

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHPSR) and World Health Organization (WHO) Special Programme on Primary Health Care (SP-PHC), in collaboration with WHO regional and country offices supported close to 50 in-country research teams to conduct case studies examining PHC in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This set of country case studies identify and highlight new insights from the COVID-19 pandemic response around how countries have harnessed a PHC approach for steering their health systems' responses during crises.

This event will provide an opportunity to share key findings from the case studies.

## **Objectives**

- Discuss lessons from the case studies within the context of WHO's ongoing support to accelerate national efforts on PHC
- Highlight how many COVID-19 response activities have been institutionalized and integrated into ongoing national plans and programmes
- Showcase specific innovations and lessons in maintaining essential health services
- Discuss the role of PHC in pandemic preparedness and response and progress towards universal health coverage in advance of the UN High-Level Meetings at the UN General Assembly in September 2023





## Agenda Invited Speakers

Opening remarks	<b>Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus</b> Director-General, WHO
Welcome remarks and event objectives	<b>Dr Bruce Aylward</b> Assistant Director-General - Universal Health Coverage, Life Course Division, WHO
	<b>Dr Jeremy Farrar</b> Chief Scientist, WHO
<b>Country</b> examples	Country case study leads (South-East Asia, Eastern Mediterranean, and Western Pacific)
	Moderator  Dr Kumanan Rasanathan  Executive Director, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research
Panel discussion	Health systems directors across WHO regions
	Moderator
	Dr Suraya Dalil Director, WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care

**Questions and comments** 

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