



INVITATION

On the occasion of the 67th World Health Assembly

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan,
in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and
Red Crescent Societies and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance

invite you to a side event on

Fragile states: boosting community systems for an effective health response

What role can communities and the community health workforce play in
improving access to health services in fragile states?

Ecole hôtelière, Restaurant Vieux-Bois, Avenue de la Paix 12, Geneva
(at the main entrance of Palais des Nations)

Monday 19th May, 2014 | 18:00 - 20:00

A moderated panel discussion followed by a cocktail reception to mark the
Memorandum of Understanding between the IFRC and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.

Please RSVP by 14 May, 2014 to health.department@ifrc.org

Speakers will include:

- H.E Dr Suraya Dalil, Minister of Public Health of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
 - Dr Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, President, Somali Red Crescent Society
- Mark Dybul, Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria
 - Nicole Klingen, Sector Manager, Health, Nutrition & Population, World Bank
 - Alvaro Bermejo, Executive Director, International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Moderated by: Mr Matthias Schmale, Under Secretary General,
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

About this event

Fragile States bear some of the most significant challenges in safeguarding the health and well-being of affected populations, hindering progress towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals. These countries account for half of all under-five deaths and one-third of maternal deaths. The proportion of people living with HIV is four times higher in fragile states than other countries. By 2015, it is estimated that 52 per cent of the world's poor will live in fragile and post-conflict situations.

Strengthening the health response in fragile states is a humanitarian imperative. While many fragile states are supported through international humanitarian agencies, there has been limited success to date in initiating locally-led responses to HIV and other health-related challenges and building long-term capacity. The communities and community health workforce bring local expertise, on-the-ground agility and established networks which are responsive to changing circumstances that fragility brings. Leveraging this local capacity, community health workers and volunteers can contribute to sustain primary healthcare services in fragile states, when duly supported and protected.

Invited panelists will share case studies, experiences and operational models that are sustainable, cost-effective, culturally appropriate and innovative.

Follow the event on twitter: [#FragileStates](#) [#WHA67](#)

For more inform please check the event webpage: www.ifrc.org/WHA67