

Accelerating progress towards ending child pneumonia deaths in the Asian Region

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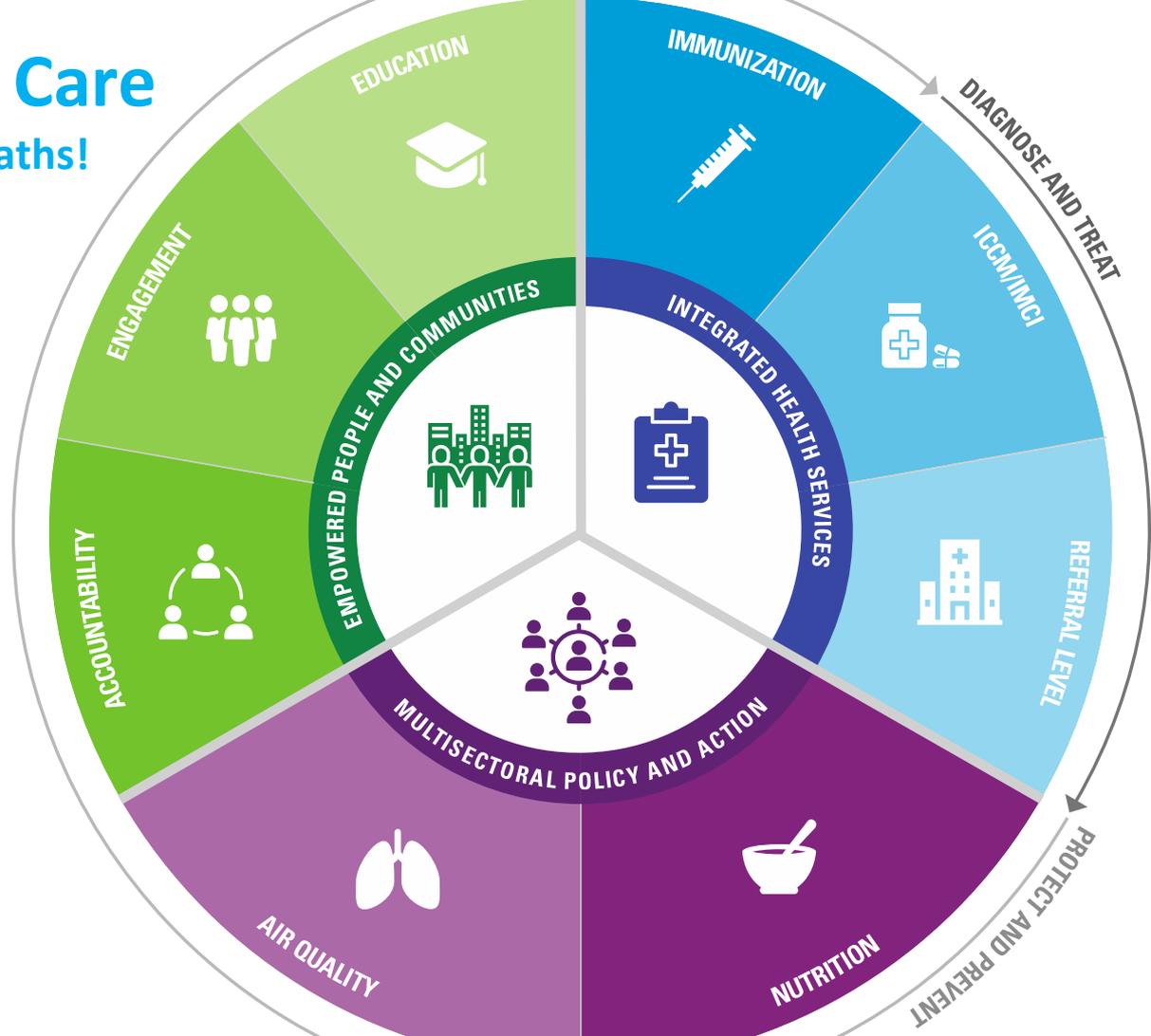
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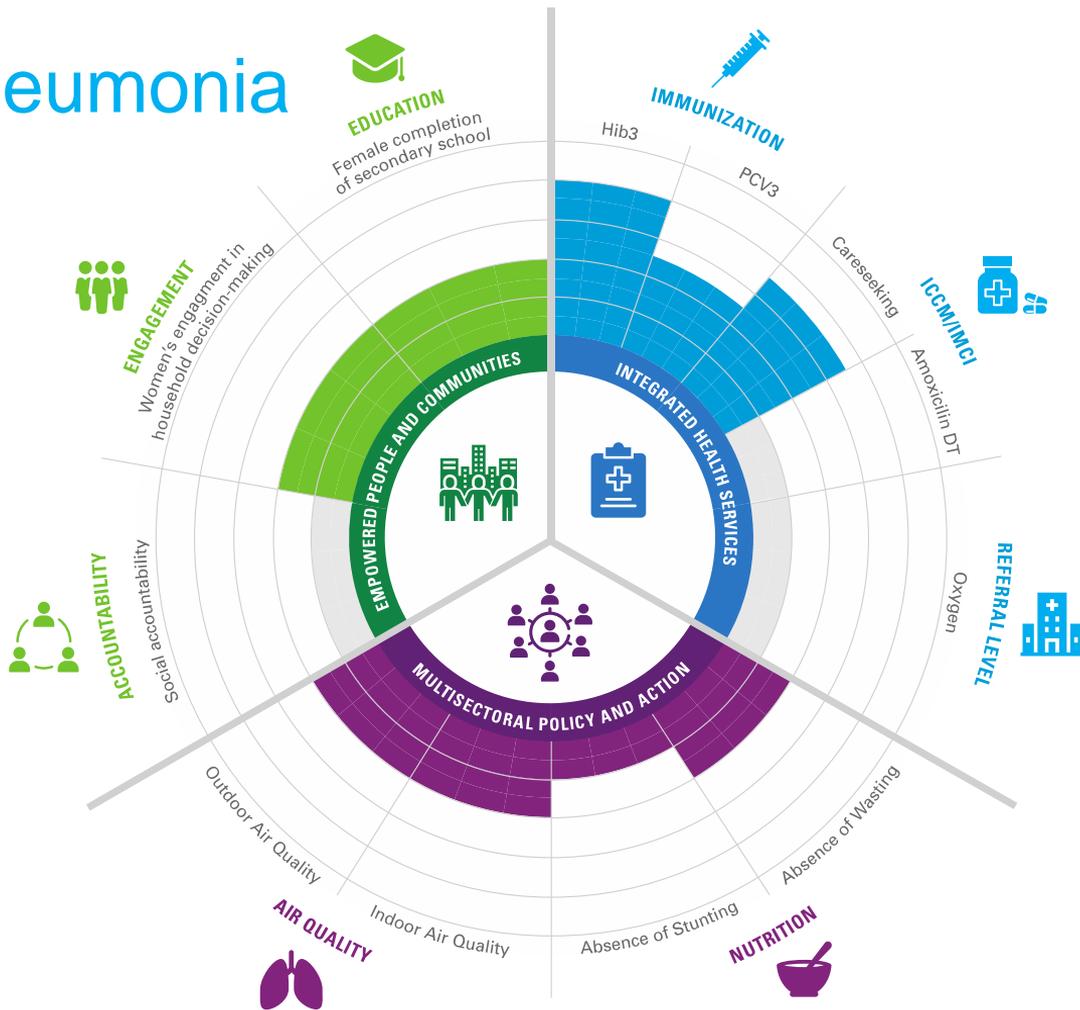
Primary Health Care

to end Pneumonia deaths!

- Global Action Plan for Pneumonia and Diarrhea
- Astana Declaration and PHC operational framework
- Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Wellbeing
- Global Action Plan for Wasting
- Immunization agenda 2030 – leave no one behind
- Quality of Care



Data from 30 high pneumonia mortality countries



4.2 million children under the age of five in LMICs every year have pneumonia related hypoxemia, requiring oxygen to survive



The oxygen gap

“Nowhere is the technology gap more apparent than in the provision of oxygen ... Oxygen is seldom available in the poorest countries beyond urban hospitals and private providers. Pulse oximeters, effective and inexpensive diagnostic devices for measuring blood oxygen levels, are similarly unavailable to those who need them most.”

Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF
and
Kevin Watkins, Chief Executive of Save the Children UK

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Creating a sustainable response

- UNICEF has delivered ~24,000 oxygen concentrators and supplies to 94 countries

- Local solutions and systems building:

- Capacity building: biomedical engineers

Oxygen systems:

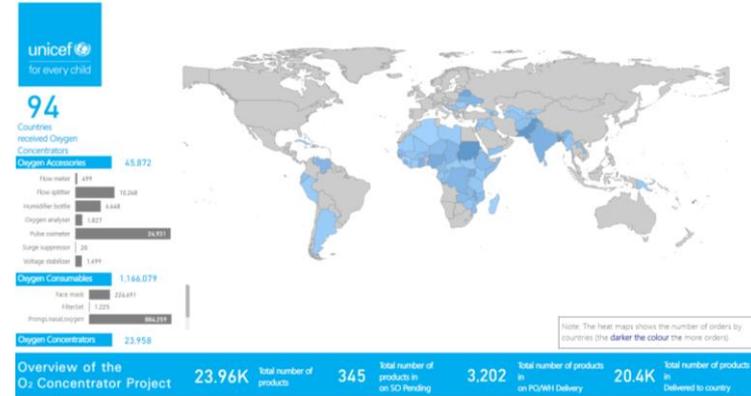
- PSA plants: India (20>50), Afghanistan (10)
- Liquid medical oxygen: scale up in Bangladesh to all secondary and tertiary care hospitals, covering all 64 districts, oxygen cylinders and concentrators to lower level facilities

- Ensuring access and safe use for newborns and children

- Bangladesh:

- Guideline, training modules, indicators
- integration with QoC agenda and Health Sector operational plan

- Nepal: collaboration with Pediatric society, training
- Afghanistan: Piping of all relevant service delivery points, re-allocation of concentrators



Looking ahead - UNICEF regional priorities to accelerate progress for child pneumonia

- Strengthening PHC and PHC financing to support child and adolescent health and wellbeing
- Health inequities – zero dose
- Increased convergence to address multiple deprivations and maximize UNICEF's multisectoral strength: Health, Nutrition, WASH, C4D, Environment
- Private sector engagement
- Environment, including indoor air pollution – urban agenda



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