



Joint Statement on Primary Health Care Implementation

As international organizations that support the Global Conference on Primary Health Care, we will work through relevant country-level modalities¹ and national plans to develop national and local capacity to implement the goals of the Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care. We will collaborate with countries and their people to:

1. Develop and progressively scale up health care systems that are accessible to all in a country by expanding basic health care to every person, including vulnerable populations, through low-cost, high-impact, sustainable approaches that improve outcomes, and are aligned with the contexts, capacities and priorities of each country, and then build on existing strong delivery platforms to add additional services.
2. Include all relevant civil-society, community, faith-based and private-sector organizations as partners with host governments in governance, regulation, participation in, and oversight of the primary health care system to coordinate quality care and medications; promote healthy behaviors, consumer choice, and accountability; and to reduce the fragmentation of services.
3. Promote universal access to quality primary health care through collaboration and coordination of the public sector with civil society, communities, private and/or faith-based systems, recognizing these non-public entities can often provide trusted, quality care at lower or equivalent cost.
4. Support the development or reorientation of health resources (human, financial and commodity) toward primary care at both the national and sub-national levels to ensure integrated quality care is available where people feel safe and comfortable accessing it.
5. Support strong and sustainable primary health care systems as the basis for personal health, community stability, economic development and national security, and promote resilience against public health threats including infectious-disease outbreaks and other natural or man-made shocks.
6. Strengthen the quality of public-sector, private-sector, community and facility-based primary care through the use of incentives and accountability standards; increasing the availability of high-quality training, supervision and performance-management of healthcare professionals

¹ Such as the Global Financing Facility or other Country Coordinating Mechanisms



(including community health workers); promoting the availability and affordability of low-cost medicines and vaccines; and enabling healthy individual, family, household and community behaviors and practices.

7. Promote community health as foundational to primary health care, and develop linkages between formal health systems and community representatives, inclusive of all relevant sectors.
8. Identify exemplary private-sector, public-sector and faith-based primary-care models that offer more equitable, efficient, quality and responsive care; work to replicate and integrate these models into national primary health-care delivery systems, where appropriate.
9. Use technology responsibly to improve people-centered primary health care, financing, and information systems across all relevant sectors, while promoting patient privacy, accountability, and data-security; enable the use of data at all levels to assure the quality of care and responsiveness to healthcare demands, as well as to facilitate community participation and voice.
10. Measure, track, and trend strength, functionality, and resilience of primary health care over time, to improve the allocation of resources, prioritize attention on critical and cost-effective elements, improve outcomes for patients, and promote learning and improvement.

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