

Countdown In-Depth Country Case Studies



#CD2015

Aims

- 1) To use evidence to tell a series of stories about country progress in RMNCH
- 2) To produce generalizable lessons about scaling-up RMNCH programs

Scope

- The set of case studies (the “portfolio”), as well as each individual case study, should aim to
 - Assess more than one outcome across the RMNCH continuum of care
 - include attention to success stories as well as areas where progress was not made, and the reasons why
- Special focus on explaining **HOW** progress was achieved

The availability of good, relevant data is a prerequisite for a case study.

Case Study Content

- Assessment of coverage and impact measures
 - If possible along the continuum of care
- Complementary data on policy, health systems, financing
- Equity analyses – in particular, subnational geographic analyses

Process

- Led by in-country institution that is independent of RMNCH program implementation
- Strong capacity-building component. Technical assistance (if needed) via Countdown Technical Working Groups
- Plans and preliminary results presented and discussed with Government and relevant stakeholders in country
- Strong links and synergies with country Countdown events



Reduction in child mortality in Niger: a Countdown to 2015 country case study



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Summary

Background The Millennium Development Goal 4 (MDG 4) is to reduce by two-thirds the mortality rate of children younger than 5 years, between 1990 and 2015. The 2012 Countdown profile shows that Niger has achieved far greater reductions in child mortality and gains in coverage for interventions in child survival than neighbouring countries in west Africa. Countdown therefore invited Niger to do an in-depth analysis of their child survival programme between 1998 and 2009.

Methods We developed new estimates of child and neonatal mortality for 1998–2009 using a 2010 household survey. We recalculated coverage indicators using eight nationally-representative surveys for that period, and documented maternal, newborn, and child health programmes and policies since 1995. We used the Lives Saved Tool (LiST) to estimate the child lives saved in 2009.


Countdown to 2015
Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival

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CASE STUDY EXAMPLE: CHILD SURVIVAL IN NIGER



Process – 4 Working Groups

Mortality

- National mortality survey 2010, with full birth history
- Careful data quality assessment

Coverage

- 8 nationally-representative household surveys, 1998-2010
- Recalculation and quality assessment of all indicators

Program documentation

- Independent review of documents & data bases
- 40 key informant interviews
- Tracking of contextual factors

Lives Saved Tool (*LiST*)

- Determination of consistency between *LiST* estimates and measured estimates for 2009
- Analysis of contribution of specific interventions and reductions in risk factors

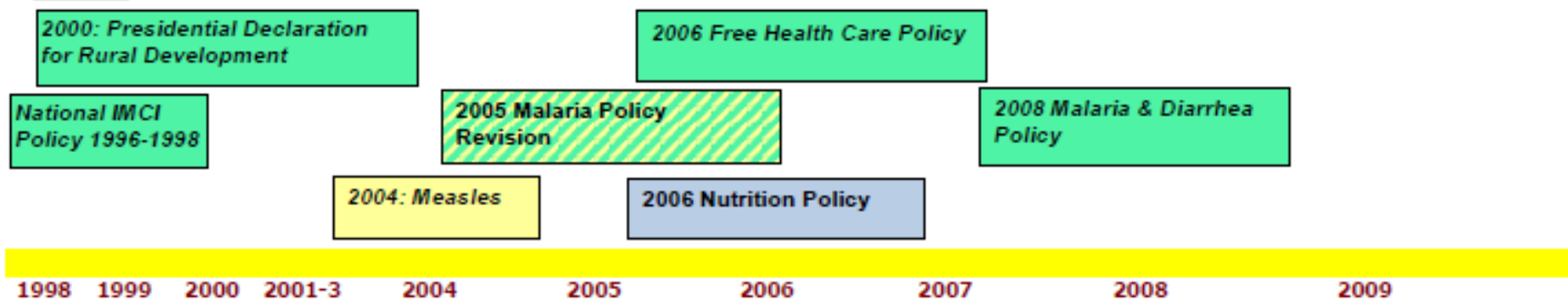


**Analysis and writing workshop
to bring components together.**

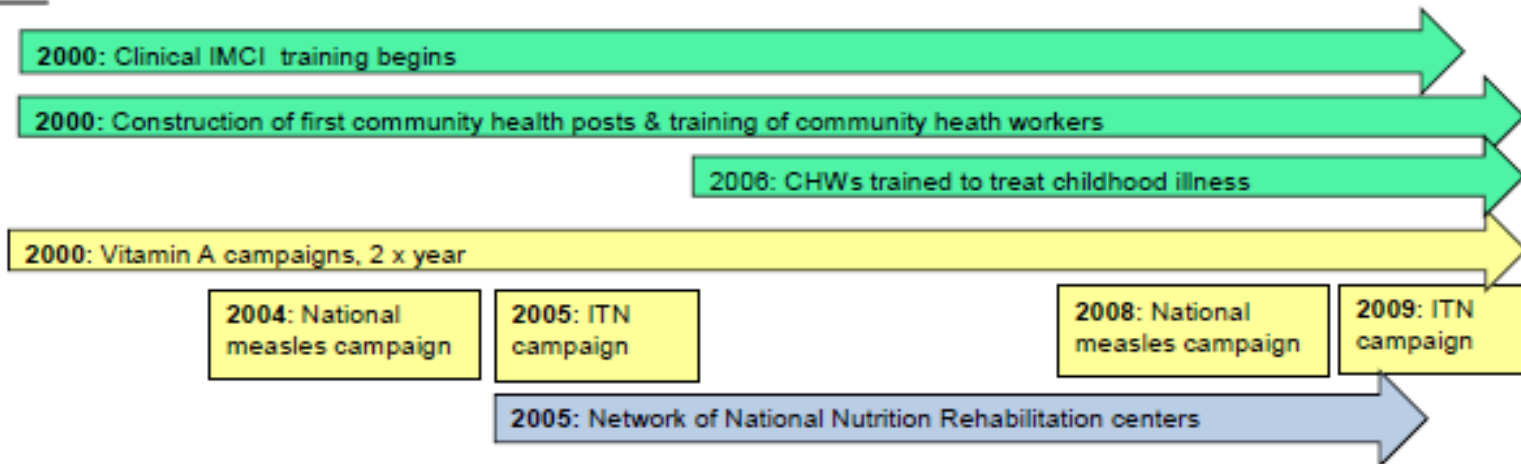


Program Documentation: Three major child survival strategies since 2000

Policies



Program inputs



 Increased access to primary health care

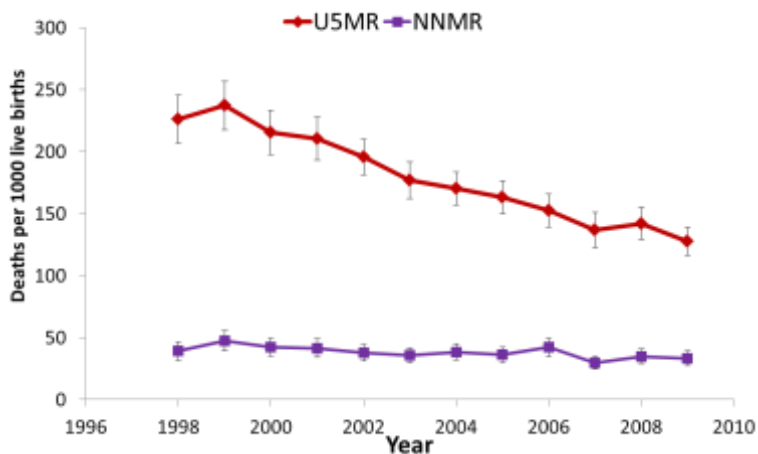
 Mass campaigns

 Intensified nutrition programs

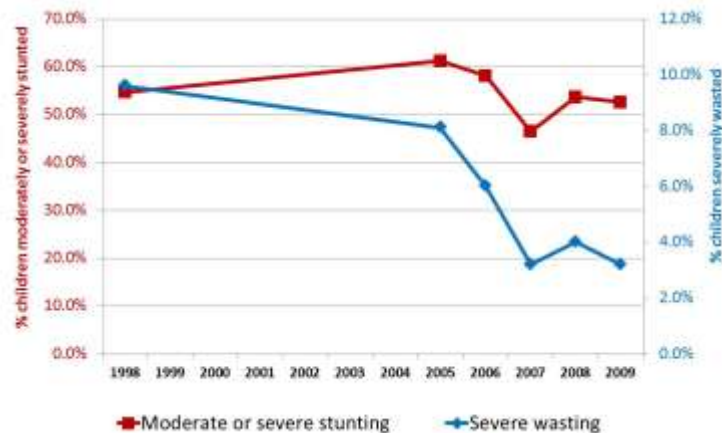


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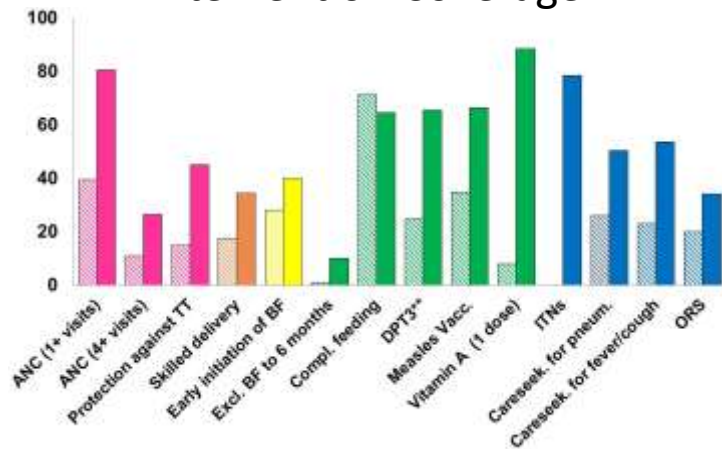
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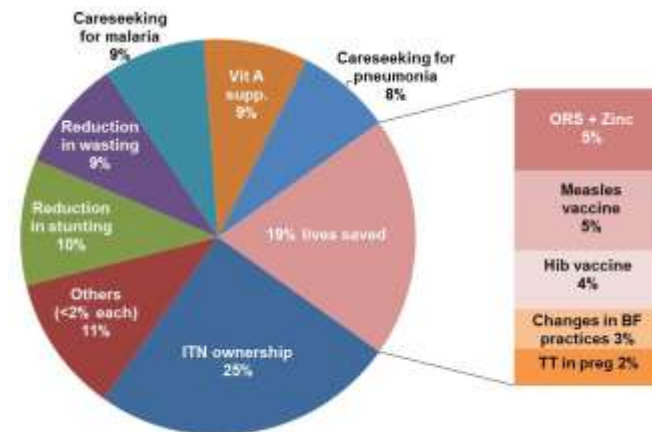
Nutritional Status



Intervention Coverage



Child Lives Saved, by Intervention





Dissemination

- In-country workshop with MOH
- *Lancet* article with comment by Minister
- Presentation at high-level pre-UN General Assembly meeting in NYC convened by Countdown and iERG
- Media coverage and magazine article
- Presentation in high-level regional meetings
- Follow-up in 2013 iERG report



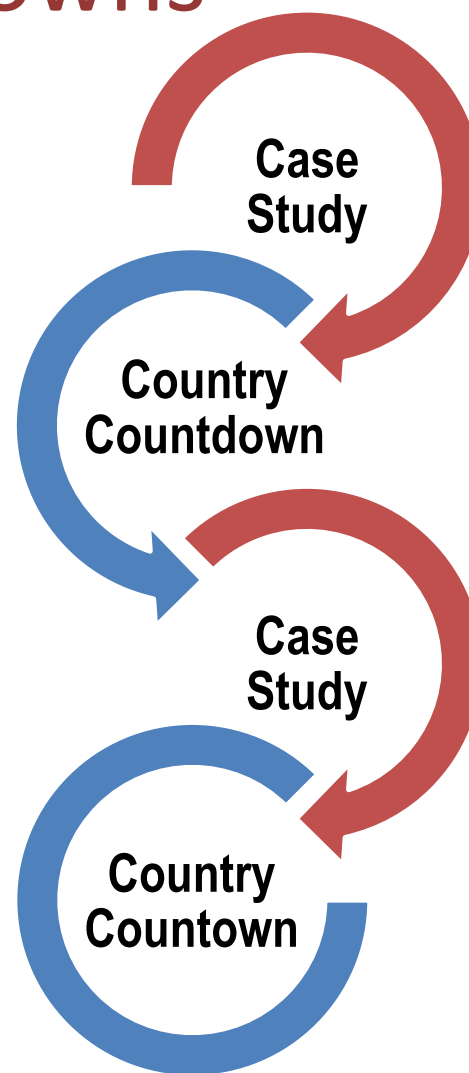
Case Studies in 2013

- Bangladesh (started in 2012)
- Ethiopia
- Malawi
- Afghanistan/Pakistan
- Peru

**Additional case studies planned
for 2014 and 2015**

Links to Country Countdowns

- A case study can be useful in **preparing for** a country Countdown, but is not required
- Case studies can also **follow** a country Countdown event, to provide more in-depth understanding
- Case study proposals must include a plan for dissemination; if not a country Countdown, what?



Thank you

