

# Sustained Accountability, Leadership/Stewardship for RH/FP

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# Presentation

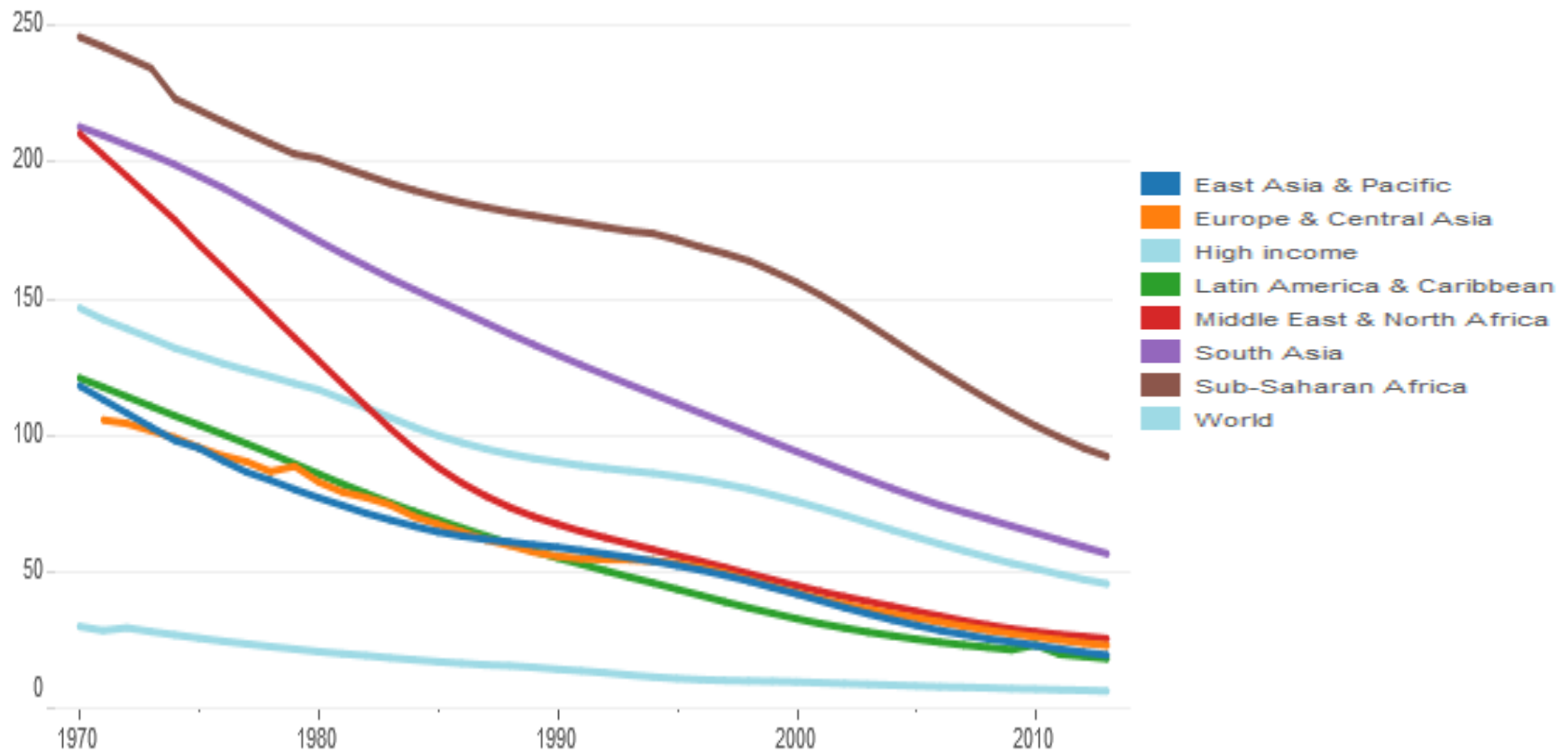
- Context: Why?
- Social Cohesion and Human Capital
- Astana Global Conference on PHC
- Way forward: - Partnership and Leadership

# Context: What is the name of the game?

- Health of the people as precondition for productive life
- The right to life = right to health = right to responsive health system
- Reject “ God has called her/him” complacency attitude
- Quality of life, Poverty, Dignity, Social Justice, Equity
- Connected Globalized World has Knowledge, Resources: lacks the will
- Governance , Organisation of society, development
- “Nothing important happens without the right climate of opinion”.  
Movements on slavery, apartheid etc



# Child mortality rate per 1000 live births from 1960 to 2012 by region



World Bank, 2014

*African Health Leadership*

Nigel Crisp

# DOES ANY ONE CARE?

- "When I fall sick I just remain like that ... like an animal."
- We are resigned to death which is simply shrugged off: " his/her day has come", " God has called him/her" (UPPAS 2000)
- Parliamentarians leadership in leading achievement of SDGs and Universal Health Coverage in Africa.



# RH/FP Commitments

- RH/FP are part of Essential/Basic Health Packages in countries I health plans.
- Basic/Essential Health Services are in the constitutions of countries.
- Regional Resolutions: Maputo, CARMA, Kampala
- UN Resolutions: SDGs, EWEC, WHA, etc



# Partnership: individuals: health system: government

- **Individuals** have the primary responsibility for maintaining their own health. Health is inborn.
- **Health systems** are responsible for providing the services, information (**health literacy**) and facilitating behaviors (**enabling laws regulations**) that individuals need to achieve their best health.
- **Government** is responsible for ensuring that the conditions and systems exist that allow people to be as healthy as they can be. (**access to the healthy food, clean water, adequate housing, education**)
  - Governments to work with all actors in the country



# Health for All

- Original principles 1978 reaffirmed in 2008:
- “The existing gross inequality in the health status of the people, particularly between developed and developing countries as well as within countries, is politically, socially, and economically unacceptable and is, therefore, of common concern to all countries.”
- “The people have a right and duty to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of their health care.”
- “Primary health care is essential health care... made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development...”





# Medical Care and Health Promotion

- The pressures to society and governments to pay more attention to repairing and restoring lost and broken individual and community health are stronger than those to promote and protect existing health e.g. Injuries, a baby must be born now, a child convulsing, an epidemic in one country puts the whole world on alert.
- Drama of providing health care is the more visible face of the health system receiving more attention and more resources than health promotion
- **Strong Stewardship Needed for balanced response.**



# Foundations for Sustained Action

- Social cohesion: caring, common good culture, law and order, justice, equity, societal discipline. Rural and urban loss of cohesion
- Accountability, does any one care? Pain and Shame. Parliamentarians role close to the people.



# Focus on People

- Know the people: what are their wants needs
- Ongoing situation analysis, data.
- Structures for people participation. Holding each other accountable



# Human Capital

- Human knowledge, skills, and health that people accumulate throughout their lives, enabling them to realize their potential as productive members of society.
- Infrastructure to end extreme poverty and create more inclusive societies.
- Investing in people through nutrition, health care, quality education, jobs and skills.
- World Bank Human Capital Index African poor ranking



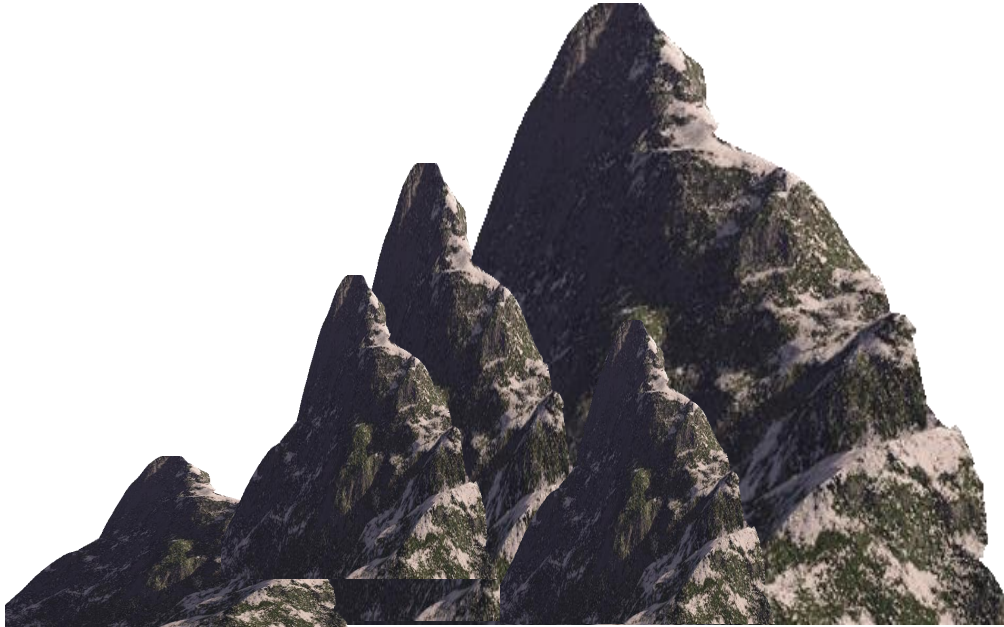
# Focus on Health System and PHC

- Astana 2018 Out comes:
  - Health is a political choice and compact
  - Integrated people centered with people participation. Health before Health Care
  - Quality of care: more people dying from poor care than no care!
  - Influencing Finance Ministers: show good use of resources, respect macro economics, societal well being,



# "Triangle that Moves the Mountain"

Know' dge creation



Social mobilization

Political involvement



# MESSAGE

- **Leadership Needed**
- If not by us; then by whom?
- If not now; then when?
- If not here; then where?
- One by one & collectively
- **This is Africa, what do you expect?**

