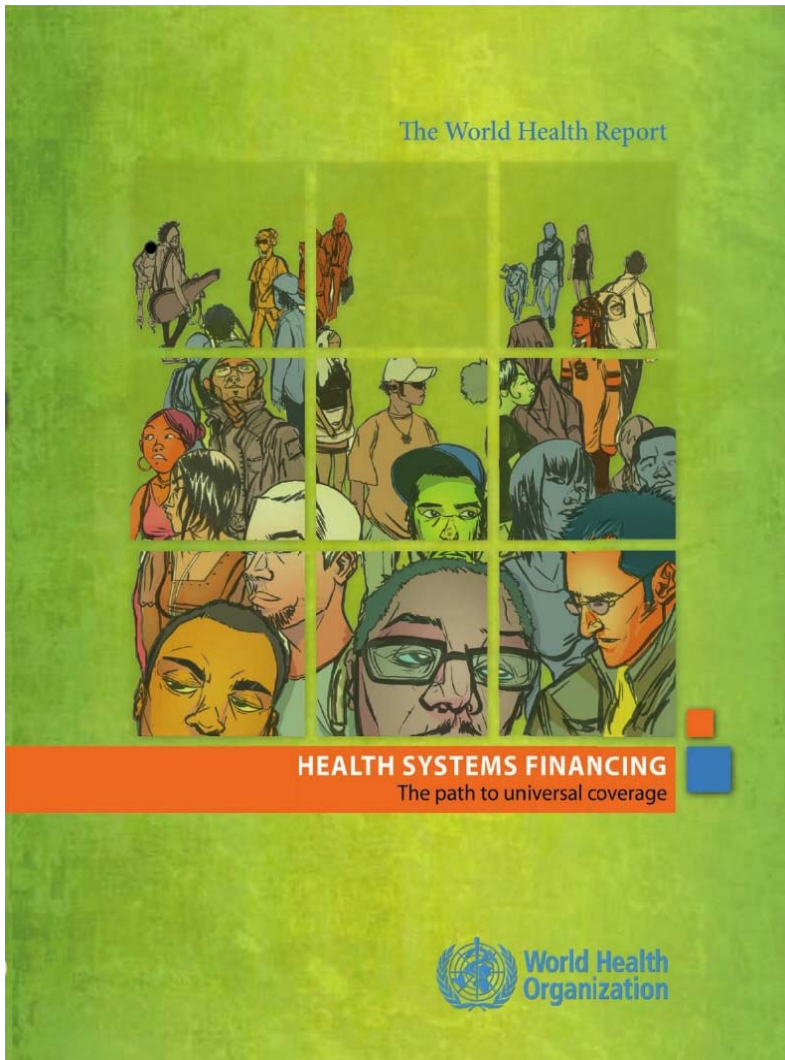


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Universal Coverage



- *Everyone has access* to adequate scope and quality of health services.
- *Financial protection* against the costs of using health services, which can be catastrophic with impoverishing effects.
- *Designing and provision of benefits* by public and private health providers.
- *Efficiency* by reducing wastes in resource use and improving equity.

2011 World Health Assembly Resolution WHA 64.9 on "Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage"

- Requested the Director-General
 - "to prepare a plan of action for WHO to support Member States in realizing universal coverage as envisaged by ...*The world health report 2010*"

Overview of the Action Plan

- Action Plan based on input from international agencies, countries, experts, civil society organizations
 - Builds on multi-stakeholder meeting with partner agencies held in 2011.
- Outlines actions needed by countries and by external partners to support countries
 - Predominantly country-focused, but also includes some "upstream" multi-country or global work, research, conceptual development, and advocacy
- Identifies 11 "Actions" that the WHO secretariat will undertake to support country progress towards Universal Coverage

Objectives of the Action Plan

- General Objective
 - To support countries to modify their health financing systems to move more rapidly towards universal coverage and sustain the gains they have made.
- Specific Objectives
 - To help these countries reduce financial barriers to accessing needed health services of good quality, particularly for the poor and vulnerable, thereby increasing coverage; and
 - Increase the extent and depth of financial risk protection, as reflected in a reduction in the number of people facing financial hardship or impoverishment because of the need to pay directly for the services they receive.

Supporting Health Financing Strategies for Universal Coverage

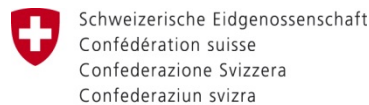
- Situation analysis –performance of the health financing system against coverage objectives.
- Identification of priorities to address through financing reforms and constraints. Stakeholder analysis – understanding of obstacles, what is feasible in what time frame.
- Country-tailored principles/criteria to guide design of specific plans, strategies, policies, to strengthen national capacities and advocacy for UC.
- Implementation.
- Monitoring and evaluation followed by adjustments.

Cross-cutting initiatives

- "More money for health" – what has worked and what has not worked to raise more money for health domestically. Links to fiscal space, long term sustainability.
- Efficiency – what has worked and not worked? What are the transaction costs?
- Equity and Ethics – what are the implications of expanding along one dimension of UC rather than another? What are the best ways to improve equity in financing and equity in the entitlement and use of care?

Country support

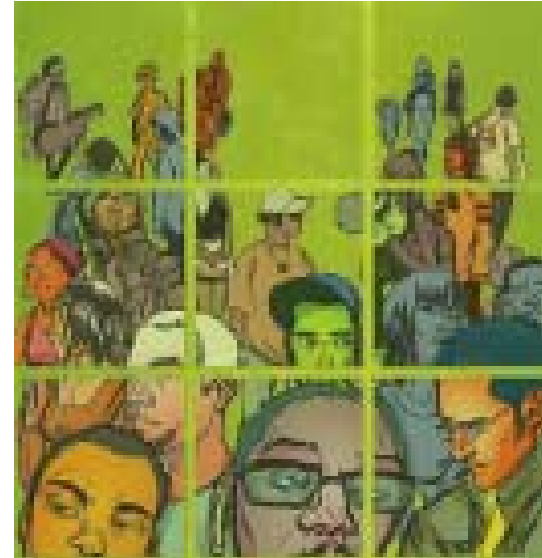
- Since WHR 2010, about 60 countries asked for support to improve and modify their health financing following the universal coverage agenda.
- WHO is committed to help countries to sustain progress towards UC.
- The P4H network is a mechanism for scaling-up and harmonizing country support for UC and SHP across sectors and levels.



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