

## Controlling the HIV Epidemic Summit Optimizing the global health workforce to control the HIV Epidemic

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### Ghana Launched 90/90/90 in July 2016

•A five-year roadmap document has been developed which sets out national health sector plans to mobilize all health workers and other stakeholders to locate, test, treat and retain PLHIV in ART care, to ensure effective viral load suppression.





## What we hope to achieve by 2020

This roadmap targets

- an annual average testing of 2.6 Million people
- approximately 135,000 new ART client enrolments
- yielding an estimated total of at least 230,000 clients with full viral load suppression (90% of total cohort).





These ambitious targets can only be achieved with adequate

- investment in

  Commodities & LMIS
- ✓ Human resource





and

Infrastructure and equipment
 Innovative institutional community partnerships

## Game changers

- Development and Dissemination of task sharing policy and guidelines after adoption of the 'UNAIDS TS blue book'
- Revised ART guidelines to enable other HCWs to initiate treatment apart from clinicians
- Capacity building for existing staff
  - 1,183 health workers in PMTCT of HIV,
  - Healthcare Providers on The Integration PMTCT, HIV, TB and Malaria Into MNCH (LSTM, FHD)
  - 1,090 health workers given logistics training
  - 718 HCWs trained to provide ART under Treat All policy (295 health facilities)
  - Training of lay counsellors to support testing
- Secure more funding to scale-up capacity building



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## The Community Health Worker Opportunity



 20,000 CHW trained and deployed in all 216 districts of Ghana and 1800 given mobile phones
 1,000 e-Technical Assistants trained in eHealth and equipped with tablets for data collection
 Alignment of activities with 90/90/90 has been done and roadmap developed.

Optimizing the role of these CHWs is critical for the way forward







One Million Community Health Workers Campaign

#### We see The 1mCHW Campaign Opportunity

### Mission

To accelerate the attainment of universal health coverage in rural sub-Saharan Africa by supporting governments and international partners, UN agencies, and national stakeholders dedicated to community health worker scale-up in the context of health systems strengthening.





## Role of the CHW

- Registration of all household members into community health register
- Health promotion and disease prevention (HIV, TB, Malaria etc)
- Case detection and first aid management of minor/common ailments and their referrals.
- Telemedicine activities and consultations at the community level
- Community mobilization and health education.
- Defaulter identification and referral



# Way forward

- Scale-up Testing and ART training of other cadres especially midwives within the context of Differentiated Service Delivery.
- To empower PLHIVs (Models of hope) and CHWs for greater involvement in the 90/90/90 agenda!
- Need for stronger advocacy for increased resource mobilization by UNAIDS and partners to support HR investment
- Need to strengthen our M&E system to document the evidence of the project impact and best practices:
  - Matching HR investment with epidemic control.
  - Operational research.
  - M&E Capacity building for all HCWs.

# Thank you

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