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# UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE PARTNERSHIP

Bridging the gap between global commitments and country implementation to achieve universal health coverage

**People:** 125+ countries representing over 3 billion people

**Expertise:** 145+ policy advisers on the ground

**Solidarity:** Over half a billion dollars in donor contributions

**We bring health services closer to communities.** The UHC Partnership is part of WHO's Special Programme on Primary Health Care, which promotes a whole-of-society approach in addressing health priorities and **empowering people** to take part in making decisions that affect their health and well-being.

We work to **strengthen health systems across the world.** Our health policy advisers play a crucial role in bringing WHO's **technical expertise** in fostering policy dialogue, national health planning, health security, addressing noncommunicable diseases and more. We provide funding for catalytic projects and engage partners to enable effective development cooperation.

**We invest in health for all.** The UHC Partnership is one of WHO's largest initiatives on international cooperation for universal health coverage and primary health care. For over a decade, it has served as a platform for donors to work together in **transforming global commitments** to tangible results in countries.

The UHC Partnership's programme of work is fully aligned with WHO's Strategy (General Programme of Work) adopted by Member States at the 71st World Health Assembly in May 2018, extended until 2025.



# Supporting countries to achieve UHC through a primary health care approach



With a special focus on noncommunicable diseases, health security, gender, equity and human rights



“ Achieving the founding vision of WHO for the highest attainable standard of health for all people cannot be achieved one disease at a time. It requires a holistic approach that delivers the health services people need, where and when they need them, but that also improves health literacy, nutrition, water and sanitation and other drivers of disease. It is an approach we know as primary health care. ”

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General



## The UHC Partnership, a WHO programme which delivers public health policies to achieve UHC, better health and health security

Over the last decade, following the 2011 World Health Assembly resolution on building robust health strategic frameworks, the UHC Partnership has been supporting ministries of health in evidence-based and inclusive policy-making process. This is achieved through the deployment of 145+ health policy advisors in 125+ WHO country offices and the 6 WHO regional offices. The UHC Partnership strengthens the operational arm of WHO and supports the development, implementation and strengthening of country health plans and policies.

## All countries involved in the UHC Partnership have seen an increase in their UHC index

The UHC Partnership contributed to this progress thanks to a flexible (based on country priorities), bottom-up (based on country strategies) and catalytic approach (oriented to create synergies). This has offered a more strategic and innovative way of working to ensure that countries receive assistance that is tailored to their own contexts, and responds to their needs and changing priorities. The Partnership also sets a model for accountability based on clear mechanisms to understand what is happening on the ground. While much work remains to be done, strategic and technical assistance needs to be sustained and enhanced to accelerate our journey towards health for all.



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## Reaching 125+ countries

The UHC Partnership translates global commitments to country-level impact, reaching the most vulnerable populations. It works in 125+ countries across all continents, as part of the WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care. **Here are some examples:**



**Azerbaijan:** In Shamakhi region, the UHC Partnership has trained and supported a range of health workers including paediatricians, family doctors and mobile clinic drivers, to provide essential primary health care services to remote populations.



**Caribbean:** The UHC Partnership supports the implementation of the technical package for cardiovascular disease management in the Americas Region, (Bahamas Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago).



**Democratic Republic of the Congo:** From May 2018 to December 2021, the Democratic Republic of the Congo experienced four consecutive outbreaks of Ebola Virus Disease. An After-Action Review was organized to boost capacities to prepare for and respond to future health emergencies. .



**Indonesia:** The UHC Partnership is supporting efforts to strengthen primary health care, including a countrywide assessment of primary health care services and functions; a review of minimum primary health care standards; the development of an integrated service delivery model; and the reinforcement of the health information system for primary health care infrastructure.



**Mongolia:** The UHC Partnership is supporting efforts to introduce a mobile people-centred integrated primary health care approach. This helps ensure that remote populations receive good quality and affordable health services.



**occupied Palestinian territory:** The UHC Partnership supported the Ministry of Health in reforming its hospital sector and to prepare the health profile of the occupied Palestinian territory. The Ministry is also preparing to adopt the WHO strategic framework for action on the hospital sector.



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## Funding: a long-term perspective that started in 2011

The UHC Partnership is supported and funded by WHO, the European Union, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Irish Aid, the Government of Japan, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the United Kingdom – Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Belgium, Canada and Germany.

### What does it include?



Over 145+ policy advisers in countries and regions



Catalytic funding to respond to country priorities (\$100 000 average per country per year) and 70% of resources directly allocated to country support.



Strategic and technical assistance



Normative guidance



Communication and knowledge management

## UHC Partnership governance and management

The Joint Working Team (JWT) for primary health care and universal health coverage connects three levels of WHO from country, regional and global offices across different technical areas—as well as donors and observers.

**The Multi-Donor Coordination Committee:** Composed of donors and WHO senior officials from headquarters and regional offices, its objectives are to inform partners on overall technical and management progress, to improve coordination, and to identify priorities for the future.

**The High-Level Steering Committee:** Composed of assistant directors general at WHO headquarters and directors for programme management from WHO regional offices, the High-Level Steering Committee aims to align WHO's technical divisions and the three levels of the Organization (global, regional and country). It also ensures strong support from senior management.

**The live monitoring:** Live monitoring sessions are led by WHO regional offices and provides opportunities for countries and technical experts, along with partners and donors of the UHC Partnership, to convene on supporting country



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