

# Actions for Government in implementing the Global Patient Safety Action Plan

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Partners in action: Engaging stakeholders for implementing the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030

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## Why government ownership for Patient Safety action?

- Government pursues multiple objectives at any given time
- Policy choices will reflect the concerns of diverse players in and out of government
- Within the government the role of parliament, regional and local authorities is critical in reform process- a key patient safety consideration.
- Government decision makers must strike a balance between competing influences
- Strategic interactions must happen between the government and various collective stakeholders for reforms to happen.

Key questions to address during the patient safety reforms

- What problem are we trying to solve?
- What do we want to achieve?
- What will happen if we don't change?
- What needs to be done?
- Exactly what interventions should be packaged together?
- How are management support systems best organized to service these interventions?
- How can we tell if there's impact?

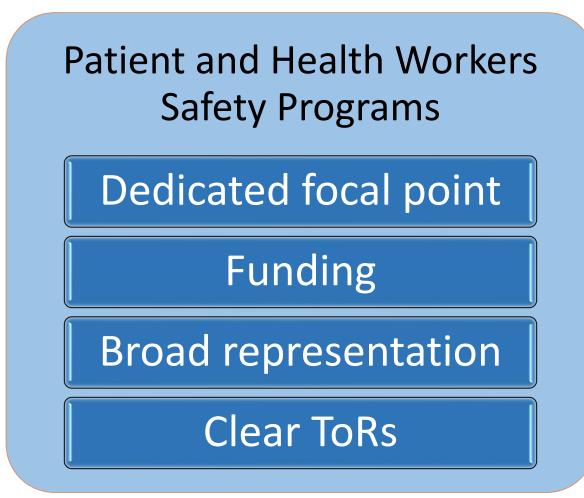


#### Some actions for Governments



#### **Enabling structures**

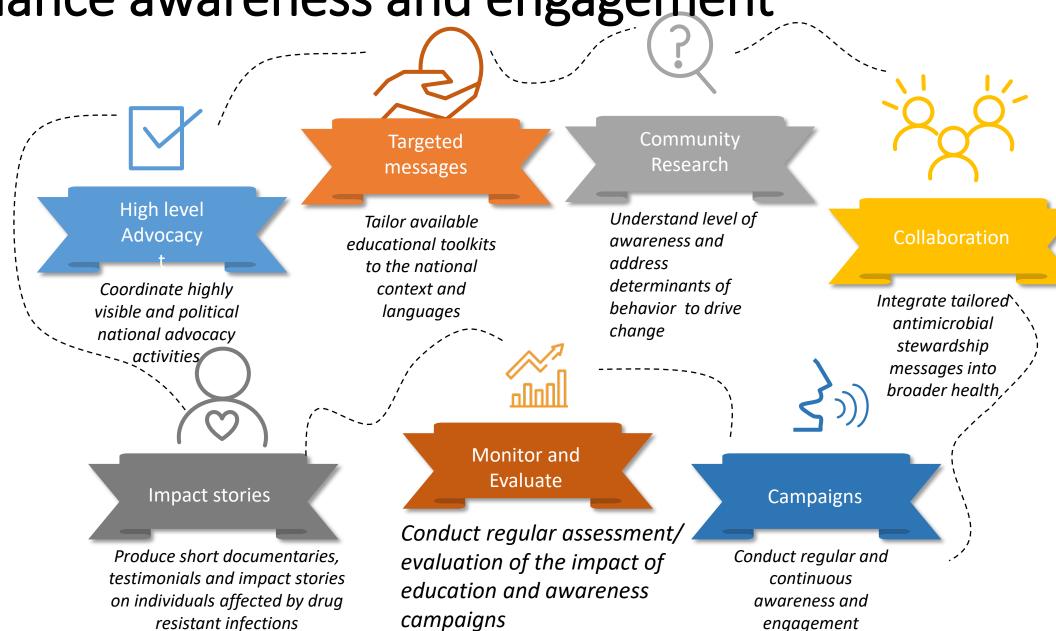
Central coordination-essential for establishing and sustaining an enabling environment for implementation and scale up of interventions.



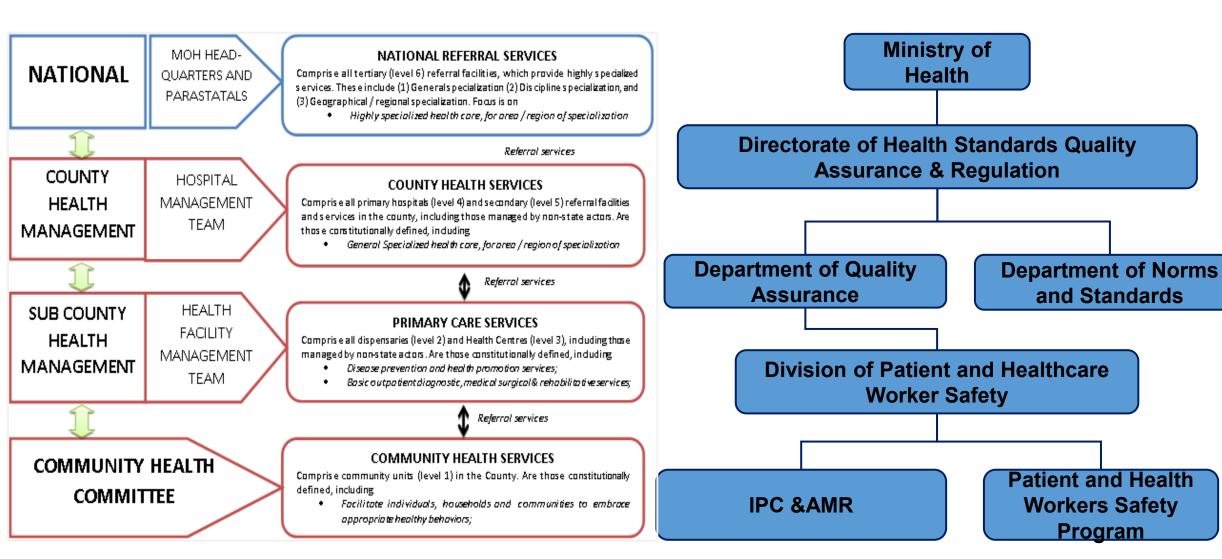
#### **Actions for Governments**

- Knowledge and Skill: Inspire, educate, skill and protect health workers to contribute to the design and delivery of safe care systems
- Data for action: ensure a constant flow of information and knowledge to drive safety
- Establish collaborative, networks, and partnerships

Enhance awareness and engagement



#### Kenyan Ministry of Health Organization



### Kenya- Adapting the Global Action Plan for Patient Safety

Appointed a Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee including patients with Clear **TORs** 

#### NOMINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Patient safety is a serious global public health issue. It is estimated, globally, that one in ten patients are harmed when receiving hospital care. Patient safety is therefore a system property and a foremost element of quality healthcare. KEPSIE Surveys indicate that health facilities in Kenya perform very poorly on patient safety. As we move towards universal health coverage, it is critical that the component on safety and quality of health services is also enhanced. This is also a matter of great public interest.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has further put healthcare workers (HCWs) and their families at unprecedented levels of health risk. Studies have shown that Healthcare workers, those in contact with and/or who care for COVID-19 patients, are at higher risk of being infected with SARS-CoV-2 than the general population. While proving healthcare services. thousands of HCWs have been infected with COVID-19 and some lost their lives worldwide.



In this regard, the Ministry of Health is the process of developing a Patlent and Health Workers Safety and Quality Policy and Action Plan and as a key stakeholder in this process would like to request you to nominate a representative to the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Advisory Committee. The terms of reference are attached herewith.

I take this opportunity to wish you the very best and urge you to execute your duty with diligence.

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KENYA NATIONAL POLICY
ON PATIENT & HEALTHCARE WORKER
SAFETY
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 Second draft of the Patient and Health Workers Safety and Quality Policy

• Vision: A safe, respectful and responsive quality health care system for a healthy, productive and globally competitive nation

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#### Conclusion

- It is possible for governments to adapt the Patient Safety GAP as a blue print
- The GAP presents a strategic and practical document that cuts across diverse settings (High and LMICs) and there are actions for every government to undertake.
- Each country will have different approach, hence the need to find the best fit.
- Advocacy and awareness are critical from the highest level of leadership.