



Highlights of Countdown Findings in 2013

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Mortality

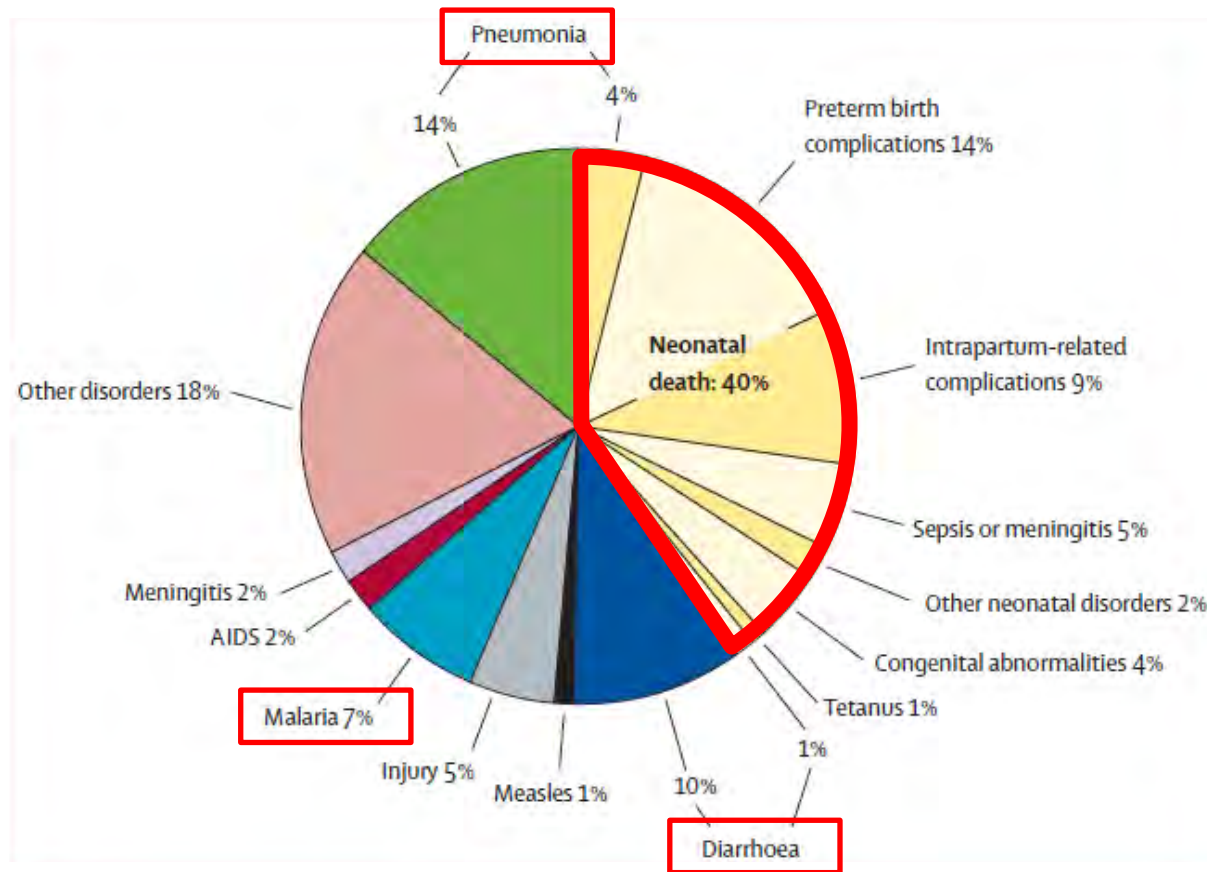
- Both maternal and child mortality dropping in most *Countdown* countries
- But slower declines in sub-Saharan Africa, where fertility remains high, than in other regions



***Action now!* Prioritize high mortality countries for collective global, regional and national action.**

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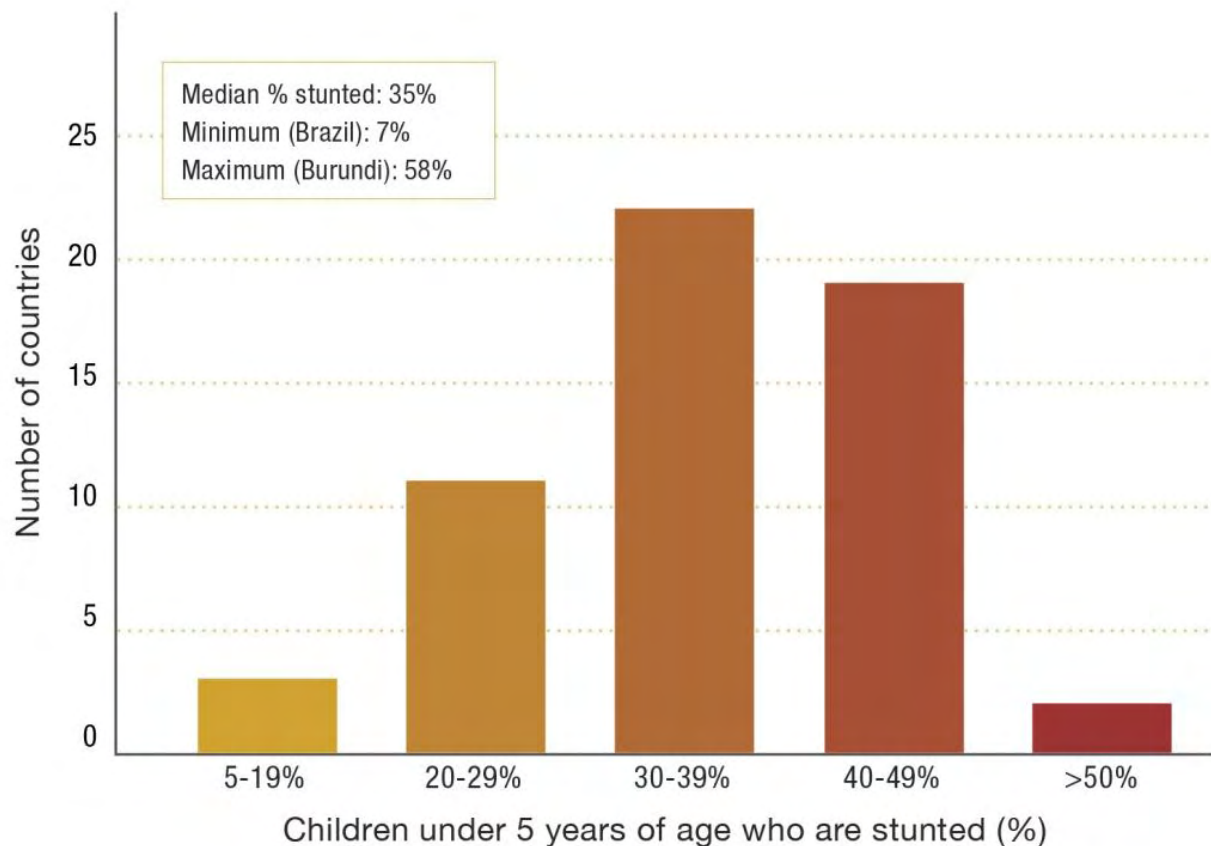
- Pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria remain the major infectious causes of child deaths.
- Newborn deaths are now 40%+ of all child deaths in 35 Countdown countries



Action now! Stay the course in child survival, and strengthen efforts to save newborn lives.

Nutrition

- Unacceptably high stunting levels in nearly all 75 countries

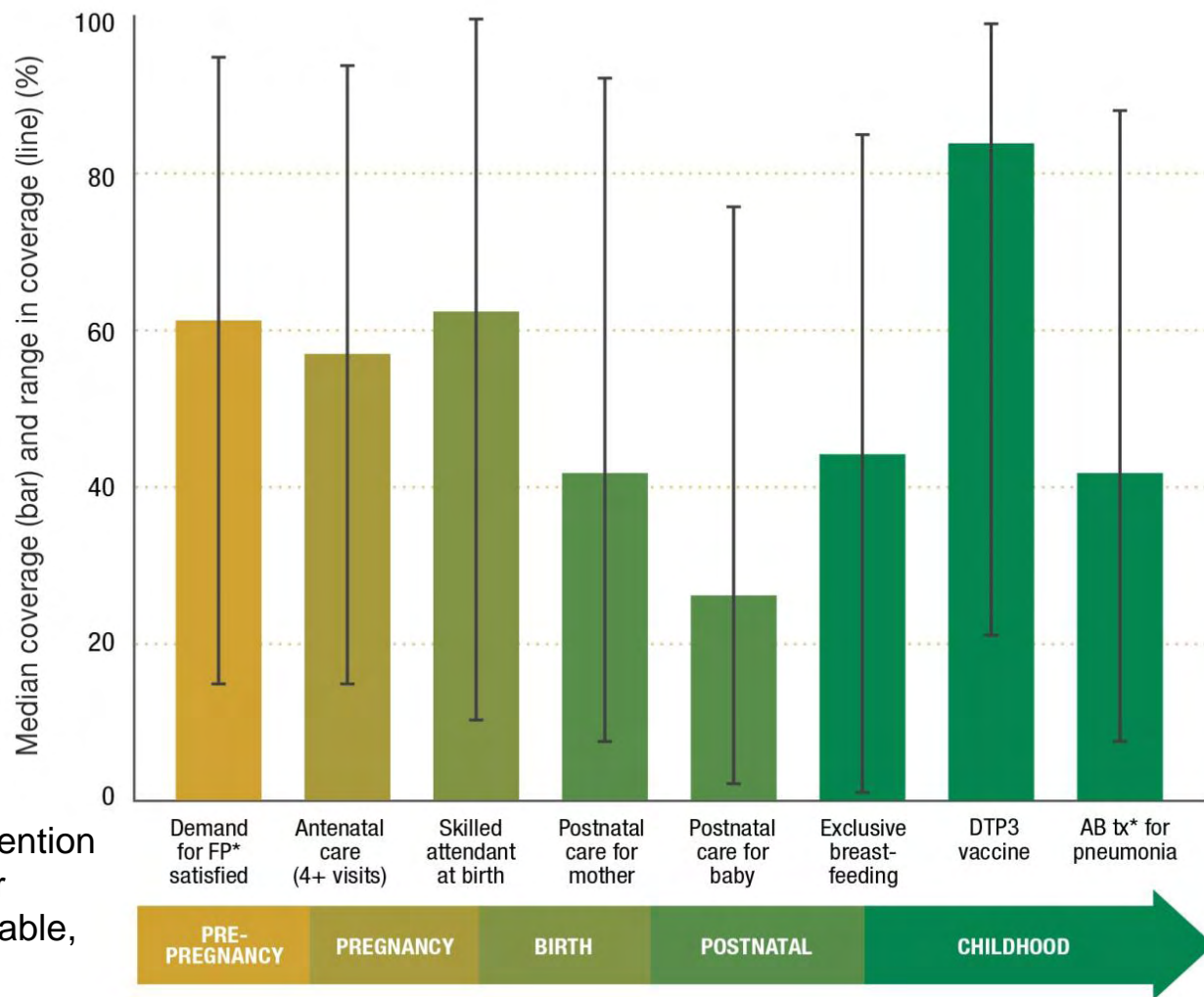


***Action now!* Emphasize nutrition as essential ingredient of all RMNCH programs.**

Intervention Coverage

Wide range
in coverage
levels for
all
interventions

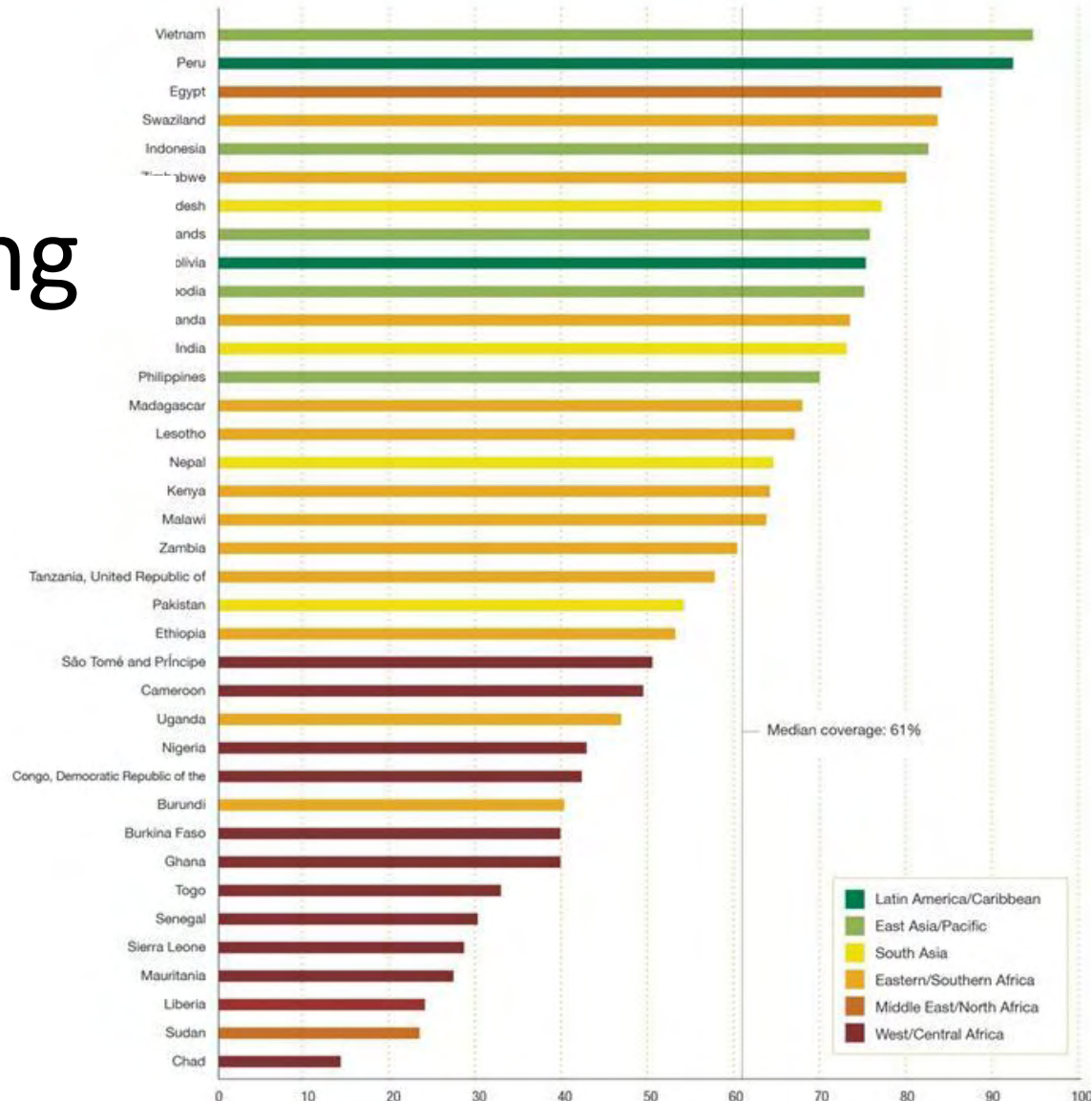
Coverage levels for selected Commission indicators of intervention coverage, median and range for priority countries with data available, 2007-2012



Action now! Countries achieving high coverage offer models of success.

Family Planning

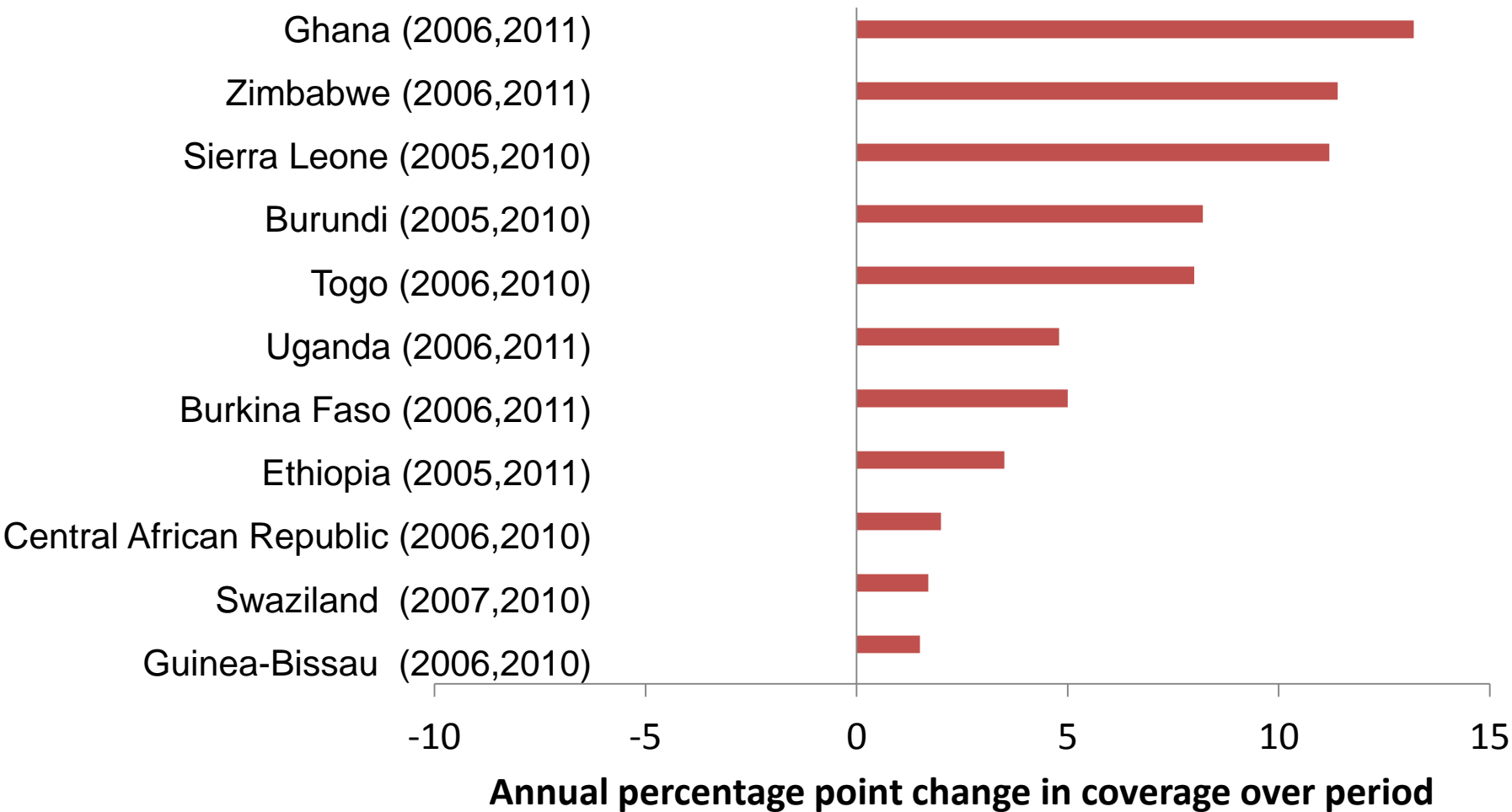
Broader access to family planning needed, especially in Africa



Demand for family planning satisfied, 2007-2012

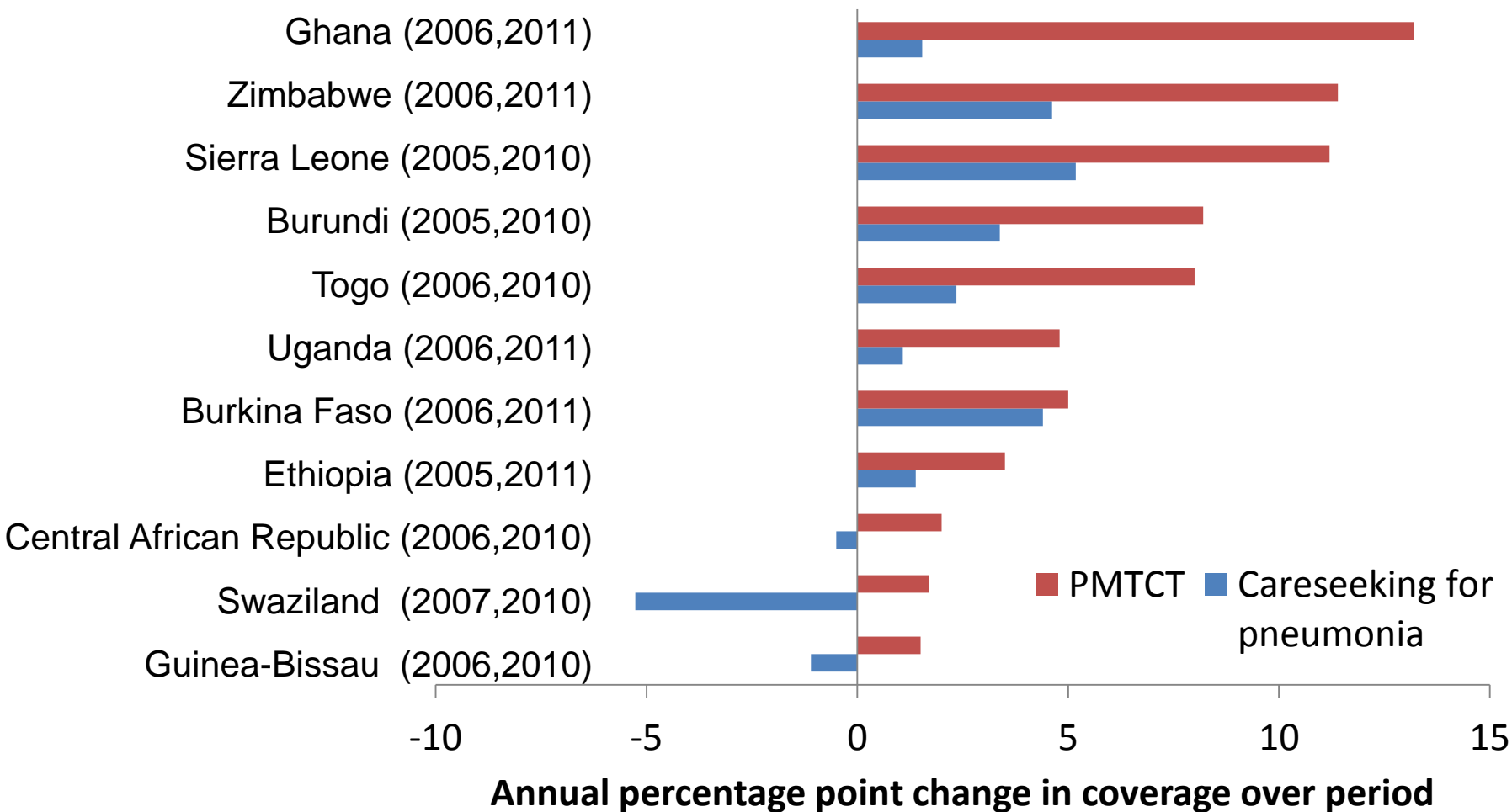
Action now! Invest more resources in addressing the unmet need for family planning.

Rapid gains for PMTCT



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What about other interventions?



Action now! Advocacy, political commitment, investment needed across the continuum of care.

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We, the global public health community, need to:

- Replicate the success of HIV interventions: *Advocacy, commitment, investment are needed*
- Increase focus on nutrition as part of the RMNCH continuum: *Stunting has long-term consequences*
- Meet the demand for modern contraception: *Family planning saves lives*
- Scale up high-quality services to save more mothers and newborns: *The hours around and after birth are still the most dangerous*

***Our actions can save the lives of women and children facing preventable death.
The time for action is now!***

Countdown to 2015

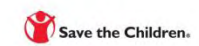
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