

Table 3 Commitment to and conceptualization of community participation in Pakistan's National Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Programme guideline documents

Document	Felt need for participation	Concept and definition	Level of participation envisioned	Objective to be achieved through participation
National Health Policy 2001	Nil	Nil	Awareness creation	Behaviour change and enhanced utilization of services
Population Policy 2002	Nil	Nil	Awareness creation	Increased contraceptive use
MNCH Policy and Strategic Framework 2005	Stated	Nil	Awareness creation	Utilization of services
National MNCH Communication Strategy	Stated	Nil	Awareness creation and community involvement	Utilization of services and behaviour change
National MNCH Programme PC-1	Stated	Nil	Awareness creation and community involvement	Utilization of services and behaviour change

PC-1 = Planning Commission 1.