



Presentation

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Marked inequalities of health persist throughout the world and despite significant progress under the MDGs universal healthcare coverage remains a distant dream in most countries.

Community-based health promotion and care can help bridge these gaps and provide vital health promotion and primary care services. Virtually all of the 190 Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies globally support community-level health provision with many also providing primary and secondary health services to bridge gaps in public provision and other health-related support services such as pre-hospital emergency care and transport, blood and psychosocial support.

This presentation will provide an overview of the two main approaches IFRC is taking to support National Societies to improve access to healthcare particularly for vulnerable people and communities beyond reach of government services. The RESILIENCE approach aims to reduce health risks and build systems that support health provision along the resilience continuum before, during and after disasters. The REACHED approach aims to 'cover the last mile first', building capacity to support community-based health and care in complex settings and reaching those who for so long have remained unreached.