



SAMOA'S STATEMENT ON COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM A76/7
"CONSOLIDATED REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL"
SUB-ITEM 13.1 ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Mr Chairman/Madam Chair,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Samoa wishes to commend WHO for their commitment and leadership in encouraging member states to reorient and revitalize Primary Health Care Systems as a resilient foundation for Universal Health Coverage.

I, on behalf of Samoa government fully support the decision made for member states to reorient primary health care and strengthening public health systems in order for primary health care systems to be shifted from a disease-based approach to a system that interfaces regularly with individuals and promotes the greatest level of health and wellbeing through the life cycle.

Samoa's primary health care and public health systems is guided by its Pathway for the Development of Samoa FY2021/22-FY2025/26 and its Health Sector Plan 2019/20-2029/30 which focuses on enhancing public health and revitalizing primary health care to provide people centred health services to promote Universal Health Coverage.

These national health strategic plans assist Samoa government in deliver people-centred services to promote health and wellbeing. It also reflects the sector's commitment to achieving these through health related Sustainable Development Goals, the health commitments in 2014 Samoa Islands Development States Pathway, Healthy Islands

Framework indicators and national health strategic outcomes in Samoa's national strategy.

The main focus of strengthening of Samoa's Public Health System and revitalizing Primary Health Care is to take the service to the people rather than waiting for them to come to the hospital. This will bring value to place emphasis on patient focus or patient care; it will add value to a much more collaboration thinking process in terms of strategic planning, enhancing development investments already made in the sector and advance health workforce platform with developed career paths, and strengthen strategic systems thinking amongst professionals to work as teams.

As way forward for Samoa, we place the focus back on primary health care through:

- facilitating community mobilization, engagement and empowerment
- strengthening EPI programs management and implementation
- strengthening health information system through e-health developments
- production of stock-outs,
- improving supplies forecasts of medicines and medical products and
- infrastructural and human resources developments.

These developments, I believe are all linked to re-orienting and revitalization of Primary Health Care to accelerate Universal Health Coverage.

Thank You.