



HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL SIDE EVENT ON
**COMMUNITY HEALTH
WORKFORCE, SYSTEMS
AND PROGRAMS IN
AFRICA**

What will it take for effective
institutionalization and
sustainability?

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1. BACKGROUND

Following the decision (**Assembly/AU/Dec.649 (XXIX)**) taken by the AU Heads of State and Government, at the 29th Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) in 2017 endorsing the 2 million community health workers initiative on the African continent, an evolution of mapped CHW stock has been noticed in African countries, with an increase of around 76% between 2018 and 2021. Despite these efforts, the shortage of healthcare workers continues to be a concern on the African continent. WHO estimates the continent's need for 6.1 million healthcare professionals by 2030.

To strengthen Africa's healthcare system, addressing persistent shortages and maldistribution of healthcare workers is crucial. Recent health emergencies on the continent have demonstrated that CHWs have made substantial contributions to programs and systems throughout the epidemic pandemic, illustrating opportunities to be sustainable value-adds as an integral part of public health teams and emergency personnel. This justifies the need to continue discussing the best approach to strengthening community health programs in Africa.

The World Health Assembly, convening together senior decision-makers on public health issues, was a crucial opportunity to step up the advocacy for investment in CHWs within the community health workforce needed to improve primary health care and epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response in Africa. In this regard, the African Union Commission and Africa CDC, in collaboration with partners, organized a high-level ministerial side event on community health workforce, systems and programs, on the margins of the 76th World Health Assembly, held on May 24th, 2023 in Geneva (Switzerland). The event was co-hosted by their Excellencies Ambassador Minata Samate Cessouma, Commissioner for Humanitarian and Social Affairs of the African Union Commission and Dr. Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC.



Strong community health systems in every community are essential to provide accessible, quality and cost-effective prevention and treatment services, including in emergency situations”.

**Dr Jean Kaseya,
Director General of Africa CDC**

The aim of this high level meeting was to mobilize AU ministers and reinvigorate high-level political leadership to secure commitment to increase national resources and generate new partnerships to institutionalize, expand and sustain community health programs and systems. The event also provided an opportunity to share the results of analyses and surveys conducted by Africa CDC and its partners, as well as the underlying achievements for strengthening community health programs in Africa.

H.E. Amb. Minata Samate Cessouma and Dr Jean Kaseya, were joined by 8 Ministers of Health and other senior delegates representing over 12 African Union member states (see list in Appendix); senior representatives of partner organizations including: IFRC Under Secretary General, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, USAID Assistant Administrator, WHO Deputy Director General, WAHO DG, APHF CEO and other high-level delegates, as well as a representative of community health workers. Overall, the event was attended by over 200 people representing AU member states (ministries of health), bilateral and multilateral partners and the private health sector (see attendance list in Appendix).

2. DISCUSSION SETTINGS

The 2-hour event was organized into two (2) main parts:

1. The remarks:

- The welcome remarks were delivered by His Excellency Dr Jean Kaseya, Director of Africa CDC;
- Keynote remarks were delivered by senior representatives of the invited partner organizations, including: Mr. Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, IFRC Deputy Secretary General; Ted Edward Chaiban, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Angeli Achrekar, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Atul Gawande, USAID Assistant Administrator, Dr. Bruce Aylward, WHO Deputy Director General, and finally;
- Opening remarks were made by Her Excellency Ambassador Minata Samate Cessouma, Commissioner for Humanitarian and Social Affairs of the African Union.
- Remarks were delivered by Margaret Odera, a Community Health Worker from Kenya

2. The panel discussion:

- A high-level discussion panel was set up, including three (03) Ministers of Health: Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and the Director General of Health Care and Services, representing the Minister of Health of the Republic of Congo.
- The panel discussed the following issues:
 - Question 1: **6 years after the decision by the Heads of State and Government to recruit, train and deploy 2 million additional CHWs, what progress has your country made or what plans are in place to implement this decision?**
 - Question 2: **The verticalization of community health programs and funding shortfalls have a negative impact on the effectiveness and sustainability of national community health programs. Based on your country's context and experience, what are the challenges and opportunities for increasing national funding for sustainable and effective programs?**

3. KEY TAKEAWAYS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the remarks made by senior representatives of the invited institutions, and the main declarations and experiences shared by the panelists, a set of takeaways and recommendations to strengthen community health systems through their institutionalization and sustainable financing systems has been compiled below.

Some progress was noted in the implementation of the 2 million CHW initiative in African countries, notably in terms of government recognition of the work of community health workers, as well as their needs in terms of institutionalization, training, payment, integration, supervision and so on. For example, in Zambia, Hon. Sylvia MASEBO, Minister of Health, declared that the CHW program has been institutionalized, with a system for paying the salaries of recognized agents.

Efforts have also been made by governments, with the support of partners, to develop steering and coordination tools, as announced by the representative of the Republic of Congo's Minister of Health, Professor Germain Monabeka, and to provide training and motivation for activities. However, there are still challenges to be met if community health programs are to be fully institutionalized and sustained with adequate funding mechanisms.



We have made a commitment to improve the working conditions of CHWs to optimize their work. To date we have started with the mapping of CHWs, their training, the provision of equipment and also the payment of small amounts... We recognize that efforts must be made, particularly in terms of funding, to move towards institutionalization and sustainability with salaries.

**Hon. Susan Nakhumicha,
Kenya's Minister of Health**

1. STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AT ALL LEVELS

The various stakeholders are called upon to work in a coordinated manner in order to avoid duplication of effort and ensure efficiency of interventions in a very limited resources context.

- Set up coordinating mechanisms at different levels to facilitate alignment, coordination and communication between stakeholders.
- Translate political declarations into action.



We have established a strategic plan for community health to promote a single management approach, with a single plan, a single budget and a single monitoring and evaluation system. We would like to bring all stakeholders on board for greater impact.

**Hon. Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda,
Minister of Health Malawi**



In this room, we have leaders and decision-makers who can decide what is needed to institutionalize community health programs in Africa.

**Xavier Castellano,
IFRC Deputy Secretary General**

2. INCREASING THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN CHW PROGRAMS

More investment is needed to achieve sustainable community health programs. There is need to:

- Provide more resources into priority areas to guarantee a return on investment in the CHWs program;
- Put the health worker at the heart of investment needs.



One of the most strategic and intelligent investments to make would be to improve the working conditions of community health workers.

**Ted Edward Chaiban,
UNICEF Executive Director**

3. COORDINATION WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND STRENGTHENING COMMITMENT, INCLUDING WITH MINISTRIES OF FINANCE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- High-level advocacy using evidence of return on investment on community health workers programs to capitalize on political will through the allocation of more resources for strengthened and sustainable community health programs. Provision of a voice for political priorities to extend the reach of the health system to sub-national and community levels in Africa. Ensure confidence and acceptance of interventions by the communities; help each community to have a base of agents who can deliver health services in that neighborhood. Establish and strengthen accountability at all levels. Collaborate with partners and government to structure, strategically align and mobilize resources for community health programs geared to the needs of populations: establish a social contract in Member States to put communities at the heart of action.



Health workers need to be trained and recruited, so we need to work with finance ministers and advocate in order to find domestic funding.

**Mrs. LOUB YACOUT ZAIDOU,
Minister of Health of Comoros**

4. CONSIDERATION AND INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AT ALL LEVELS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM PLANNING PROCESS

- Work on the development of policies, strategies and normative documents such as guidelines and SOPs to ensure the coherence of CHW activities and services.
- Strengthen the governance of the health system in general with a focus on the community aspect by intensifying supervision.
- Integrate CHW programs into human resources for health planning, policy, and management to improve the effectiveness of their delivery of health services in communities.
- Promote and capitalize on innovations to strengthen community health programs.



To better answer our question of the day: What will it take for effective institutionalization and sustainability? we need political will, advocacy at all levels and solid, sustainable investments.

**Dr. Angeli Achrekar,
UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director,
Programme Branch**

5. IMPROVE THE WORKING CONDITIONS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

- Collaborate to professionalize community health workers, including basic and standard training, fair and adequate payment, a clearly defined service package aligned to health systems objectives/outcomes, a safe working environment, and a consistent supply of equipment.



Community health workers must be the heart of interventions, they must be trained, equipped and protected to be able to provide the services we expect of them.

**Dr. Atul Gawande
USAID Assistant Administrator**



Community health workers are obligated to provide data and reports that inform health national and sub-national policy decisions. Therefore, paying community health workers a fair salary is not negotiable.

**Margaret Odera,
Community Health Workers**

6. PRODUCE AND MAKE AVAILABLE DATA AND STATISTICS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

- The various interventions carried out in the field must be documented and the data shared to facilitate decision-making.



"We don't have to apologize for data that is weak, it's thanks to it that we can better monitor the situation and develop appropriate policies.

Dr. Bruce Aylward,
WHO Deputy Director General

4. MOVING FORWARD

The experience of this high-level meeting enabled decision-makers and participants to agree on the need to make community health systems a major political priority to address the shortage of human resources for health on the continent. It demonstrated the common vision of various partners to strengthen the coordination and level of investment in community health worker programs, with a view to increasing their effectiveness. In general, the meeting demonstrated the broad interest of countries in institutionalizing CHW programs and increasing domestic funding, in order to better leverage their action, fill the gap of health professionals and guarantee their sustainability.



Community health workers are the foundation and bedrock of health system resilience, if their needs are not addressed and remedied, health systems could be in trouble in the event of epidemics.

Margaret Odera,
Community Health Worker from Kenya,
representing the other CHWs

What's the next step?

Establishment and operationalization of a continental coordination mechanism for community health in Africa and, by extension, coordination at national level through the implementation of a one national plan, one budget and one M&E framework.



We know where the problem is, we know what's needed, now it's time for action. Community health is at the heart of Agenda 2063, which aims for an Africa where citizens are healthy, well-nourished and able to contribute.

Amb. Minata Samate Cessouma

5. APPENDIX

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