## Adult Primary Care 2023 Clinical Tool Launch

# Supporting nurse-led primary healthcare

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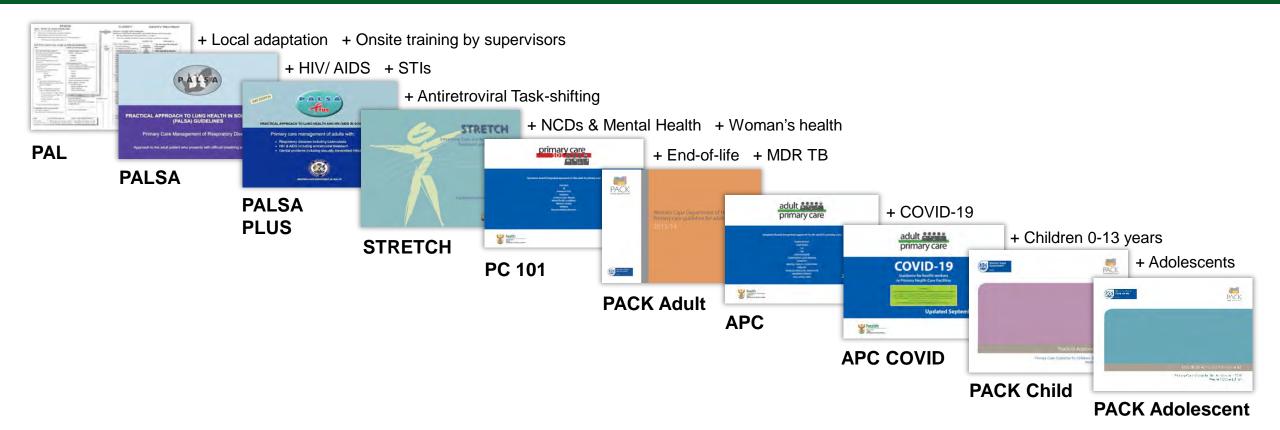








## The journey so far....



1999 2013 2020 2023





### **Tried and tested**

Modest but consistent improvements across a range of outcomes and behaviours from the Absolute effect sizes in the range seen in implementation science trials (5-15%)<sup>1</sup>

Prescribing: inhaled corticosteroids<sup>2</sup>, cotrimoxazole prophylaxis<sup>3</sup>, second-line ART<sup>4</sup>, aspirin<sup>5</sup>

Referral: appropriate referral of severe and complex cases<sup>2,4</sup>

Case detection: HIV<sup>3</sup>, TB<sup>2,3,4,6</sup>

Increased access to evidence-based treatments in context of task-sharing:

TB treatment<sup>2,3,4,6</sup>, cotrimoxazole<sup>3</sup>, glucose-lowering medications<sup>5</sup>, aspirin<sup>5</sup>, asthma medications<sup>1</sup>

No impact on depression case detection where co-located treatments (antidepressants, counselling) unavailable<sup>7</sup>

Health outcomes: weight gain<sup>2,3</sup>, CD4 count gains<sup>4</sup>, mortality<sup>4</sup>

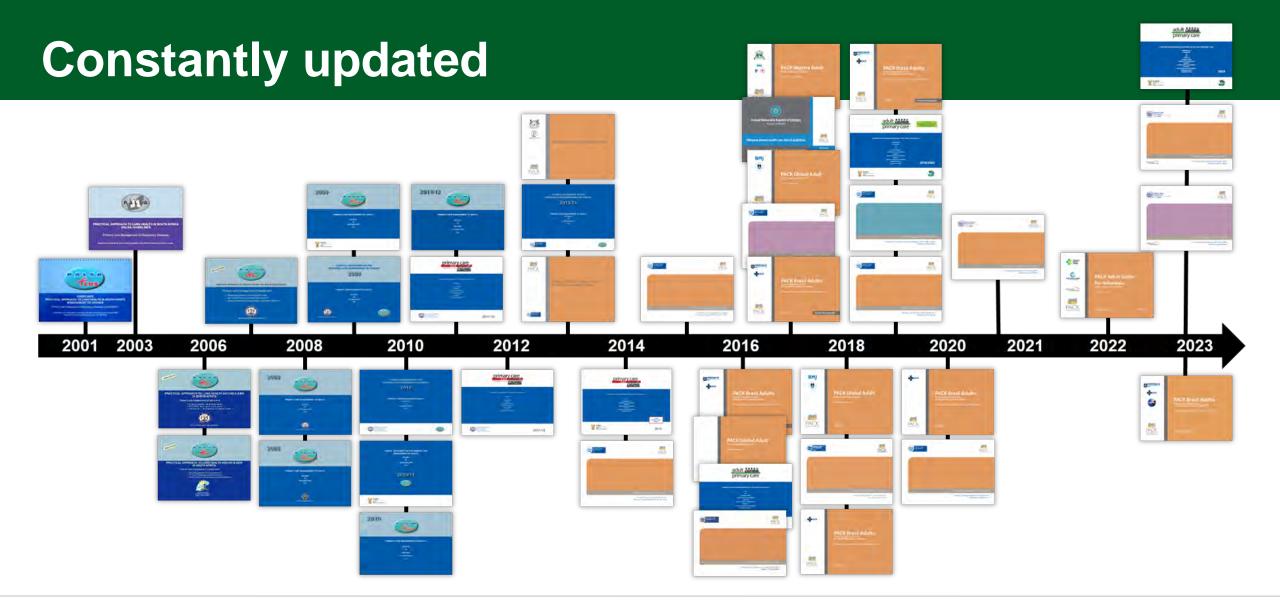
**Health care utilisation:** ↑ primary care visits, ↓ inpatient days<sup>4,8</sup>

Qualitative work: programmes highly valued 9,10,11

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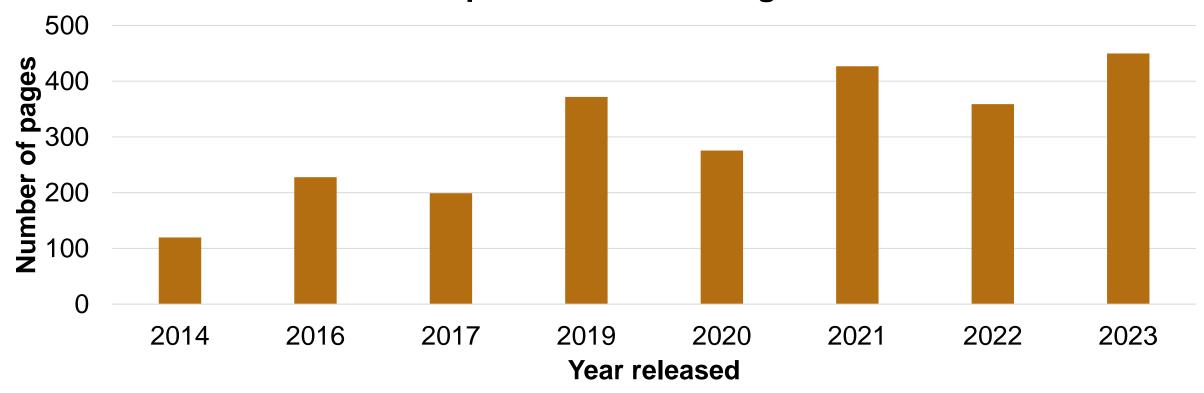






## Summarising and harmonising guidelines

### **National Department of Health guidelines**









### **Nurses as clinicians**

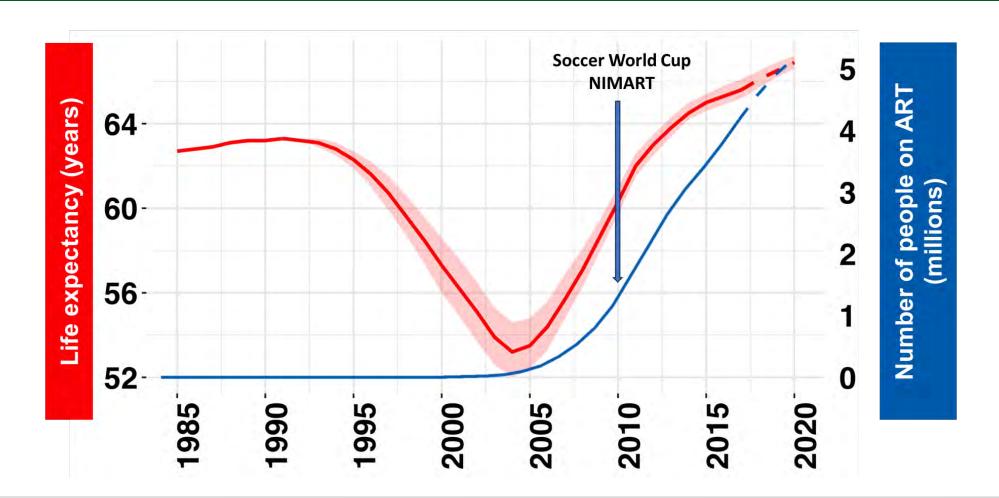
#### Compared with primary care doctors trained nurses:

- Probably provide equal or better quality of care
- Achieve equal or better health outcomes for patients
- Spend longer with patients
- Associated with greater patient satisfaction



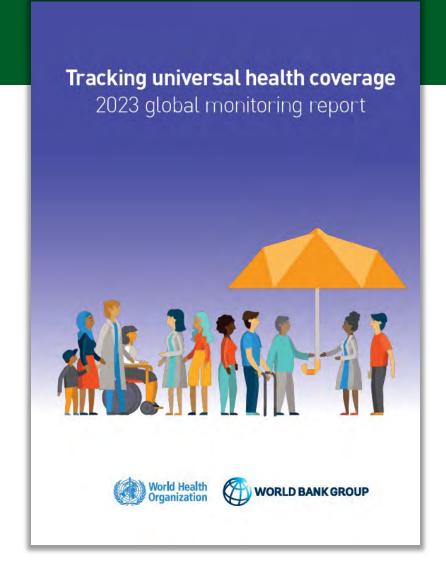


## Life expectancy and ART scale-up in South Africa









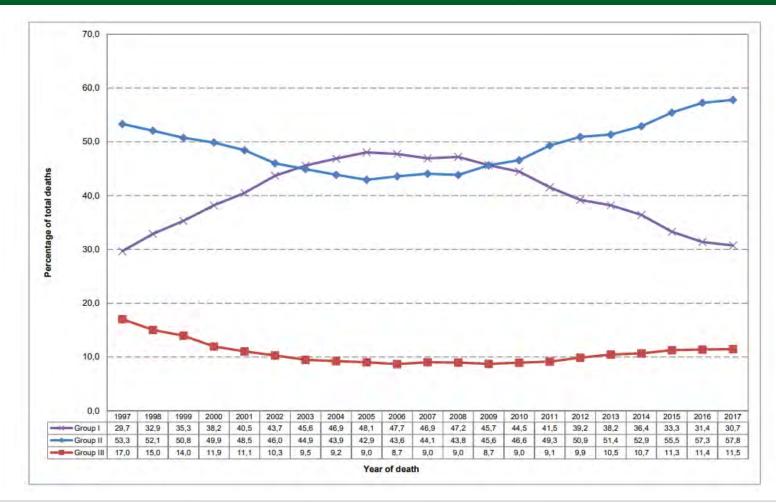
"The improvements in the universal health coverage service coverage index between 2000 and 2021 are mostly (about 60%) attributable to changes in human immunodeficiency virus antiretroviral therapy coverage."







# Percentage deaths due to communicable diseases, NCDs and injuries: 1997–2017



**NCDs** 

Communicable diseases

**Injuries** 





## Being a nurse is not your only job



### 5 hours 20 minutes

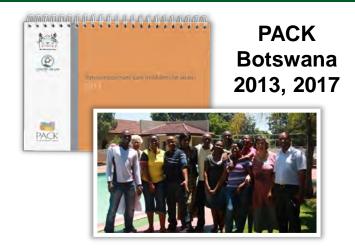
Unpaid care or domestic work every day







## The PACK Global community



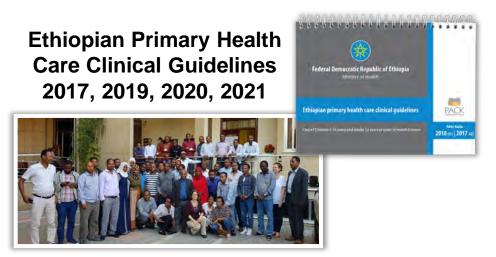




PACK Brazil 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023











# Each other









## The big picture: more than just healthcare



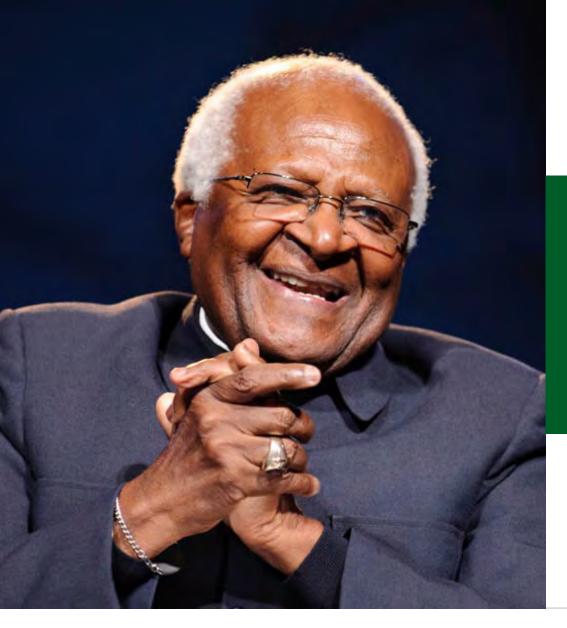
September 2023 UN High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

### Health systems<sup>1</sup>:

- 1. Build social cohesion
- 2. Legitimise the right to healthcare
- 3. Strengthen trust in the state
- 4. Communicate the extent to which the state values various population groups e.g. uninsured







"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."





# Thank you ~ Dankie ~ Ngiyabonga ~ Enkosi Ke a leboga ~ Ro livhuwa ~ Ndzi kense

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