

**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
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**Provisional Agenda 11:
Primary health care: transforming vision into action
Draft Operational framework**

1. **Chairperson**, United Republic of Tanzania would like to commend the Secretariat for the work done in finalization of the Operational framework for Primary Health Care.
2. We want to underscore the importance of PHC as a platform through which many countries including Tanzania, have renewed commitment as a pathway to ensure citizens are provided with equitable access to health care.
3. It is worth noting that, this operational framework also provides good grounds for strengthening the District Health Systems, which are the key hubs for Primary Health Care approach implementation in the Africa region and the operation framework is thus, in line with the recently adopted *“Framework for provision of essential health services through strengthened district/local health systems”*.
4. **Chairperson**, we have witnessed the relevance of a PHC people centre approach in the current COVID-19 response. Focusing on community engagement has shown how our renewed commitment to PHC has been so timely, and is playing a major role for many of our COVID-19 interventions. This approach will remain so for global public health in general as well as for complex health challenges. It’s imperative that, we document our COVID-19 response case studies, and share to facilitate peer learning as we continue delivering various modalities under the PHC people centred approach.
5. We look forward to WHO to continue giving guidance as we continue to embark on PHC, which is key for attaining UHC.
6. Thank you.