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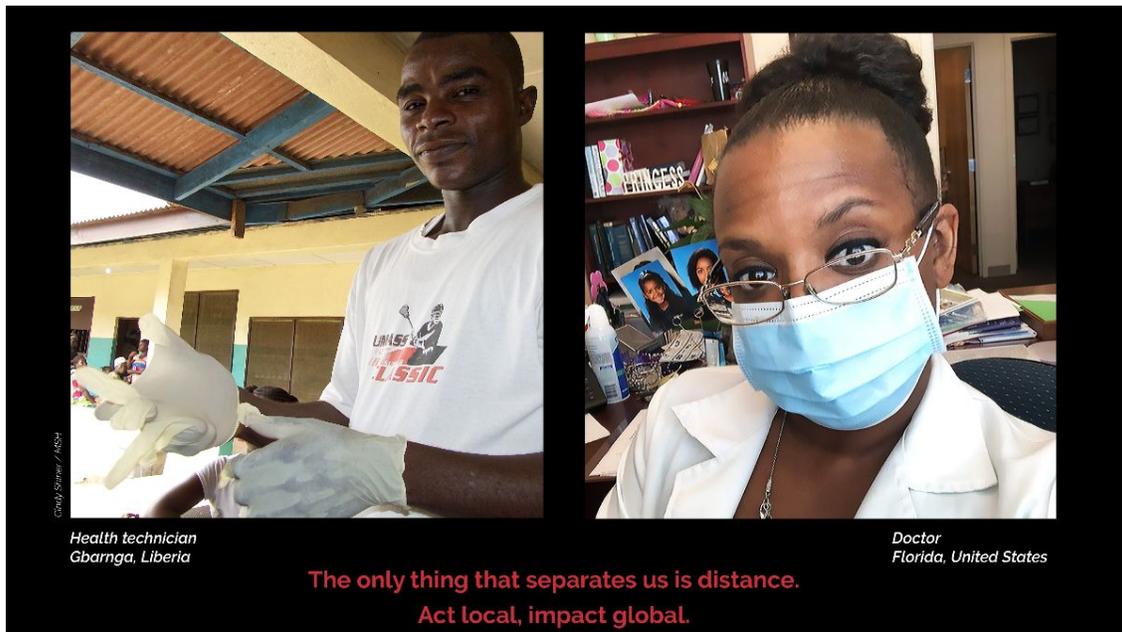
#WHWW2020: Community Health is Global

From April 5-11, we're joining the World Health Organization in celebrating World Health Worker Week! Harnessing the power of health workers is critical to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in communities around the world. Strong community health systems offer a cost-effective solution to achieve UHC that extends care and access to vulnerable populations at the last mile.

Communities at the Heart of UHC is celebrating health workers around the world and their efforts fighting COVID-19 in their communities. COVID-19 has infected over 1.3

We are all fighting the same virus, despite where we are located geographically. Weak health systems are no longer just a problem for low- and middle-income countries. Community health is a global problem and strengthening community health systems is a global responsibility. Read more on [our blog](#).

Join us on [Twitter](#) to share stories, examples and reasons why #CommunityHealthIsGlobal. [If you're a health worker, submit a photo of yourself or a colleague. If you're an individual, submit a photo of a health worker from your community.](#)



COVID-19 Highlights the Need for Community Health

“Turning the tide on the pandemic and achieving greater global health security demands stronger community health systems,” writes campaign steering committee member [Financing Alliance for Health](#) in a new article appearing in [Think Global Health](#). Community health workers (CHWs) have the potential to be leveraged during public health emergencies to mobilize communities, participate in active case finding and fill health service gaps. Over the past decade, we have seen the impact of CHWs in combating both Ebola and Zika.

In Rwanda, CHWs are being used to screen and refer people with COVID-19 symptoms, and other countries are starting to follow suit. However, in sub-Saharan Africa, community health is underfunded by an estimated [\\$2 billion every year](#). To fight pandemics like COVID-19, we need to close these gaps. [Read the full blog post here](#) to learn more about what the Financing Alliance for Health is doing to mobilize funding and government support for community health.

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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.

