

Why should advocates for specific health causes get behind UHC?

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is Target 3.8 in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reflects an approach which is rooted in human rights. Everyone is entitled to the healthcare they need without facing financing hardship.

UHC supports programme-specific health initiatives because of the following:

- Availability of health services depends on a functioning health system and government's priority in health. In many countries health services are poorly funded by public resources
- The right to health means that access to services should be universal
- Leave no one behind is one of SDG principles which should underpin all health work
- UHC encourages governments to deliver health services based on rights, equity and needs, to plan for the available resources as well as increase them

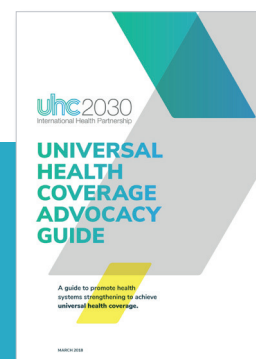
We call on all health advocates to adapt political messages around UHC, alongside your programme-specific messages. It will help reduce fragmentation and competition among health initiatives which can get more attention in governments' priority in the SDGs.

We recommend:

- When arguing for action on your specific health topic, also call for UHC that increases domestic and donor resources for health and promises to leave no one behind
- Encourage specific health initiatives to learn about UHC core messages and how to influence governments on this with your topic
- Take part in global and country campaigns for International UHC Day on 12 December
- Ensure that governments are accountable for their commitments in health
- Prepare your arguments from equity angle and part of the benefit packages of UHC
- Promote comprehensive-people centered primary health care rather than creating silos

UHC2030 has an advocacy guide with a social media toolkit.

Join us and spread the word! www.uhc2030.org/what-we-do/advocacy/



Access to quality health services should never depend on who you are, where you live, or how much money you have. RT if you believe in #HealthForAll!

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Real people don't experience health issues and costs in siloes. Health systems must see the whole person.

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We can all contribute to achieving universal health coverage. Let's unite and work together towards good health and well-being for all.

**#leavenoonebehind
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About the CSEM

The Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) is raising CSO voices for UHC2030 to ensure UHC policies are inclusive, equitable and that systematic attention is given to the most marginalised and vulnerable populations so that no one is left behind.

We aim to do this through:

- Influencing policy design and implementation
- Lobbying for participatory and inclusive policy development and implementation
- Strengthening citizen-led social accountability mechanisms
- Promoting coordination between CSO platforms and networks at the national, regional and global levels working on health-related issues
- Enabling Civil Society to have a voice in the UHC movement

CSEM partners argue that for UHC to be achieved it needs political momentum from governments, civil society and donors.

We believe that UHC must:

- Be based on increased publicly-pooled financing
- Based on the principle of Leave No One Behind
- Actively involve civil society in the planning and delivery of health services

Join the CSEM

Join the CSEM network to learn about the 2018 CSEM advocacy priorities and call to action including leaving no one behind, increasing public financing for health, improving the involvement of CSOs, citizens and transparency at all levels as well as investment in health workers among other topics.

Membership in the CSEM is open to all civil society representatives advancing health, financing and governance agendas that relate to achieving UHC and identifying as a UHC advocate is not required to join.

If you are interested in joining the CSEM or have any questions, please email CSEM@msh.org.



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About UHC2030 : UHC2030 is the global movement to strengthen health systems for universal health coverage as part of the SDGs. It is a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes collaborative work at global and country levels on health systems strengthening, advocates for increased political commitment to universal health coverage and facilitates accountability and knowledge sharing. UHC2030 brings together a wide range of stakeholders including, governments, international organisations, civil society organisations, the private sector, academia, media and parliamentarians.

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