

The role of civil society and communities in global health

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Civil Society and Communities

Stakeholders and partners in

- Service delivery
- Advocacy
- Accountability

The Community: a vital setting for health service delivery

- Community systems strengthening
- Human resources for health: task shifting
- Ethiopia: reaching MDG 4 through engagement of communities.

Community empowerment & health governance

- Responding to communities' and service users needs
- Accountability: a testimony to good quality services
- Community empowerment – a sustainable response

Health financing: the issue of Sustainability

- Sustainability of investments
 - country income status and transition
 - graduation from Global Fund and GAVI support
 - higher prices of commodities
 - lack of funding for civil society

Together: influencing national and global health agendas

- Influencing policy and resource mobilisation processes. The power of advocacy.
 - National (health budget and programming, Abuja target)
 - International level (post 2015, EU roadmaps, GAVI and GF governance)

Recommendations

- Link up with communities and CSOs as partners for equitable and sustainable development
- Consult communities and CSOs and include them in policy discussions and governance mechanisms
- Support CSO and community activities and facilitate provision of health services at community level.

Thank you

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