



Saving the Lives of Mothers & Children

Rising to the Challenge

Iraq became the fourth country in the Region to launch its maternal and child health acceleration plan for 2013–2015, on 17 December 2013.

The other three countries, in chronological order, include Sudan, Morocco and Afghanistan.

The development, launching and implementation of maternal and child health acceleration plans for priority countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region are an expression of the commitment to the Dubai Declaration of January 2013 to accelerate progress towards Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on reduction of child and maternal mortality.

To read more on the Iraq launching and the regional initiative to save the lives of mothers and children see the related links below.

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