are reproductive maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services reaching these vulnerable people?
- How well are financial protection programs reaching them?
Part One: What is Vulnerability?
Two Illustrative Definitions

- World Bank Definition
- PMAC Definition
WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?
World Bank Definition

Vulnerable people are not now poor, but could easily become so if affected by some shock like illness or drought.
WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?
PMAC Definition

“The vulnerable population approach focuses on decreasing health inequalities between socially defined groups…”

- PMAC Secretariat
Dimensions of Health Vulnerability

- Ethnic
- Gender
- Religious
- Economic
- Place of residence
- Educational status
Part Two: How Many People Are Vulnerable?

- Current Situation
- Recent Trends
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY: Global Total

Note: The definition of “absolute poverty” is that of the World Bank—$1.90 daily per capita income or consumption, at 2011 prices as adjusted for intercountry differences in purchasing power.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POOR PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, 2015 (Projected)

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INCOME GROWTH AMONG LOWEST 40% of LOWER- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY POPULATIONS, c. 2007-12

Part Three: How Well Are RMNCH Services Reaching the Vulnerable?

• Current Situation
• Recent Trends
USE OF BASIC RMNCH SERVICES: Coverage Rates among Lowest and Highest 20% of the Population in Developing and Transitional Countries

Note: Number of countries varies from 45 to 76, according to type of health service covered.
Source: Demographic and Health Surveys
TRENDS IN INEQUALITY: USE OF BASIC RMNCH SERVICES—Average Experience of 74 Countries

Note: All figures are approximate.

TRENDS IN SERVICE COVERAGE INEQUALITY: Changes in Inequality between Bottom 40% and Top 60% of Population

Note: Number of countries varies from 23 and 65, according to health service.

TRENDS IN HEALTH STATUS INEQUALITY: Changes in Inequality between Bottom 40% and Top 60% of Population

Note: Number of countries varies from 23 and 65, according to health service.

Part Four: How Well are Health Insurance Programs Reaching the Vulnerable?

- The Overall Record
- The Record of Different Types of Insurance Programs
ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS: Unweighted Average, 38 Low- and Middle-Income Countries, c. 2008-15

% of population group covered

Economic Population Group

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys
COVERAGE OF HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS: Pattern I: Traditional Government Social Security and Commercial Programs

COVERAGE OF HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS: Pattern II: Government Social Programs for the Entire Population (i.e., UHC)

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