Financing Comprehensive PHC

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Key messages

• Comprehensive PHC includes activities that are categorized as essential public health functions, carried out in local communities, through a variety of platforms

• Essential public health functions are subject to different financing arrangements, sectoral engagement, systems and capacity requirements (relative to personal health services), but many of the same principles apply

• We are only at the beginning of understanding how best to strengthen financing of comprehensive PHC
Which public health functions are most closely related to primary health care?
Key issues affecting financing of comprehensive PHC

**Financing determinants**
- Sources, levels and flow of funds
- Distribution of funds across functions/platforms
- Flexibility in use of funds
- Performance incentives

**System wide determinants**
- Multiple health financing schemes
- Decentralization
- Public-private mix of PHC provision
Questions for participants

1. What are the levels and sources of funding for comprehensive PHC?

2. How are funds allocated across functions, platforms and activities? What is the balance between funding primary health care and public health?

3. How are funds distributed across different inputs, especially between labor and non-labor items?

4. What financial and non-financial incentives of the purchasing arrangements are in place to enhance comprehensive PHC?