

GHS2026 Conference Workshops

Day One - Tuesday 9 2026, 1:45pm-3:45pm

Room 402

Securing the Frontline: Gender-Responsive Protection, Safety, and Governance Reforms for Primary Health Care Workers to Enhance Global Health Security

Aim:

This workshop aims to strengthen CHW security and gender-responsive governance as core elements of global health security.

Objectives:

- Identify and analyse systemic gendered, conflict and climate-related risks affecting CHWs and their implications for PHC resilience.
- Apply the UNU-IIGH GRPAT to prioritise vulnerabilities and identify feasible policy reforms.
- Co-design practical protection and governance solutions to enhance CHW safety, representation, and integration into national preparedness strategies.

Target audience:

This workshop is intended for policymakers, ministries of health, preparedness planners, humanitarian actors, UN agencies, donors, civil society and health workforce leaders seeking practical tools to strengthen CHW safety, gender-responsive governance, and frontline workforce security.

Geographical or Population Focus:

The workshop draws on insights from South Asia, Southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa (including Pakistan, Nepal, India, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Burkina Faso) while offering globally applicable tools relevant to all countries relying on CHWs for PHC, surveillance, and crisis response.