



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

On

**Sustainable Financing for Community
Health Workers in Uganda**

At

**The 3rd Health Promotion and Disease
Prevention Conference**

Dated 17th October, 2024

Preamble

The National Development Plan III and the National Health Policy III strongly advocate for a shift from prioritizing curative services to health promotion and disease prevention service delivery. The MOH developed Uganda's first-ever Community Health Workers Strategy, and thereafter the National Community Health Strategy to guide multiple players towards the delivery of quality, integrated community health services that are affordable, culturally acceptable, scientifically appropriate, and accessible to every household.

The MOH is committed to advancing the preventive and promotive health function at community level, as well as Primary Health Care (PHC) in general as the foundation of the social services pillar of the Parish Development Model (PDM). The commitment towards advancing Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and PHC requires predictable and sustainable resources to ensure seamless operationalization and functionalization of the community health system.

WE, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Development Partners, and civil society meeting during the 3rd Health Promotion and Disease Prevention conference held from 16th-18th October 2024 at Speke Resort, Munyonyo, Kampala;

COGNIZANT that one of the key strategic directions of the national community health strategy is to ensure improved and sustainable financing for community health workers, which in this case is the prioritization of CHEWs;

ACKNOWLEDGE that prioritizing disease prevention efforts, not only enhances the overall health of individuals but also contributes to the creation of healthier, more resilient, and equitable communities;

APPRECIATE that investing in community health workers will empower communities to better identify and address their health challenges on an ongoing basis, contributing to sustained improvements in health outcomes.

KNOW that prioritizing health promotion and disease prevention is essential for Uganda's transition to middle-income status, as it not only enhances population health and productivity but also generates substantial savings in healthcare costs, thereby facilitating reinvestment into critical economic development initiatives

NOTING that the specific objectives of the high-level session on sustainable financing of the community health workers were to:

- 1) Make a compelling case to all critical stakeholders for increased and sustainable investment into the community health workers in Uganda.
- 2) Understand the financing models for health promotion and disease prevention and appreciate the linkage with broader health financing systems in Uganda.
- 3) Agree on government and partners' commitments to sustainably finance community health workers in Uganda.

NOW THEREFORE COMMIT TO;

1. Adopt and implement the resolutions of the High-Level event on advancing the community health workers' agenda through sustainable financing held on October 17th 2024 at Munyonyo Common Wealth Resort, Kampala, as stipulated in ***Annex 1***

ANNEX 1: RESOLUTIONS

KEY ISSUE	RESOLUTION
1) More Money for Community Health Workers	1) Increase Government of Uganda budget allocation for the CHEWs from the current UGX 500 million to at least UGX 2,057,250,000/- for their remuneration in the next Financial Year 2025/26. 2) Government of Uganda to increase the budget allocation to health annually by UGX 2,000,000,000/= for remuneration of the CHEWs. The target is to train CHEWs in 35 Local Governments over the next 3 years. 3) Institutionalize the payment structure for the CHEWs to ensure timely payment and continuity of services. 4) Development Partners to support training, tooling and follow up of the CHEWs including supervision and continuous capacity building.
2) Efficiency and value for Money	1) To scale-up the e-CHIS national coverage to facilitate timely data collection and performance reviews, to inform programming and budgeting at the national, district and community level. 2) To reduce resource fragmentation, program duplication and increase transparency through one budget, one plan and one Monitoring and Evaluation framework for CHWs. 3) Streamline and align the existing community health workforce to fall within two categories of CHEWs and VHTs.
3) Leadership & Governance	1) Promote strong and functional collaboration and partnership with all stakeholders in community health and ensuring alignment with national strategies including the National Development Plans.

	2) Political commitment to strengthen and prioritize the community health workforce, and ensure timely release of funds to local governments for uninterrupted health care services.
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