UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE PARTNERSHIP

Bridging the gap between global commitments and country implementation to achieve Universal Health Coverage

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The Universal Health Coverage Partnership (UHC-P) has evolved into a significant and influential global partnership to make Universal Health Coverage a reality. From supporting seven countries in 2011, the Partnership now includes 115 countries.

The UHC-P supports governments

- in strengthening health systems for UHC
- through improving governance, access to health products, workforce, financing, information and service delivery
- with a special focus on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and health security
- in enabling effective development cooperation in countries.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic tested health systems and exposed gaps in health security. More than ever, the UHC-P and its agility 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 NCDs

NCDs kill over 40 million people each year, equivalent to 71% of all deaths globally. The UHC-P supports countries in delivering innovative and equitable solutions for the prevention and management of NCDs. During the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, the UHC-P 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.

Reaching 115 countries

As part of the UHC2030 global movement to build stronger health systems for UHC, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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What does it include?

- Over 100 technical experts in countries and regions
- Catalytic funding for activities ($100 000 average per country per year)
- Technical backstopping
- Normative guidance
- Management and communication

UHC-P management

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

The Multi-Donors Coordination Committee (MDCC) 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-P’s support to Member States to help them deliver on their UHC goals.

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