

## **African Novice Nurses and Students Initiative**

**Public health office**



## **ANN SI response statement to**

### **ASTANA DECLARATION**

#### **Global Conference on Primary Health Care, From Alma-Ata towards universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. Astana, Kazakhstan, 25 and 26 October 2018.**

Heads of State and Government, ministers and representatives of States and Governments<sup>1</sup>, participated in the Global Conference on Primary Health Care: From Alma-Ata towards universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals, met in Astana on 25 and 26 October 2018, reaffirming the commitments expressed in the ambitious and visionary Declaration of Alma-Ata of 1978 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in pursuit of Health for All, hereby make the following Declaration.

#### **Astana Declaration Envision:**

- 1- Governments and societies that prioritize promote and protect people's health and well-being, at both population and individual levels, through strong health systems.
- 2- Primary health care and health services that are high quality, safe, comprehensive, integrated, accessible, available and affordable for everyone and everywhere, provided with compassion, respect and dignity by health professionals who are well-trained, skilled, motivated and committed.
- 3- Enabling and health-conducive environments in which individuals and communities are empowered and engaged in maintaining and enhancing their health and well-being.
- 4- Partners and stakeholders aligned in providing effective support to national health policies, strategies and plans.

Astana Declaration Commit to:

- 1- Make bold political choices for health across all sectors.
- 2- Build sustainable primary health care.

#### **The success of primary health care will be driven by:**

- 1- Knowledge and capacity-building.
- 2- Human resources for health.

3- Technology.

4- Financing.

5- Empower individuals and communities. strategies and plans.

6- Align stakeholder support to national policies,

**ANNSI, African Novice Nurses and Student's Initiative**, supporting Astana Declaration, the global conference on **Primary Health Care** from Alma-Ata towards universal health coverage and the **Sustainable Development Goals** held in Astana, Kazakhstan, 25 and 26 October 2018.

**ANNSI** committed to consider all Astana declaration elements in upcoming ANNSI public health strategic and action plan because we believe in the importance of Primary health care is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.

It forms an integral part both of the country's health system, of which it is the central function and main focus, and of the overall social and economic development of the community.

It is the first level of contact of individuals, the family and community with the national health system bringing health care as close as possible to where people live and work, and constitutes the first element of a continuing health care process.

**ANNSI** convinced that strengthening primary health care (PHC) is the most inclusive, effective and efficient approach to enhance people's physical and mental health, as well as social well-being, and that PHC is a cornerstone of a sustainable health system for universal health coverage (UHC) and health-related **Sustainable Development Goals**. We call on all stakeholders – health professionals, academia, patients, civil society, local and international partners, agencies and funds, the private sector, faith-based organizations and others – to align with national policies, strategies and plans across all sectors, including through people-centered, gender-sensitive approaches, and to take joint actions to build stronger and sustainable PHC towards achieving UHC.

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