Despite its potential to save and improve lives, primary health care is often the weakest link in a country’s approach to improving the health of its people. Half the world’s population still doesn’t have access to essential health services, the majority of which can be delivered through strong primary care.

Improving primary health care requires better data. Without knowing if facilities are accessible, diagnoses are accurate, and funding is adequate, decision makers looking to strengthen primary health care are faced with an incredibly difficult – if not impossible – task.

The Vital Signs Profiles, developed by the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative, provide a unique snapshot of the strength of primary health care systems in individual countries – giving policymakers, donors, advocates and citizens the information they need to better understand, and ultimately improve, primary health care around the world.
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• Every year, 8.6 million people die from conditions that are treatable by primary care and the rest of the health system. Without information about where systems are strong & weak, policymakers and donors will continue to operate in the dark – unable to make smart investments, and ultimately unable to reach those most in need.

Countries with quality data on their primary health care system can pinpoint areas for improvement and drive targeted reforms. @ImprovingPHC’s newest measurement tool – the Vital Signs Profile – provides a unique snapshot of primary health care in countries around the world, providing leaders with the information they need to achieve #HealthForAll. Learn more about the Vital Signs Profiles and how they can be used to improve Primary Health Care: www.improvingphc.org/engage

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