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In this edition of our newsletter the campaign looks at the launch of its chapter in Kenya, a call for primary health care investments at a civil society organization forum, building momentum on the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, and how to join one of the campaign's workstreams.

Welcome New Members

Peer to Peer Uganda, The Hunger Project
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Campaign Chapter Launches in Kenya

Photo by Joyce Kibiru, Financing Alliance for Health



Kenyan chapter of Communities at the Heart of UHC.

On July 25, Living Goods, Amref Health Africa and the Financing Alliance for Health came together to form the Kenyan chapter of the Communities at the Heart of UHC Campaign. The Kenyan chapter will work closely with the Ministry of Health to: assess the progress made on commitments on community health; contribute to the Kenyan government's community health commitments that will be made at the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (HLM-UHC); and support the government to execute on these commitments following the meeting.

The coalition put together terms of reference to structure the campaign's activities. The Kenyan chapter is excited to bring more members on board over the coming weeks.

Call for Primary Health Care Investments at Kenya Forum

On July 18, more than 70 participants from civil society organizations (CSOs), the World Health Organization, UNAIDs, Kenya's Ministry of Health and other entities gathered in Nairobi for UHC2030's Kenya Country Advocacy Forum for the HLM-UHC. At the meeting, the Ministry of Health encouraged CSOs to actively engage with the ministry in the HLM-UHC process and further discussions on scaling up for UHC. A call for prioritizing investment in primary health care around promotive and preventive care in order to achieve health for all was a key takeaway from the meeting.

Building Momentum for the HLM-UHC

As the United Nations HLM-UHC in September approaches, it is crucial to intensify advocacy and engagement efforts. Members of UHC2030's Civil Society Engagement Mechanism have issued a call for evidence to advance the dialogues and strategy of UHC on behalf of the mechanism's Leave No One Behind initiative. Evidence on topics such as inequality in accessibility of quality health services, overall financial burdens and their impacts on community members left behind is preferred. You can submit data [here](#).

As the HLM-UHC approaches, partners have hosted country advocacy meetings to influence governments to participate and make commitments to advance UHC. UHC2030 has reports for country meetings in: [Argentina](#), [Ethiopia](#), [Ghana](#), [Kazakhstan](#) and [Malawi](#).

Registration for the HLM-UHC is currently open! Both Economic and Social Council-accredited nongovernmental organizations, as well as those organizations which received special accreditation to participate, can register at the following [link](#). Let us know if you will be attending; the Communities at the Heart of UHC Campaign would like to meet with members in person in New York in September. We will be hosting a campaign event Thursday, September 26. More information to come!



Photo by Joyce Ngunjiri

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Join a Campaign Workstream!

New to the campaign? You can get more involved in our activities by joining a workstream:

- **The Global Policy Influencing workstream** coordinates the implementation of campaign activities through engagement in global events and conferences as well as by actively participating in relevant global-level online consultations and discussions related to our campaign objectives.
- **The Country Engagement workstream** identifies core teams and a coalition of country actors to support ministries of health and heads of state to report progress toward UHC in their respective countries during the HLM-UHC.

To join a workstream, contact Ezinne Keke at EKeke@livinggoods.org.

[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.

