

## Who are we?

The Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC2030 (CSEM) is the civil society constituent of UHC2030, the global movement to build stronger health systems for universal health coverage (UHC).

## Why do we do it?

We believe that the pursuit of UHC must involve civil society to ensure no one is left behind. UHC must:

- Be based on increased publicly-pooled financing
- Be based on the principle of leaving no one behind
- Actively involve civil society in the planning and delivery of health services
- Ensure community health workers are an integral part of the health workforce

## What do we do?

Our goal is to ensure that UHC policies are inclusive and equitable, and that systematic attention is given to the most marginalized and vulnerable populations so that no one is left behind.

## How do we do it?

We raise civil society voices through:

- Influencing policy design and implementation
- Lobbying for participatory and inclusive policy development and implementation processes
- 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 UHC2030 movement

## CSEM advocates for the following:



Increase public health financing and financial protection



Leave no one behind



Focus on health workers



Engage civil society and community in UHC implementation to ensure accountability

## 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 that is rooted in human rights. Everyone is entitled to the health services 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 that should underpin all health work
- UHC encourages governments to deliver health services based on rights, equity, and needs.

CSEM recommends that all civil society health advocates **adapt political messages around UHC alongside disease-specific messages**. This will reduce fragmentation and competition among health initiatives, which can get more government buy-in to prioritize SDGs.

### How can advocates integrate universal health coverage advocacy?

- Join the CSEM to learn about UHC core messages and how to influence governments in line with the respective topic
- Alongside advocacy for action on a specific health topic, call for UHC that increases domestic and donor resources for health and commits to leaving no one behind
- Prepare arguments from an equity angle and part of the benefit packages of UHC, and promote comprehensive people-centered primary health care
- Facilitate engagement on health, and empower people and communities to hold governments accountable for their health commitments
- Collaborate and coordinate with other civil society actors from the health but also outside the health-sector to build a stronger voice (i.e. social protection, education, good governance, tax justice, nutrition, WASH, etc.)
- Take part in global, regional and national campaigns for International UHC Day on 12 December

## WHAT IS UHC2030?

UHC2030 is the global movement to strengthen 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.

To learn more, visit [www.uhc2030.org](http://www.uhc2030.org)

## JOIN NOW!

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

To find more information and join the CSEM, visit: [www.csemonline.net](http://www.csemonline.net)

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