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Taking action for universal health coverage

Health Systems Strengthening
RELATED INITIATIVES

INTRODUCTION

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is the vision that everyone, everywhere should have access to quality and affordable health services. Stronger health systems are the backbone of progress towards UHC and all the health SDG targets.

A diverse group of international partnerships, alliances and networks focuses on strengthening different aspects of health systems. UHC2030 is the global movement to build stronger health systems for UHC and (among other activities) plays a convening role for this group of health systems 'Related Initiatives'.

This document presents a short profile of each UHC2030 Related Initiative with information about opportunities to work together.

All the Related Initiatives in this information pack are part of the 'family' of UHC2030 and provide crucial support to the global movement for UHC. They share a commitment to promote the principles of the **UHC2030 Global Compact for Progress towards UHC** and common approaches to strengthening health systems embedded in **Healthy systems for universal health coverage – a joint vision for healthy lives**.

UHC2030 provides a multi-stakeholder platform to work with a broader range of partners and constituencies, share information, learning and resources, and collaborate towards shared health systems objectives and UHC goals.

We hope this pack is useful for those who wish to understand more about who we are, what we do and how we can all work together to build stronger health systems and achieve UHC.

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Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (the Alliance) works to improve the health of those in low- and middle-income countries by supporting the generation and use of evidence that strengthens health systems.

It is an international partnership hosted by the World Health Organization, working together with organizations around the world. It believes in the power of research to inform health policy decisions, drive health care reforms, scale-up proven health interventions, and ultimately save lives.

It engages diverse actors in health policy and systems research targeting support to ensure better inclusion of and participation by women, those in low- and middle-income countries and other historically underrepresented groups.

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OBJECTIVES

Provide a unique forum for the health policy and systems research community.

Support institutional capacity for the conduct and uptake of health policy and systems research.

Stimulate the generation of knowledge and innovations to nurture learning and resilience in health systems.

Increase the demand for and use of knowledge for strengthening health systems.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Over the last two decades, the Alliance has supported nearly 400 projects in 73 countries. For example:

- In Lebanon it supported a rapid review centre to bring evidence into health care debates.

- In Haiti, it supported the Ministry of Health to improve programmes using an embedded research approach.

- In Nigeria, participatory action research engaged communities in dialogues about barriers to immunisation services and developing action plans.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- National, regional or local governments
- Multi-lateral and bi-lateral agencies
- Research institutions
- Universities
- Civil society organizations
- Membership organizations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting the Alliance if you wish to learn more about key approaches to health policy and systems research, engage with other researchers and decision-makers to identify country research priorities, and apply for funding for research projects.

Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (SDG3 GAP) – PHC Accelerator

Primary Health Care (PHC) is one of seven key accelerator areas that have been identified by SDG3 GAP partners to focus and align efforts to accelerate country progress towards SDG3. By weaving together (i) multisectoral policy and action, (ii) empowered people and communities, and (iii) people-centred integrated health services at both population and individual levels, the PHC vision addresses the broader determinants of health and access, use and affordability of quality health services – all of which are essential for the achievement of UHC, SDG3 and other health-related SDGs.

The overall focus of the PHC Accelerator (PHC-A) is to support countries in developing and delivering a comprehensive package of essential health services and contributing to UHC through PHC, using the PHC operational framework and the PHC measurement framework and indicators as key tools to accelerate progress. Country collaboration under the PHC-A is based on the principles of country ownership, using a bottom-up approach, and built on tailored support plans responding to national contexts and priorities. Implementation of the work of the PHC-A has followed a consultative process and engagement with regions to identify and prioritize initial countries supported by the PHC-A.

OBJECTIVES

To engage, accelerate, align and account with WHO and UNICEF as the lead agencies supporting collaboration for national efforts on PHC with other GAP signatory agencies.

To provide a platform for government-led country dialogues on PHC and align partner support to national PHC priorities and strategies.

To serve as a forum for global PHC strategy discussions among partners.

To support the development and dissemination of global goods for PHC.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Facilitate monthly PHC-A working group meetings for countries.
- Support in-country joint missions based on emerging opportunities for PHC policy.
- Capacity building to ensure roll-out of PHC tools at country level and generate evidence.
- Strengthen collaboration across SDG3 GAP accelerators, with a focus on Sustainable Financing for Health, Fragile and Conflicted Affected Settings, and Data and Digital Health in order to maximize support for countries.
- Support countries in their PHC measurement efforts at national and sub-national levels.
- Support better alignment of PHC measurement efforts at the global, regional and country levels.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- 13 GAP signatory agencies
- Ministries of Health
- Development partners
- Donors
- Civil Society organizations

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider contacting the SDG3 GAP PHC Accelerator to seek information about their strategies.

GAP signatory agencies that are working on PHC strategies and related activities may wish to share their strategies and PHC-updates with the PHC-A working group.

Global Health Workforce Network

The Global Health Workforce Network was established in 2016, following a request by select Member States and building on a proposal by the Board of the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

The Network operates within WHO as a global mechanism for stakeholder consultation, dialogue and coordination on comprehensive and coherent health workforce policies in support of the implementation of the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health (HRH) and the recommendations of the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth.

The Network provides a platform for strategic advice to WHO on health workforce issues, enhanced collaboration with relevant agencies (e.g., ILO, UNESCO, World Bank) that goes beyond the health sector focus of WHO, and multi-stakeholder and intersectoral dialogue and communities of practice. It is also Co-host of the Global Forum on Human Resources for Health.

The Network has a unique role in driving forward the health workforce agenda through leveraging specific activities to which other institutions and constituencies bring expertise, mandate and funding.

OBJECTIVES

Engagement - To inform and maintain high-level political engagement in support of the implementation of the Global Strategy.

Dialogue - To provide forum for multi-sector and multi stakeholder agenda setting, best practice sharing and harmonization and alignment of international support to human resources for health (HRH).

Effective implementation - To foster global monitoring and mutual accountability on international HRH goals, targets and commitments.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Thematic Hubs on intersectoral topics: education, health labour market, HRH data and evidence, community health workers, gender equity, youth, leadership.

- Development of performance, competency frameworks and global guidelines.
- Development and promotion of standards to harmonize and align investments.
- An accredited leadership HRH programme.
- Alignment and adoption of National Health Workforce Accounts; linking with the Health Data Collaborative.
- Global public goods on HRH.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Academic or research institutions
- Foundations
- National governments
- Civil Society Organizations
- Private Corporations
- Professional Associations
- United Nations agencies
- Hospitals, professional networks, unions etc
- From different sectors including education, employment, finance, health and labour.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting the Network to engage with other sectors and hold inter-sectoral dialogue about HRH issues and both contribute and benefit from the development of global public goods.

Health Data Collaborative

Established in March 2016 following the high-level summit on Measurement and Accountability for Results in Health, the Health Data Collaborative (HDC) convenes stakeholders from across the health data and digital ecosystem to strengthen country Health Information Systems (HIS), align partner resources with country priorities, and adapt global tools to local contexts.

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OBJECTIVES

To strengthen country capacity to plan, implement, monitor and review progress and standardized processes for data collection, availability, analysis and use.

To improve efficiency and alignment: of technical and financial investments in health data systems.

To increase the impact of global public goods and tools on country health data systems through increased sharing, learning and country engagement.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

• Provide a repository of global standards and tools for health data collection and analysis (global public goods).

• Contextualise resources and tools to support better coordination, harmonization and strategic use of health data, at all levels.

• Build networks of technical expertise and facilitate working groups to explore and develop national health data systems.

• Provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange through monthly webinars.

WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

• National governments
• Multilateral agencies
• Global Health Initiatives
• Donors and philanthropic organisations
• Academic and research institutions
• Civil society organisations
• Private sector entities

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider contacting or joining HDC if you are interested in shaping and applying shared tools to strengthen health data systems, for example through technical networks, workshops with diverse stakeholders and other learning events.

healthdatacollaborative.org

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Health Systems Global

Health Systems Global is an international membership society that connects researchers, policymakers, managers, practitioners, educators, civil society, media and donors from around the world to advance the field of health policy and systems research for the attainment of better health, equity and wellbeing.

Vision: Globally connected health systems research and policy communities contribute to the attainment of better health, equity and wellbeing.

Mission: Convene researchers, policymakers and implementers from around the world to develop the field of health policy systems research and unleash their collective capacity to create, share and apply knowledge to strengthen health systems.

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OBJECTIVES

Health Systems Global has three broad areas of work to:

Foster the creation of new knowledge

Support knowledge translation focusing on bridging knowledge creation with practical application

Foster research on the application of new knowledge in real world settings.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- HSG has over 1,500 members around the world, and over 33,000 followers across Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

- HSG's ten multidisciplinary Thematic Working Groups provide platforms for interaction and exchange on health policy and systems research and practice.

- Member-led regional and national activities advance the field of health systems research through increased engagement and support.

- HSG organizes a biennial Global Symposia on Health Systems Research that convenes over 2,000 policymakers, practitioners and researchers from more than 120 countries.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Researchers
- Policy or decision-makers
- Implementers / Practitioners
- Managers
- Educators
- Civil society representatives
- Media
- Donors
- National or regional professional association representatives.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting HSG to take part in the biennial Global Symposia on Health Systems Research, join and contribute to HSG's thematic working groups and regional networks, and participate in capacity development initiatives.

Health Systems Governance Collaborative

The Collaborative is a group of practitioners, policy makers, academics, civil society representatives, agencies, decision-makers and other committed citizens seeking to connect and engage about important health systems governance issues.

The Collaborative fosters creative and safe spaces to address health systems governance challenges (such as corruption, power inequities, lack of capacities, gross mismanagement, poor distribution of knowledge and resources and unequal access to health) and promote real impact on the ground.

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OBJECTIVES

To gather collective expertise, construct ideas and ways forward together and address governance challenges with knowledge rooted in local practice.

To focus on concrete health systems governance improvements at national and sub-national levels and better connect these experiences with the global arena.

To build creative solutions to the political and economic bottlenecks which have an impact on governance, and are currently unresolved.

To face the tough dilemmas together.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Grow the Collaborative community and engage different stakeholder groups.

- Explore the governance interfaces between local, sub-national, national and global levels and produce country case studies.

- Publish and field test a framework for an actionable approach to health systems governance.

- Contribute to the elaboration of a common health systems governance language and publish a glossary of health systems governance terms.

- Explore the governance capacities and changing roles of ministries of health using the new dedicated framework.

- Facilitate global health governance mobilization and collective action initiatives.

WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Health practitioners or managers
- Policy makers
- Academics
- Civil society representatives
- Donors
- Committed citizens interested in health systems governance and accountability.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting the Collaborative to be part of a community addressing health systems issues, interact with each other online and contribute to the development of key products to push forward the agenda.

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Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage

The JLN is a country-driven network of practitioners and policymakers from around the globe sharing knowledge and learning to find practical solutions to the challenges of implementing UHC.

It uses a unique country-led model to identify and prioritize learning activities that are aligned with members' UHC priorities and needs. JLN member countries share experiences, work together and co-develop global knowledge products and tools that help bridge the gap between theory and practice. All activities are prioritized, shaped, led and co-facilitated by countries.

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OBJECTIVES

To establish a vibrant community of member countries deeply engaged in practitioner-to-practitioner learning to jointly generate knowledge, solve problems, and adapt tools.

To provide countries with a self-governed collaborative learning environment to harness collective expertise and experiences.

To strive to maintain country-led priority-setting, flexibility, and a strong community where members feel a sense of belonging, trust and friendship.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The JLN provides countries with a flexible platform to share their experiences and knowledge through in-person and virtual learning exchanges. JLN partners with technical facilitators to:

- moderate joint learning activities by helping members to frame a specific UHC problem.

- harvest members' experiences in a structured way.

- facilitate the identification and synthesis of lessons.

- help draft practical knowledge products as global public goods.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Leaders from a ministry of health, national health financing agency, or other key government institution
- Countries building a national health system for achieving UHC
- Donor organizations supporting national UHC reforms
- Civil society or non-governmental organization representatives with UHC expertise
- Other organizations or agencies interested in health systems strengthening for UHC.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting the JLN for access to a country-led learning platform, exchanges virtually and in-person to share your country's experience and achievements, support other countries along the way and co-produce global public goods.

Providing for Health (P4H)

P4H is a global network dedicated to health financing and social health protection for UHC through insight and knowledge brokerage, collaborative technical expertise and policy dialogue.

P4H's mission is to promote, develop and strengthen exchange and collaboration for health financing and social health protection towards UHC.

The vision of P4H is to accelerate progress towards UHC. The P4H network supports the health-related SDG and the UHC target specifically. P4H facilitates dialogues and collaboration among partners working on health financing and social health protection at all levels to make progress towards UHC in countries.

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OBJECTIVES

Promote, develop and strengthen partnership collaboration for health financing and social health protection for UHC.

Act as an honest broker among all involved stakeholders to build coherent frameworks for country, regional and global actions.

Engage the global health community and build bridges between global and country levels.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Connect and facilitate collaboration among different sectors (health, finance, social welfare and others) and government stakeholders in a country.

- Incentivise and facilitate collaboration, joint work activities and exchange of knowledge, expertise, experience and best practices.

- Develop products and services to support capacity building for national coordination and inclusive dialogue on UHC financing and social health protection.

- Link accountability, ownership and evidence-based and results-oriented approaches.

- Host an interactive online platform.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Government institutions
- Ministries
- Multilateral agencies, international or national development partners
- Civil society organizations
- Private foundations and investors
- Global initiatives and regional bodies working in the health, social protection, and finance sectors
- Academia

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining the P4H platform to connect and exchange with other members, enjoy interactive access to information, expertise, knowledge, best practices and case studies and contribute your experience and lessons learnt.

Universal Health Coverage Partnership

The Universal Health Coverage Partnership (UHC-P) promotes UHC by fostering policy dialogue on strategic planning and health systems governance, developing health financing strategies and supporting their implementation, and enabling effective development cooperation in countries.

Since it started in 2011, it has evolved into a significant and influential global partnership working in 115 countries in all 6 WHO regions, with the support of 7 significant donors.

Making progress towards UHC requires robust policies, political will and strong capacity of government to steer the health sector. Policy dialogue is important for governments to drive evidence-informed decision-making.

Putting UHC into practice means brokering and negotiation among all relevant stakeholders on health priorities in order to jointly move towards set targets. Those priorities must then be spelled out in national health plans, to chart the country's road map towards UHC.

OBJECTIVES

To build country capacity and reinforce the leadership of the Ministry of Health to build resilient, effective and sustainable health systems in order to make progress towards UHC.

To bridge the gap between global commitments and country implementation and serve as a country-level resource for UHC2030, the global movement to build stronger health systems for UHC.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- Engage in policy dialogue among a range of health stakeholders.
- Provide flexible funding for country-selected priority areas.
- Deploy technical assistance through senior health systems' advisors in WHO country offices, in direct support of the Ministry of Health.
- Provide capacity building support to the Ministry of Health.
- Cross-fertilize knowledge between countries, regions and at global level and publish lessons and normative guidance.

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WHO DOES IT WORK WITH?

- Ministries of Health
- Policy makers
- Development partners
- Donors
- Civil society organizations
- Health policy advocates.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER

Consider joining or contacting the UHC Partnership for access to technical support, lessons learned and guidance, engagement with national health policy processes, flexible funding for priority areas and capacity building support.

ABOUT
UHC2030

UHC2030 is the global movement to build stronger health systems for universal health coverage.

UHC2030 provides a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes collaborative working at global and country levels on health systems strengthening. We advocate increased political commitment to UHC and facilitate accountability and knowledge sharing.

Together, our partners and related initiatives nurture a shared global vision for health systems and UHC. We frame emerging priorities, identify bottlenecks and propose collective recommendations to accelerate progress towards UHC.

We focus on results in three main areas:

Elevating voices
Our work on advocacy and accountability includes building political momentum for UHC, promoting shared UHC goals for coherence across health and disease programmes, and supporting social participation and engagement of communities.

Improving collaboration
We promote harmonized guidance and tools for health systems strengthening, and context-specific collaboration approaches that respond to different countries' demands and needs.

Sharing knowledge and networks
We support multi-stakeholder platforms (such as the UHC2030 Civil Society Engagement Mechanism and the UHC2030 Private Sector Constituency) and promote knowledge exchange and thought leadership on health systems and UHC.

UHC2030's membership includes governments, international organisations, civil society organisations (CSOs), the private sector, academia and media.

We warmly welcome everyone who promotes UHC to join our movement.

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