

Building Future Health Systems to Deliver Primary Health Care

This **Eldis Health Systems Key Issues Guide** reviews some of the challenges for the future of **Primary Health Care (PHC)**. It was written by the Future Health Systems RPC and highlights promising models of health system arrangement and service delivery that are improving access for the poorest and most marginalised.

Issues covered by the guide include:

- The content of the Alma Ata Declaration, the process that led to its development and opinion on its implementation.
- How the delivery of health services shifted since the Alma Ata Declaration, including a look at how private and informal providers are playing an increasing role in health systems and how governments are responding.
- How chronic illnesses such as HIV and 'lifestyle' conditions have put pressure on health systems and the effect this has had on way health systems are financed and arranged and the type of service that is offered.
- The impact of new and emerging epidemics and the corresponding global health responses.
- How innovations in medical practice and the upsurge in use of mobile phone technologies in developing countries are shaping the way that PHC is delivered.
- Innovative research, policies and programmes that have attempted to improve access to PHC by rethinking the traditional views of health system strengthening.

The Guide can be found at

www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/health-systems/primary-health-care

Other IDS HDI resources on Primary Health Care:

- Financing primary health care: An edition of id21 Insights that explores the challenges facing donors and national governments in providing and financing primary health care for all: www.id21.org/insights/insights-h12/index.html

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