REFLECTIONS PRIOR TO OUR DISCUSSION

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A reminder...

- Access to **basic health services** was affirmed as a **fundamental human right** in the Alma-Ata Declaration, 1978

  - Primary healthcare adopted as a model with a focus on universal, community-based preventive and curative services, with substantial community involvement

  - Although in many areas we have made great strides, nearly 40 years on, many in low- and middle-income countries still do not have equitable access to primary healthcare services
Home-based records

- A **durable, well-designed** home-based record that is:
  - **Readily available** in the right quantity, in the right place and at the right time;
  - **Legibly completed and appropriately utilized** by healthcare workers in support of **good recording practices** of health services delivered and communication to caregivers;
  - **Understood, valued, adopted and utilized** by individuals or their caregivers as a tool to **facilitate engagement** in their care or that of their child;

is a critical tool at our disposal...a tool that we all must use more effectively in our programmes.
it is not about paper tools
it is not about parts of information systems
it is not about the best quality data

it is about PEOPLE, and
improving their health and well-being

through better decisions on what affects them
informed by adequate data
carefully recorded by health workers
in home-based records
We must do better

- And we can do better, understanding (and resolving)
  - Supply side challenges;
  - Complex financing challenges;
  - Challenges with document durability;
  - Challenges with appropriate design for user needs;
We must challenge ourselves

- Assumptions are being made. Challenge them.
- We should all hold each other accountable.
- Challenge yourself and what you think you know to be true...it may be misleading you
- Refocus on the end-users...the caregivers and frontline health workers...we leave them out of the process far too often

“A great challenge of life: Knowing enough to think you're doing it right, but not enough to know you're doing it wrong.”
  - Neil deGrasse Tyson
DISCUSSION TIME

Arigatou

Merci

Obrigado

Thank you