

Approach to Country-led Primary Health Care as an Integral Part of the GFF Model



Introduction

- PHC is the first line of defense for effective public health management, and this has been further underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic

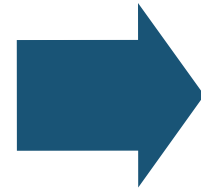
Proposed approach

- Prioritize and align PHC
- High-quality primary health systems and bringing services closer to communities
- Getting more resources into frontline service delivery platforms
- Consolidating and strengthening PHC results and monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
- Leveraging the GFF partnership advocacy and alignment for more spending and better quality PHC

1. Supporting high-quality primary health systems and bringing services closer to communities

Country leadership on PHC reforms to date

- 90% prioritized reforms on improving quality of care
- 86% prioritized reforms to strengthen HRH
- 90% have prioritized community health to bring services closer to the people, and
- 80% of countries increased focus on improving supply chain management to ensure availability of medicines to deliver PHC services.
- GFF co-financing and aligned financing from partners supports countries in implementing PHC reform



Proposed focus areas

- Increase focus on improving clinical quality of care
- Reimagine service delivery and shift from pyramid PHC to network PHC
- HRH
- Sustainable capacity strengthening the key supply reform agenda for improved access and quality at the facility level
- Addressing demand constraints, especially financial barriers

- **Joint reform and alignment of country led primary health agenda through the Investment Cases**
- **Country platform to support implementation and enhance accountability for results**
- **Additional financing to support and modify service delivery approaches with COVID-19 EHS grants**

2. Getting more resources into frontline service delivery platforms

Country leadership on PHC financing

- Increasing both the volume and efficiency of domestic public resources for health
- Moving away from input-based purchasing to more strategic and output-based forms of purchasing
- Efficiency of PHC spending including on benefit package and UHC schemes



Proposed focus areas

- Identifying how fiscal space for health, especially for PHC can be created
- Supporting bringing more autonomy of PHC facilities and harmonization of health facility payments
- Mainstreaming existing donors PBF approaches into the government financing mechanism.

- **Systematically map, and track PHC financing with RMET**
- **Increased support for implementation and alignment of health and PHC financing reforms through technical assistance, capacity building**
- **Supporting country specific financing measurement framework**

3. Consolidating and strengthening PHC results and monitoring and evaluation (M&E)

Country leadership on PHC results

- Country engagement (logic) model includes a strong focus on results measurement and use of data for improved PHC
- Theories of change that identify causal pathways from prioritized reforms & inputs to outcomes & impact
- Linking the results frameworks to the overall theory of change in the country's IC to:
 - course correct where needed
 - enable learning on reforms prioritized for strengthening health financing and service delivery models
- Data portal to help share data across countries



Looking Forward

- Refining indicators of Investment Cases using existing normative guidance and partnerships tools and resources
- Mainstreaming and institutionalizing the COVID-19 monitoring of EHS work in support of a broader systems strengthening agenda with a focus on PHC
- Enhancing partnership with PHCPI deployed for monitoring essential health service delivery for higher frequency updates of the Vital Signs Profile
- Updated Data portal with deep dives on key topics, including an interactive platform with disaggregated data and downloadable briefs with PHC focused data

4. Leveraging the GFF partnership advocacy and alignment for more spending and better quality PHC

The GFF Approach

The GFF partnership also prioritizes participation in, and strengthening of, communities of practice on global health and joint advocacy, in order to maximize knowledge-sharing, best practices.

This is also essential to facilitate alignment and more effective and efficient policies and investment on a Global PHC agenda guided by countries needs priorities.

Looking Forward

Acknowledging the importance of more effective global coordination and alignment—and how communities of practice can empower health experts and actors—the GFF has been heavily engaged in the design and implementation of key global health collaborative initiatives, which provide space for stronger collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation, in pursuit of a strengthened and aligned PHC agenda, such as:

Joint Learning Agenda (JLA) on Health Financing and Universal Health Coverage
Joint Learning Network (JLN) and
P4H Alignment Community of Practice
