

# Commitment to Progress for Mothers, Newborns and Children

## *A Special Event during the United Nations High-level Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals*

Thursday, September 25, 2008 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Millennium UN Plaza Hotel, One United Nations Plaza,  
44th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues, New York, NY 10017

The special side event is co-hosted by H.E. President Michelle Bachelet of the Republic of Chile, H.E. President Tarja Halonen of the Republic of Finland, and H.E. President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania with the aim of drawing attention to successes and challenges in achieving the MDGs 4 & 5 to reduce child and maternal mortality. The event is being co-organized by the following group of partner organizations.



**Family Care International (FCI)**, the 2008 institutional recipient of the United Nations Population Award, is dedicated to making pregnancy and childbirth safer around the world. We advocate at the global level and work at national and local levels with governments and civil society to ensure women's access to quality maternal and newborn health care; help prevent and manage unintended pregnancy; promote the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people and other underserved groups; and reduce the spread of HIV, especially among women and young people. We strive for a world where no woman suffers preventable injury or death from pregnancy or childbirth related causes, and in which all people are able to enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights. For more information, visit [www.familycareintl.org](http://www.familycareintl.org).



**The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)** is a global service provider and an advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. We are a worldwide movement of national organizations working with and for communities and individuals. IPPF works towards a world where women, men and young people everywhere have control over their own bodies, and therefore their destinies. A world where they are free to choose parenthood or not; free to decide how many children they will have and when; free to pursue healthy sexual lives without fear of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. For more information, visit [www.ippf.org](http://www.ippf.org).



**The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH)** is a global alliance of over 250 members representing developing countries, UN agencies, multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations, bilateral donors, foundations, health professional associations and academic and research institutions working across areas of maternal, newborn and child health continuum of care. The Partnership works to accelerate global action and investment for the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5. For more information, visit [www.who.int/pmnch](http://www.who.int/pmnch).



## Save the Children

**Save the Children** is the world's independent children's charity. We are outraged that millions of children are still denied proper healthcare, food, education and protection. We're working flat out to get every child their rights and we're determined to make further, faster changes. How many? How fast? It's up to you. For more information, visit [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk).



**White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood (WRA)** unites those pressing for changes to save the lives of women who die in pregnancy and childbirth. With members in 104 countries and National Alliances established in 12 – Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia – WRA is an effective advocate, working from the grassroots up through all levels of government and across all sectors of society to secure increased investments to strengthen health systems and increase skilled birth attendance. WRA also mobilizes communities to ensure quality services and removal of barriers to care. For more information, visit [www.whiteribbonalliance.org](http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org).



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