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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE PARTNERSHIP

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



1 BILLION MORE PEOPLE
benefiting from universal
health coverage

1 BILLION MORE PEOPLE
protected from health emergencies

1 BILLION MORE PEOPLE
enjoying better health
and well-being

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The Universal Health Coverage Partnership (UHC Partnership) is one of the World Health Organization's (WHO) largest initiatives on international cooperation for universal health coverage (UHC) and primary health care (PHC). From supporting seven countries in 2011, the Partnership now includes 115 countries and continues to expand.

The UHC Partnership supports governments

- ✓ in strengthening primary health care-oriented health systems for UHC through improving governance, access to health products, workforce, financing, information and service delivery
- ✓ with a special focus on addressing the growing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and strengthening health security
- ✓ in enabling effective development cooperation 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.





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COVID-19: Delivering UHC requires strengthening preparedness and health security

The COVID-19 pandemic tested and exposed gaps in health systems and health security. More than ever, the UHC Partnership and its ability to support national priorities through flexible, multidisciplinary and responsive programming and funding proves crucial in addressing early recovery needs, and strengthening the preparedness and resilience of countries to protect their populations from future threats.

Achieving UHC requires a strong response to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)

NCDs kill over 40 million people each year, equivalent to 71% of all deaths globally. The UHC Partnership supports countries in delivering innovative and equitable solutions for the prevention and management of NCDs. During the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, the UHC Partnership works to accelerate the robust expansion of essential NCD services and to ensure continuity of care even as countries face pandemics and other major threats to health.

Supporting countries to achieve UHC through a primary health care approach



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COVID-19 is not just a global health emergency, it is a vivid demonstration of the fact that there is no health security without resilient health systems.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
WHO Director-General



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Reaching 115 countries

As part of the WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care, the UHC Partnership translates global commitments to country-level impacts, reaching the most vulnerable populations in 115 countries. **Here are some examples:**



COLOMBIA: Social primary health care approach helps communities lead healthier lives and gain better access to health services.



SOUTH AFRICA: The Presidential Health Compact, a five-year roadmap for health systems strengthening towards UHC, was signed in 2019.



EGYPT: The implementation of the Universal Health Insurance Law covers all Egyptians, while also securing credible funding.



TIMOR LESTE: A primary health care essential service package with comprehensive NCD services is helping address the burden of NCDs.



ETHIOPIA: The insured population now benefits from improved access to medicines.



UKRAINE: Effective health financing reform helped increase primary health care access by 72%.



PHILIPPINES: UHC law automatically enrolls every Filipino citizen into the National Health Insurance Program.

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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 120 policy advisers in countries and regions
-  Catalytic funding to respond to country priorities (\$100 000 average per country per year)
-  Technical backstopping
-  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 high-level steering committee** gathers the Deputy Director-General, the Executive Director of the UHC-Life Course Division as well as all involved assistant directors-general and executive directors, and the directors of programme management of the six WHO regional offices.
-  **The multi-donor coordination committee** provides a visible and transparent mechanism to enable discussions on cross-cutting issues and coordinate donor funding towards UHC.
-  **The live monitoring of the WHO Country Support Plans** provides a unique opportunity for WHO and its partners to actively and regularly engage in dialogue on the UHC Partnership's support to Member States to help them deliver on their UHC goals.



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