

# 2022

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH FINANCING FORUM

### Sustainable and Gender Equitable Capacity Building for Health Financing in Africa

Emerging themes from ongoing landscaping work

Financing Primary Health Care:  
Opportunities at the Boundaries

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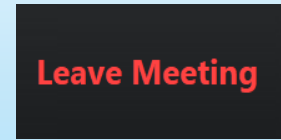
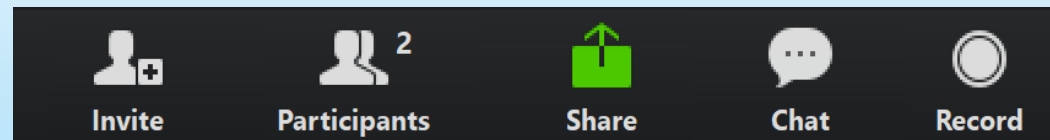
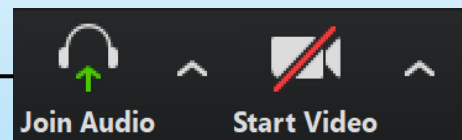
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June 16<sup>th</sup> / 15:00 – 16:30 EST

## Side Event 7

# Capacity Building for Sustainable, Gender Equitable Health Financing Expertise in Africa



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# Health Financing scope

- The capacity needs and gaps are broader than the traditional areas of expertise such as purchasing, pooling etc.
  - Governments are also asking for more functional skills sets e.g. data analytics, actuarial analysis etc.
  - How do we identify & address this capacity constraints?

# MOF/MOH Relationship

- In a number of cases, economists, accountants and finance teams in the planning and finance departments of MOH are posted there by MOF (Malawi and Kenya)
  - These teams in MOH mostly track expenditures and rarely involved in the broader health financing cascade
  - Gaps in public finance management skills among non-finance officers who participate in budget formulation and execution

# HR Management

- Hiring of staff in Ministries of Health and Finance is central through public service commission/ministry/department:
  - Mostly not linked to the skill-set needs of the departments or agencies
    - This also applies to in-service capacity building approaches
  - Existing laws on gender equity on hiring centrally – mostly doesn't translate at ministry level
    - Some countries have explicit gender equity law of hiring – Kenya, has the 1/3 gender rule
  - Replacement policy in cases of attrition is unclear and hence the process is ad hoc and doesn't respond to capacity gaps.

# MOF/MOH relationship with Universities

- Little communication between the government departments and universities on the capacity needs to inform courses and programmes relevant to health financing.
- Some universities and research institutions have different approaches to creating linkages with government:
  - Internships at MOF/MOH
  - Health systems fellowship program for staff in MOH, NGOs, etc. at Makerere School of Public Health



# Evolving role of regional bodies in HF capacity strengthening

- **Supporting governments in building health financing capacity initiatives**
  - Support universities to tailor their HF programs to meet the needs of the government
  - Create a platform for funders, academics, policy makers to engage in HF capacity strengthening.
  - Channel resources, lead development of a common framework and monitor progress in health financing capacity.
- **Health Financing Capacity Building initiatives by WB, IMF, WHO, etc.**
  - International Monetary Fund – Micro and Macroeconomics courses
  - World Bank – Health financing course, health economics
  - WHO – Health Financing Course

# Timeline of selected HF/HE&P capacity milestones in Africa

