Bellagio Study Group on Implementing Progressive UHC

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Session I
Roadmap and Goals

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- Setting the scene
- The “what” versus the “how” of UHC
- Our objectives over the next 3 days
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Extraordinary people, place & time

TRANSITIONS

MDGs → SDGs
LICs → MICs
Infection → NCDs
Rising DAH → Stagnant DAH
Health challenges of SDGs era

- High rates of avertable infectious, child, and maternal deaths
- Demographic change and shift in GBD towards NCDs and injuries
- Impoverishing medical expenses, unproductive cost increases

GH2035 argued that pro-poor UHC offers the most efficient way to provide health and financial risk protection
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Ample technical guidance on the “what” of UHC

Many country case studies on the “what” of UHC
Box 2: Five areas that countries must consider to achieve effective UHC

1. Setting and expanding guaranteed services
2. Developing health financing systems to fund services and ensure financial protection
3. Ensuring high-quality service availability and delivery
4. Improving governance and management
5. Other health systems strengthening measures to enable UHC
But very little information on

What are the next steps, beyond the technical?

How do countries go from technical evidence to policy action?
“understanding the politics of the policy process is as important as understanding how medicine improves public health”
“Policy agendas are set through political processes, and not simply through evaluations of burden or distribution of disease, despite what the field of public health might aspire to achieve”

Parkhurst & Vulimiri, 2013
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The 8 “how” questions

with some examples.....
Q1. How can political will and financial commitment for progressive UHC be generated and sustained?

How can MoH and UHC advocates generate/sustain government’s political will and funding for progressive UHC?

How can countries overcome political challenges?

Moderator: Viroj Tangcharoensathien

Commentators: Eduardo Gonzalez-Pier, David Evans, Jesse Bump, Cheryl Cashin

Tuesday p.m.
Q2. How can civil society and general public be engaged to support UHC?

How to raise public awareness of pro-poor UHC and how to engage civil society during “windows of opportunity”?

How to engage the public in decision-making (e.g. on which services to guarantee), monitoring, and accountability?

How to hear the voice of the marginalized?

**Moderator:** Sylvester Mensah
Q3. How can we generate and use information to support progressive UHC?

How are countries currently using information/evidence in UHC policymaking?

What types of information and info systems do countries need to generate local evidence on progressive UHC?

How can evidence be better used for UHC reforms?

Moderator: Martin Sabignoso
Commentators: Jeanna Holtz, Daw Thein Thein Htay, Gavin Yamey

Wednesday a.m.
Q4. How do we measure and maintain FRP?

How can countries best reduce OOP payments, increase prepayment, & develop effective pooling?

How can countries increase efficiency and contain costs but not erode FRP?

**Moderator:** Addis Tamire Woldemariam  
**Commentators:** Carol Levin, Ravi Rannan-Eliva, Viroj Tangcharoensathien

Wednesday a.m.
Q5. How best can countries learn from each other & how can ICA support progressive UHC?

How can countries best learn from each other—are new networks or platforms needed? Should a global coalition be created?

How best can ICA and donor funds support progressive UHC?

How best can ICA foster research in this area?

**Moderator:** Addis Tamire Woldemariam
**Reflections:** Hong Wang, Robert Marten, Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Agnes Soucat

*Wednesday p.m.*
Q6. How can countries best manage the evolution & growth of UHC?

How to choose the initial guaranteed services and those to add?

How can technology assessment agencies help with UHC growth?

How to tackle challenges such as fragmented systems and the challenges of mixed provision?

**Moderator:** Sylvester Mensah
**Commentators:** Kalipso Chalkidou, Guo Yan, Ravi Rannan-Eliva, Neelam Sekhri Feachem, Eduardo Gonzalez Pier
Q7. How can countries boost institutional capacity to manage growth of UHC?

How can countries strengthen capacity (intellectual, policy development, management, implementation, M&E) within UHC institutions?

How can countries best strike a balance between introducing reforms and boosting capacity?

**Moderator:** Jesse Bump
Q8. How can investments and incentives be used to promote quality and efficiency?

How can countries incentivize/motivate providers to offer high quality care?

How best can services be regulated to ensure quality?

How can the private sector best be engaged with an eye to quality?

_Moderator:_ Neelam Sekhri Feachem
_Presentation:_ Cheryl Cashin
Developing a global research agenda on pro-poor UHC

**Moderator:** Helen Saxenian  
**Presentation:** Gavin Yamey

Next steps for implementation guidance document

**Moderator:** Gavin Yamey

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Meeting Objectives

1. Share experiences and lessons of how countries are addressing questions and challenges of implementing pro-poor UHC

2. Generate ideas on how the international community can best promote and support country UHC efforts

3. Identify a UHC research agenda to support and evaluate progressive UHC

4. Outline a UHC implementation guidance document to fill gaps for country implementers and international partners
KEEP CALM
3 DAYS
REMAINING
3 DAYS to CHANGE the World.
We Can Do It!
THANK YOU
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