



## Stronger Together, African's Arise!

Statement from CHESTRAD International at the meeting of the International Health Partnership for Universal Health Coverage by 2030

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Dear Friends

The Sustainable Development Goals provide an unprecedented opportunity for lower and middle income countries (LMIC) especially those in the African continent to scale the modest achievements of the millennium development goals (MDG). We must achieve the aspirations to 'leave no one behind' by owning, driving, shaping and financing our own priorities for development. Central to our efforts is the need for newness in partnership, leadership, governance and accountability, from processes and behaviour to resources and results. The imperative to engage traditional duty bearers (development partners and national governments) to achieve scale and impact at country level could not be more critical. The health goal and its target on universal health coverage provide (UHC) a potential rallying point for action, but a lot more needs to be done to ensure that our collective efforts responds to enduring challenges as it nimbly responds to exciting new horizons.

As development partners and other stakeholders in health gather together in Geneva this week to celebrate the UHC week, and effective operationalization of the International Partnership for UNC by 2030 (IHP for UHC23030), CHESTRAD and its partners join others in the aspirations for universality, equity, quality, effectiveness and accountability – balancing technical and political imperative towards stakeholder accountability for process, behaviour, resources and results.

Our response is presented in our newly approved strategy for CHESTRAD International. This strategy positions CHESTRAD International to join others in the efforts to change the African narrative in financing for development, assure universal access to health inputs, build secure and resilient systems, promote partner accountability and ensure equitable growth for impact on health and wellbeing. A robust multi-sector and inclusive strategy that is set to ensure that Africa tells its own story today, and to our children.

We urge everyone to take action today to:

- Expand domestic resource mobilization through community giving, organized philanthropy and corporate shared value, join the rapidly growing community of subscribers to **I Will Give**
- Transform lives, secure African health systems and promote accountability through data access and use, amplify the messages of the **BIG campaign**
- Call on African policy makers and parliamentarians to invest in, and pass appropriate legislation to improve the use of **Vital Statistics for Accountability and Performance**
- Secure health systems, promote resilience and assure human security through learning, unlearning and innovation through **Global Learning Sites**
- Enable the organizational effectiveness and independent action of non-state actors and institutions for scale and impact, join **Global Health South**

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