Foster high-level political commitment to community health, in line with existing movements to achieve SDG 3 (1/3)

Overview

- High-level political buy-in is critical for mobilizing resources to create or expand community health delivery and can help to foster political will at all levels of government.

- Political momentum for community health has been growing, with key advocacy initiatives from the African Union/UNAIDS and ongoing work on a World Health Assembly resolution, but more is needed to engage senior political leaders across countries to promote and track commitments to community health.

- There is a need to continue to amplify momentum and secure commitments to community health as part of primary healthcare.

Desired End State

- High-level political commitment to CH, creating a cascade of political will within and across countries that leads to greater funding and policies supportive of community health.
Foster high-level political commitment to community health, in line with existing movements to achieve SDG 3 (2/3)

Work to Build On

• AU/UNAIDS’s 2Million CHW advocacy campaign – the AU may also develop a non-binding political advocacy program for CH
• Ethiopia’s work-in-progress World Health Assembly Resolution supporting community health
• WHO guideline on health policy and system support to optimize community health worker program
• Communities at the Heart of UHC Campaign – advocating for the inclusion of community-based primary care updates in member state UHC reports to be delivered at the High-Level Meeting on UHC (HLM-UHC) in 2019
• Institutionalizing Community Health Conference, South Africa, 2017 and Conference on Primary Health Care, Astana, 2018
6 Foster high-level political commitment to community health, in line with existing movements to achieve SDG 3 (3/3)

Further investments required – *illustrative/not comprehensive*

1. **Continue existing advocacy platform**, e.g. frontline healthworker coalition, Communities at the Heart of UHC Campaign

2. **Support the upcoming Institutionalizing Community Health Conference** (repeat from 2018), planned for early 2020