

**WEBINAR**

# Monitoring and Accountability for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health: Celebrating Two Decades of Progress, and Asking Now What?

 **Thursday, April 9, 2026**  **13:00–14:30 GMT**

In a moment defined by shrinking investments in data, politicization of evidence, and growing threats to independent accountability, the stakes for global and country health monitoring have never been higher.

With the sustainable development goals deadline of 2030 approaching, we are convening global health experts to discuss: What have we learned, and what must change?

As Countdown to 2030 marks its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this webinar brings together leading researchers, policymakers and global health advocates to reflect on what two decades of independent monitoring for women, children, and adolescents have achieved and how to confront the challenges ahead.

## AGENDA

*Moderator: Robert Black (Johns Hopkins University)*

| Time (GMT)  | Session  | Facilitators   |
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| 13:00-13:05 | Opening - Context, objectives, and why this moment matters   | Cheikh Faye (APHRC)  |
| 13:05-13:25 | Countdown legacy - Key contributions to reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition           | Cesar Victora (Pelotas University), Joy Lawn (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine), Ties Boerma (University of Manitoba)  |
| 13:25-13:35 | Special address - Independent accountability: progress and challenges  | Richard Horton (The Lancet)  |
| 13:35-14:20 | Lessons learned, new opportunities and challenges - Strengthening country accountability and action for RMNCAH and nutrition | <b>Moderator:</b> Mickey Chopra (World Bank), <b>Panelists:</b> Catherine Kyobutungi (APHRC), Amadou Doucoure (Ministry of Health Senegal), Peter Hansen (Global Financing Facility), Helga Fogstad (UNICEF), Zulfiqar Bhutta (University of Toronto), Rajat Khosla (PMNCH), Benson Droti (WHO African Regional Office), Pamela Rao (Gates Foundation) |
| 14:20-14:30 | Call to action: Countdown 2026-2030  | Cheikh Faye (APHRC)  |

*Countdown to 2030 is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative established in response to the 2003 Lancet Child Survival Series to track progress and equity, strengthen measurement and accountability, and translate evidence into action for women's, children's, and adolescents' health.*