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Preface

The World Health Assembly in resolution WHA72.2 (2019) requests the Director-General inter alia "to develop, in consultation with, and with the involvement of more expertise from, Member States, and in time for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, an operational framework for primary health care, to be taken fully into account in the WHO general programmes of work and programme budgets in order to strengthen health systems and support countries in scaling-up national implementation efforts on primary health care". This operational framework builds on an initial draft that was prepared as part of a technical series to support the Global Conference on Primary Health Care (Astana, 25 and 26 October 2018). It was then revised following expert review, public consultation, civil society consultation, key informant interviews and consultations with Member States.

This operational framework, the related Vision for primary health care in the 21st Century, and associated technical documents are informed by reviews of the literature, regional reports prepared in 2018 on primary health care, country case studies on primary health care, a synthesis of lessons learned over the past 40 years, input from the International Advisory Group on Primary Health Care, and thematic reports on key issues relevant to primary health care. It builds on WHO's work on primary health care over the past 40 years, notably the Global strategy for health for all by the year 2000, Primary Health Care 21: "Everybody's business", the Commission on Social Determinants of Health, the WHO Framework for Action for Strengthening Health Systems to Improve Health Outcomes, the World health report 2008: primary health care (now more than ever), and WHO's framework on integrated, people-centred health services.

Acronyms

AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
PHC	primary health care
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SDG3 GAP	Global action plan for healthy lives and well-being for all
UHC	universal health coverage
UHC2030	International Health Partnership for Universal Health Coverage 2030
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WASH	water, sanitation and hygiene
WHO	World Health Organization





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