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## Introductory Slides

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# Global Fund High Level Donor Interests & Commitments

- **Health System Strengthening Approaches**
- **Support to RMNCH**
- **Joint Commitment to iCCM**

“The Global Fund remains committed to changing the landscape for investments into reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) and committed to contributing to the improvement of RMNCAH through its support for a wide range of HIV, TB and malaria (HTM) and health systems strengthening (HSS) interventions across the continuum of care. “

*–Maximizing the Impact of Global Fund Investments by Improving the Health of Women and Children, 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women’s and Children’s Health June 2015*

## Global Commitments & Guidance Relevant to our Work...

- **Alma Alta Declaration** (Article VII) defined a role for community health workers in the delivery of **Primary Health Care** and emphasized the need for all types of health workers to respond as a health team to the expressed health needs of communities.
- **Sustainable Development Goal 3 (“Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages”)** is underpinned by Target 3.8, “Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.”
- **Astana Declaration** reaffirms commitment to the values and principles of the Alma Alta Declaration, “We are convinced that **strengthening primary health care (PHC)** is the most inclusive, effective and efficient approach to enhance people’s physical and mental health, as well as social well-being, and that PHC is a cornerstone of a sustainable health system for **universal health coverage (UHC)** and health-related Sustainable Development Goals.”

## [Short] Definitions of Two Key Concepts...

**Primary Healthcare (PHC)** is “essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination” (Alma Ata Declaration, 1978).

**Universal health coverage (UHC)** means that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship.

*UHC is firmly based on the WHO constitution of 1948 declaring health a fundamental human right and on the Health for All agenda set by the Alma Ata declaration in 1978. Fast-forward to the present day, UHC cuts across all of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

## Global Commitments & Guidance Relevant to our Work...

- **WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030** calls for community-based health workers to be [integrated into national health systems](#), in order to enable these cadres to benefit from adequate system support and to operate more effectively within integrated primary care teams.
- **World Health Assembly's Framework on Integrated People-Centered Health Services (2018)** highlights that for health care and coverage to be truly universal, it requires a shift from health systems [designed around diseases](#) and health institutions towards health systems [designed for people, with people](#).
- **WHO Guideline on Health Policy and System Support to Optimize Community Health Worker Programmes 2018** puts forward that the starting point for an effective design of CHW programmes is a sound situation analysis of population needs, health system requirements and resource implications. The role of CHWs should be considered in relation to other health workers, in order to integrate CHW programmes into the [general health system](#) and into [existing community structures](#) in an appropriate manner.