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*In this edition of our newsletter we talk about what the campaign will be doing at the UN General Assembly and the new advocacy materials we have available for the meeting, an update on the Community Health Roadmap and amplifying the voice of community health workers.*

## Welcome New Member

Integrate Health

Click [here](#) to see more of our members!

## Join the Campaign at the UN General Assembly

[Communities at the Heart of UHC](#) is celebrating a successful first year! Since September 2018, the campaign has been an inclusive movement of communities, individuals and organizations committed to ensuring that global and national strategies prioritize community-based primary health care and that the communities themselves play a central role in designing and delivering health services. At this year's UN General Assembly (UNGA), it is critical to carve out time for civil society leaders to come together to reflect on the great work that has been accomplished over the last year and ensure that the global community is held accountable to action and promises made at the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (HLM-UHC) moving forward.

**Join us** in New York on Thursday, September 26, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the American Heart Association to celebrate our accomplishments and discuss our plans for the upcoming year to ensure that the work is carried out to meet our goals beyond the High-Level Meeting. [Please RSVP here.](#)

## New Campaign Advocacy Materials Available for UNGA

Over the last month, the Global Policy Workstream put together [key messages](#) and a social media toolkit for campaign members to use in the lead-up to UNGA. Together, we can amplify the messages highlighting the value of community health in achieving UHC. Our social media toolkit is available [here](#). Please join us in sharing these messages far and wide!



## Community Health Roadmap Update

The Community Health Roadmap is a living document that aims to elevate national priorities defined by governments and create a common agenda for investments in community health to strengthen primary health care. USAID, UNICEF, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank steer development of the Roadmap.

On September 10, 2019, the Roadmap team will announce new updates, including additional national community health priorities identified for more Roadmap countries, six cross-country priorities identified, an impact analysis for the Roadmap and ways forward to support national priorities, including new funding opportunities. Funders, governments and all partners are invited to join the process. Please visit [Community Health Roadmap](#) to see a draft version of the Roadmap. For more information, contact Megan Gemmell at [megan@communityhealthroadmap.org](mailto:megan@communityhealthroadmap.org).

### Amplifying the Voice of Community Health Workers

Two blog posts featuring the stories of community health workers were recently published on the website of the Frontline Health Worker Coalition, a campaign member. Albertha Freeman, a community health nurse supervisor in Liberia, wrote about her experience fighting to ensure that UHC truly leaves no one behind.

"Later this month, the United Nations will convene a consortium of influential stakeholders during a high-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage. During this meeting, I call on all parties to commit to greater and more strategic investments in community-based primary health care systems and workforces," she wrote. Read Freeman's [full blog post here](#).

Additionally, Judith Sesse, a branch manager for Living Goods in Uganda, wrote a blog post sharing the story of Harriet Mutaawe, a community health worker. Not only does Mutaawe work tirelessly to deliver health services to her neighbors, she successfully advocated for a health clinic to be built in her community so patients did not have to travel over 30 kilometers to reach the nearest hospital. Read Mutaawe's full story [here](#).

**[Join the campaign and share with others!](#)**

### About Us

We are a coalition of six organizations—Amref Health Africa, Aspen Management Partnership for Health, Financing Alliance for Health, the International Rescue Committee, Last Mile Health and Living Goods—leading this effort but working with many other organizations to elevate the visibility of community health within the UHC space. We are a part of the larger movement of key organizations, including UHC2030, donors and country leaders working to increase the dialogue on community health programs globally and advocate for funding through domestic resources and foreign assistance.

