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ADDRESSING THE HEALTH OF
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

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PLENARY 1

Vulnerable Populations:
WHO, Where and Why?

BACKGROUND

Development must be more equitable if it is to be sustainable. Deepening, divisive and destabilizing inequalities within and among countries are threatening social progress and economic and political stability, affecting all pillars of development including health, human rights, peace and security.

The United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda called for designing development goals that focus on reaching excluded groups. The vision of "Leave no one behind" focuses on eradicating extreme poverty by 2030 and putting justice and equity at the heart of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Learning from the experience of the MDGs, the new 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda is a universal, transformative and people-centered plan of action, strongly grounded in international human rights law and aims to collectively work towards achieving sustainable development through cooperation and integrating social, economic and environmental dimensions of development.

Though challenges exist and there is much work to be done, there are exciting developments afoot in a variety of disciplines to better monitor social inclusion, exclusion, health inequalities, discrimination and the costs to economies and societies of exclusion, as well as the cost-effectiveness of addressing marginalization and promoting a more universal and equitable agenda. The new SDG Agenda provides a new research imperative to ensure that we have robust information systems that collect and disaggregate data, contain adequate safeguards and draw from multi-disciplinary methods to monitor those being left behind. The nature of those on the margins of development is that they are hard to find in routine monitoring processes. The new SDG paradigm requires that this should no longer be the case.

OBJECTIVES

- Who is being left behind and why?
- How to identify priority health needs for vulnerable populations?



MODERATOR

Daniel MILLER

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PATH

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Dr. Miller has received: a BS in Bacteriology at the University of California-Davis; MD with an emphasis on Infectious Diseases at the University of California-San Diego; clinical training in Family Medicine with emphasis on maternal and child health at the University of California-San Francisco; and a Preventive Medicine residency/fellowship and MPH at the University of Washington. He has served as Medical Director of a network of primary health care clinics in Seattle that provided comprehensive outpatient and in-hospital medical services to poor and minority communities.

Dr. Miller joined the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1986 and served successively in scientific, management, policy, and leadership positions in cancer epidemiology/statistics, infectious diseases, disease surveillance, and global health. While at CDC he served as: Senior Technical and Policy Advisor to The World Bank; Liaison for Global Health to the US Congress; Senior Policy Advisor for Global Health at the US Department of State; and, Director of the Office of International Influenza in the Office of the Secretary (Minister of Health), US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Dr. Miller joined PATH in 2013 and currently serves as Associate Director in the Vaccine Access and Delivery Global Program (VAD). Daniel provides technical and management oversight and strategic direction on policy & program development and coordination, advocacy & demand generation, vaccine & cold chain, data quality & use, as well as in-country technical assistance for vaccine introductions and sustainable implementation for PCV, Rotavirus, Men A, JE vaccine, and polio vaccines.



CHAIR

Mandeep DHALIWAL

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Mandeep Dhaliwal is the Director of UNDP's HIV, Health and Development Group, Bureau of Policy and Programme Support. Dr. Dhaliwal has over 20 years of experience working on HIV, health, human rights and evidence-based policy and programming in low and middle-income countries. Dr. Dhaliwal joined UNDP in 2008 and was the architect of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. Prior to joining UNDP, she was a senior adviser to the Dutch Royal Tropical Institute's Special Programme on HIV/ AIDS. From 2000 to 2006, Dr. Dhaliwal worked for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance's Policy, Research and Good Practice Team in the United Kingdom where she focused on issues of HIV care and treatment in developing countries. She was instrumental in expanding the International HIV/AIDS Alliance's technical support and policy work on issues of HIV care, treatment and support in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. While at the Alliance, she led the development of an operations research initiative in Zambia on community engagement for anti-retroviral treatment. From 1993 to 2000, she worked on HIV and human rights issues in India, including as the founding Coordinator of the Lawyers Collective HIV/AIDS Unit, a leading human rights organization, establishing the Unit's legal aid, public interest litigation, legal literacy and policy/advocacy work.



PANELISTS

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Miriam K. Were is a Medical doctor (Nairobi) with Doctor of Public Health (Johns Hopkins University). Her career life includes Working as a Medical Officer, Kenya's Ministry of Health; Teaching Community Health in Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi; in UNICEF, Ethiopia; World Health Organisation Representative in Ethiopia; UNFPA Director for East, Central and Anglophone West Africa. Currently, she is Chancellor of Moi University in Kenya, Co-sponsor of UZIMA Foundation. Has been Chair of Kenya National AIDS Control Council; African Medical and Research Foundation, AMREF; UN Secretary General's independent Expert Review Group (iERG) for Women's and Children's Health; International Oversight Group of the Global Health Risk Framework, Trustee of the Kenya Medical Women's Association,

Prof Were's honours include Goodwill Ambassador, Community Health Strategy, Kenya; Hideyo Noguchi Africa prize by Japan; The Queen Elizabeth II Gold Medal for Public Health; Knight in the Legion of Honour in the French National Order for distinguished service in promoting Mothers' and Children's health; The World YWCA Trail Blazer as woman leading change. Honorary degrees from Moi University, Science; Doctorate from Ochanomizu University and Humane Letters from DePaul University.



PANELISTS

Sulakshana NANDI

State Convener
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Sulakshana Nandi is the State Convener of Public Health Resource Network (PHRN), Chhattisgarh and has been involved with PHRN from its conception stage. She is part of the People's Health Movement and is a National Joint Convener of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (PHM India). She is working in Chhattisgarh, one of the poorest states in India with more than one-third tribal population. She is a founding member of Chaupal, a Tribal Resource Agency that supports numerous tribal organizations and community based organisations in working on the right to food, health, forest rights, gender and tribal identity. She specifically provides support and facilitation to the 'Adivasi Adhikar Samiti' (Tribal Rights Organisation), a tribal women's organisation that she helped organise. She is involved in capacity building (of government and civil society), research and advocacy on issues related to health equity and access, health insurance, public policy and programmes for health and nutrition, social determinants and community participation, with a focus on gender and indigenous tribal and other vulnerable communities. She has contributed to the state wide Mitandin (Community health Worker) programme in Chhattisgarh in terms of inputs into design of its training modules and other field processes. She is a member of the National ASHA Mentoring Group that provides inputs to the national ASHA community health worker programme and has been part of various evaluations under the National Health Mission in India. She is a member of the Right to Food Campaign and the Medico Friends Circle. She has a degree in MA (Social Work) from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and has completed her Masters in Public Health, graduated cum laude, from the University of the Western Cape (UWC), South Africa. She is currently pursuing PhD at UWC, studying the issues in equity, access and utilisation in the state funded universal insurance scheme in Chhattisgarh. She has authored a number of publications.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PANELIST

Audrey MBUGUA

Kenyan Transgender Advocate
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Audrey Mbugua is a transgender woman living and working in Kenya. She is the founder of the Transgender Education and Advocacy (TEA), an organization working towards defending and promoting the human rights of transgender people in Kenya. Audrey, is passionate on the eradication of transphobia and stigma facing transgender people across the world. She is equally passionate on addressing misinformation and stereotypes about transgender people.

Audrey is a graduate of Medical Biotechnology and is in the process of graduating with her Masters in Science in Information Systems.



PANELIST

Marie-Paule KIENY

Assistant Director-General
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Dr Marie-Paule Kieny was appointed Assistant Director-General at the World Health Organization (WHO) in October 2010 and is now leading the Health Systems and Innovation cluster. Prior to this, Dr Kieny directed the WHO Initiative for Vaccine Research since its inception in 2001. Major successes under her leadership were the development and licensing of new vaccines against meningitis and against pandemic influenza in developing countries through pioneering the transfer of technology and know-how. Vaccines against poverty-related diseases and those that disproportionately affect poor and marginalized populations are continuing priorities since her first role in WHO with the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in 2001. During 2015-2016, Dr Kieny led WHO's Ebola research activities. She is currently in charge of Zika Research & Development (R&D) in WHO as well as of the preparation of an R&D Blueprint to accelerate global research preparedness for future outbreaks.

Before coming to WHO, Dr Kieny held top research positions in the public and private sectors of her home country, France. The positions included Assistant Scientific Director of Transgene S.A. from 1981 to 1988, and Director of Research and Head of the Hepatitis C Virus Molecular Virology Group at the Institute of Virology, Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (INSERM) from 1999 to 2000.

She received her PhD in Microbiology from the University of Montpellier in 1980, where she was also awarded a University Diploma in Economics, and her Diplôme d'Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches from the University of Strasbourg in 1995. Dr Kieny has published over 250 articles and reviews, mainly in the areas of infectious diseases, immunology and vaccinology.

Dr Kieny has been awarded the title of Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur (2016); Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite, au titre du Ministère de la Recherche (2000); the Prix Génération 2000-Impact Médecin (1994); and the Prix de l'Innovation Rhône-Poulenc (1991).



PANELIST

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Mariângela Simão joined UNAIDS in July 2010 from the Ministry of Health in Brazil where she worked since 2006 as the Director of the Department of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS.

She has worked in the Brazilian public health system since 1982, from the primary health care level to a series of managerial positions throughout the years. As a public health professional, at municipal, state and national levels, she played an active role in the decentralization of the national health system, acquiring an extensive experience in health system strengthening. She has also served on the boards of a number of organizations and government committees related to public health and HIV.

Heading the National Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS Department (including Viral Hepatitis from 2009), she had the responsibility of overseeing and implementing the national Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis policies, including universal and free of charge access to treatment, care and comprehensive prevention programs.

She currently works at UNAIDS Secretariat in Geneva, as director of the Rights, Gender, Prevention and Community Mobilization Department.

Dr. Simão attended medical school in Brazil, with degrees in Paediatrics and Public Health, and a MSc in Mother and Child Health in the UK.