

29 September 2013 – Djibouti has finalized its acceleration plan of action for maternal and child health.

The plan has been developed in response to the regional initiative on "Saving the lives of mothers and children", launched in Dubai in January 2013, a partnership between countries, WHO, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF and other stakeholders.

The plan aims to progress at a faster rate in reducing deaths in mothers and under-5 children in the country by 2015.

Djibouti is the seventh country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region to prepare the plan, joining six other countries which have already finalized their national plans, namely Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

A WHO team visited the country to provide further technical support for the finalization of the plan.

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