**Table S2. Composition of the expert groups**

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| **Name**  | **Expertise** | **Country Affiliations\*** |
| Aimee Webb Girard | Academics (Maternal and infant nutrition in resource-poor settings, nutritional epidemiology) | United States of America, Canada, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Sierra Leone, India, Guatemala, Mexico |
| Ana Langer | Academics, Advocacy (Reproductive health, Maternal health, Perinatal/Neonatal care) | Latin America, United States of America |
| Chandra-Mouli Venkatraman | Advocacy and Policy (Adolescent and Child health) | Switzerland |
| Fernando Althabe | Clinician, Researcher (Obstetrics, Perinatology) | Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil |
| Igor Rudan | Epidemiology, Genetics, Public health, Researcher (CHNRI priority-setting methods) | United Kingdom |
| Joy Lawn | Researcher, Public Health, Policy and Advocacy (Perinatal/Neonatal care especially stillbirths and prematurity, epidemiology) | South Africa |
| Katherine C Teela | Pollicy (International health, Maternal and Child health) | United States of America |
| Mary-Elizabeth Reeve | Advocacy (Global health, Maternal health, Preconception Care) | United States of America |
| Mireille Toledano | Research, Epidemiology (Environmental epidemiology) | United Kingdom, Western Europe |
| Sohni V Dean | Researcher (Maternal and Child health, Preconception Care) | Pakistan |
| Zulfiqar A Bhutta | Academics, Public Health and Policy (Maternal, Newborn and Child health and Micronutrient deficiencies, Community-based perinatal care) | Pakistan |
| Brian Jack | Clinician, Researcher, Policy (Obstetrics, Family medicine, Preconception care) | United States of America, Lesotho |
| Christopher Howson | Epidemiology, Public health and Policy (International health especially in low-income countries, birth defects and prematurity, Maternal and child health) | United States of America |
| France Donnay | Policy and Advocacy (Maternal health, Reproductive health) | Belgium, Pakistan |
| José M Belizan | Academics (Maternal health, Reproductive health, Obstetrics and Perinatology) | Latin America |
| Josip Car | Clinician, Researcher, Public health (Primary Care, Global health and Health management) | United Kingdom, Slovenia, Croatia |
| Khadija Humayun | Clinician (Pediatrics) | Pakistan |
| Kit Yee Chan | Public Health, Epidemiology, Research (CHNRI priority-setting methods) | Australia, China |
| Majid Ezzati | Researcher (Global environmental health, Exposures to risk factors and outcome on population health and disease burdens) | United Kingdom, United States of America, Switzerland, Canada, Ghana, China, Kenya, The Gambia |
| Reynaldo Martorell | Academics, Policy (Global health, Maternal and Child health, Nutrition in resource-poor settings) | Guatemala, United States of America |
| Stanley Chitekwe | Programmatic implementation (Nutrition and Child health) | Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Malawi, Nigeria |
| Subidita Chatterjee | Public Health (Obstetrics, Reproductive health, Maternal and newborn health, Child and Adolescent health,  | India, Thailand, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, China, South Africa |
| Tanya Doherty | Researcher, Programmatic implementation (PMTCT of HIV) | South Africa |
| Ysbrand Poortman | Policy, Advocacy, Genetics | Netherlands, Europe |
| Zohra S Lassi | Researcher, Epidemiology (Maternal, Newborn and Child health) | Pakistan |

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\*Country affiliations include country of residence and where primary research or clinical experience occurred

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