The role of civil society and communities in global health

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Stakeholders and partners in
– Service delivery
– Advocacy
– Accountability
The Community: a vital setting for health service delivery

- Community systems strengthening
- Human resources for health: task shifting
- Ethiopia: reaching MDG 4 through engagement of communities.
Community empowerment & health governance

- Responding to communities’ and service users needs
- Accountability: a testimony to good quality services
- Community empowerment – a sustainable response
Health financing: the issue of Sustainability

- Sustainability of investments
  - country income status and transition
  - graduation from Global Fund and GAVI support
  - higher prices of commodities
  - lack of funding for civil society
Together: influencing national and global health agendas

- Influencing policy and resource mobilisation processes. The power of advocacy.
  - National (health budget and programming, Abuja target)
  - International level (post 2015, EU roadmaps, GAVI and GF governance)
Recommendations

- Link up with communities and CSOs as partners for equitable and sustainable development
- Consult communities and CSOs and include them in policy discussions and governance mechanisms
- Support CSO and community activities and facilitate provision of health services at community level.
Thank you

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