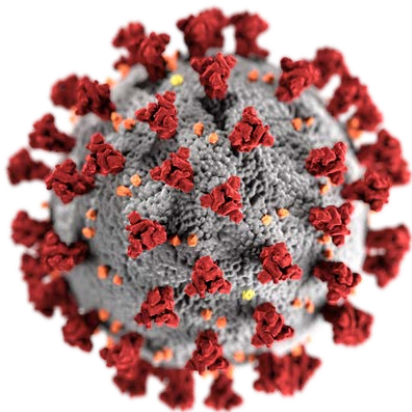
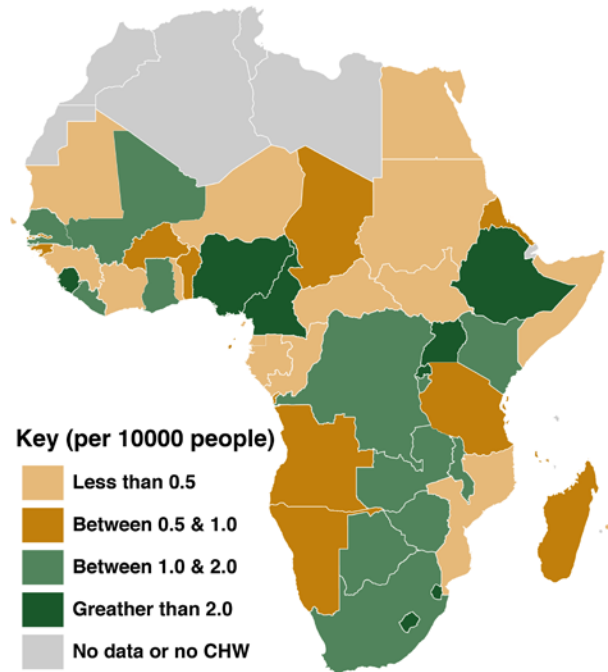


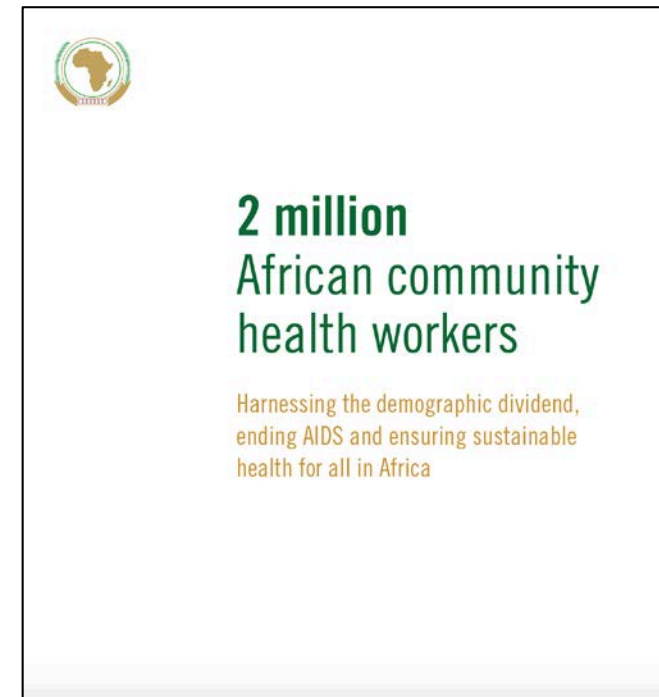
The role of community-based health systems in responding to health crises




Density of CHW (per 10000 population)



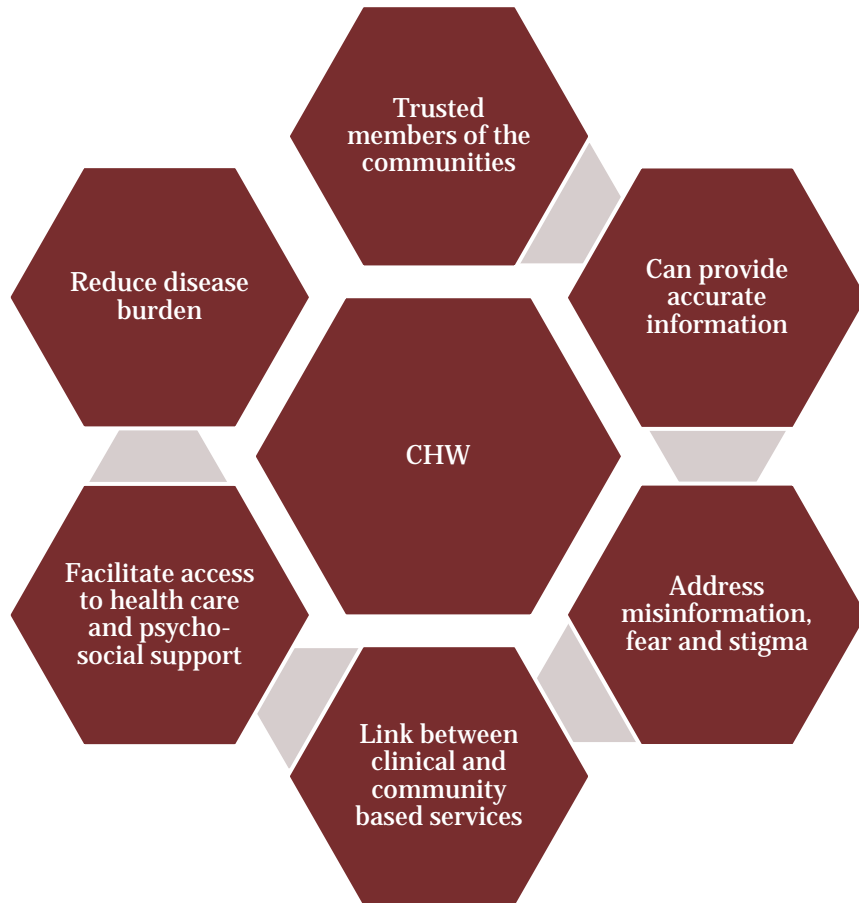
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2 million
African community
health workers

Harnessing the demographic dividend,
ending AIDS and ensuring sustainable
health for all in Africa



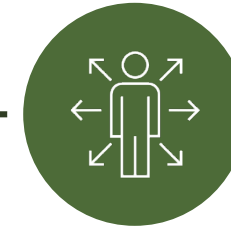
- CHWs in Africa
 - Live in the community
 - Can help with rumor monitoring
 - Cost effective



CHWs already exist in large numbers in many African countries and are **well positioned to play important roles in detecting suspected COVID-19 cases** for testing, tracing contacts, creating awareness and understanding, and providing household support, home based care and community solutions



More CHWs are **needed in Africa to achieve UHC** – up to 1M more – and many countries have already national strategies to further strengthen and scale up CHWs



It will be more sustainable and catalytic to **engage CHWs of established national CH programs to respond to COVID-19**, while helping to accelerate countries' overall CH investment plans



Engage 100K CHWs sustainably on COVID-19 response
Next 12 months

For all Member States:

- Support the training of 100K CHWs (in total) on testing, tracing and treatment for COVID-19 response
- Ensure sufficient PPE are available for those CHWs to safely operate

For select countries committed to scaling up CHWs now:

- Mobilize catalytic resources for governments to fund the first 6-12 months of new CHWs (for compensation, transport, communication, supportive supervision, etc.), provided there is commitment to ongoing domestic financing within national budgets



Scale-up training support to 1M+ CHWs to address future public health needs
Beyond 12 months

- Further enhance and scale-up training and other support to engage at least 1M CHWs on addressing public health-related needs and build resilience against future epidemics
- Contribute to closing the gap in number of CHWs across African countries

Thank you!

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