

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

The role of primary health care in the COVID-19 pandemic response and leading equitable recovery

22 June 2021 | 12:00-14:00 CET

The event will stream live on the [event page](#)
Interpretation will be available in
Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish



In emergency situations, like the COVID-19 pandemic, primary health care plays a substantial role in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, and in ensuring the continued access to essential health services. It also has a role to play in strengthening equity and engaging communities as partners.

This event will support the vital role of primary health care in managing the pandemic and will strive to transfer existing knowledge and experience to other countries, governments, and relevant stakeholders.

Programme

[12:00 – 12:40] Part 1 High-level plenary

Moderators

Alexey Tsoy, Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy-Director General, WHO

Speakers

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (keynote speaker)

Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF (keynote speaker)

Muhammad Pate, Global Director, Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank (keynote speaker)

Francesca Colombo, Head, Health Division, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (keynote speaker)

Hans Kluge, Regional Director, WHO European Region (keynote speaker)

Suraya Dalil, Director, WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care (PHC Opportunities and Stakeholder Support)

[12:40 – 13:25] Part 2 Ministerial Panel: The role of primary health care in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

Moderator

Afshan Khan, Regional Director, UNICEF Europe and Central Asia

Panelists

Daniel Salas Peraza, Minister of Health, Costa Rica

Nguyen Thanh Long, Minister of Health, Viet Nam (TBC)

Janez Poklukar, Minister of Health, Slovenia

Mohammad Assai, Senior Advisor, Minister of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran

Discussant

Carissa Etienne, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for the Americas

[13:26 – 13:55] Part 3 Vaccination and primary health care: Working together for COVAX and zero-dose agendas

Moderator

Aboubacar Kampo, Director, Health Programmes, UNICEF

Panelists

Kate O'Brien, Director, WHO Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

Seth Berkley, CEO, Vaccine Alliance (GAVI)

Nagwa Nashat Hegazy, Director of the Medical Education and Human Resources Development Center in the Faculty of Medicine, Menoufia University (Family Doctor – WONCA)

Kwaku Agyemang-Manu, Minister of Health, Ghana

Jane Ruth Aceng Ocero, Minister of Health, Uganda (TBC)

Discussant

Feng Zhao, World Bank

[13:56 - 14:00] Closing

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