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## **West African Institute of Public Health Supports Primary Health Financing Platform**

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The West African Institute of Public Health (WAIPH) commends the World Health Organization (WHO) and multilateral development banks for launching the €1.5 billion Primary Health Financing Platform. This initiative addresses critical needs in primary healthcare, especially in vulnerable communities .

As a key stakeholder in regional health development, WAIPH emphasizes that effective primary healthcare functions require emphasis on critical needs, governance, and coordination with underserved communities at the center of its approach.

The platform's focus on strengthening primary healthcare in 15 pathfinder countries, including Senegal and Gambia in West Africa, aligns with WAIPH's mission to improve regional health outcomes.

"We applaud the WHO, African Development Bank, European Investment Bank, and Islamic Development Bank for their commitment to healthcare financing," said Dr. Francis Ohanyido, WAIPH Director General. "WAIPH will collaborate with governments in the region and partners to ensure successful implementation and meaningful impact."

The Health Impact Investment Platform marks a significant step towards achieving universal health coverage and Sustainable Development Goals. WAIPH urges continued collaboration and investment to address health disparities and build resilient health systems.

The funding platform will also come up for continental stakeholder discussions at the Africa Primary Health Care Forum (APHCF) holding in Abuja, Nigeria, July 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> , 2025.

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