Countdown
In-Depth Country
Case Studies
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
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 & databases
- 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

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**Analysis and writing workshop to bring components together.**
Program Documentation: Three major child survival strategies since 2000

Increased access to primary health care

Mass campaigns

Intensified nutrition programs
Results

Mortality

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