

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO POLITICAL LEADERS

Civil society and community stakeholders participating in the country consultations on UHC outlined the following areas for heightened policy and advocacy action.

ENSURE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP BEYOND HEALTH

- 1 build public support for UHC from the highest level
- 2 clarify roles and responsibilities for UHC coordination and governance
- 3 engage leadership across policy focus areas, including at the national and community levels

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

- 1 strengthen policies to eliminate out-of-pocket expenditures, especially for marginalized communities and those facing multiple vulnerabilities
- 2 develop inclusive health policies and programs that strongly address stigma and discrimination
- 3 understand and prioritize the specific needs of those furthest left behind, including by institutionalizing their participation in health decision-making at all levels

REGULATE AND LEGISLATE

- 1 create transparent accountability structures that include civil society as partners in data generation, collection, and analysis
- 2 promote health literacy and share relevant policy information, including how to ensure the implementation of existing policies
- 3 develop and enact health legislations and policies that are rights-based, person-centric, and ensure accessibility of services to all

UPHOLD QUALITY OF CARE

- 1 support the healthcare workforce, especially at the primary health care level, through additional investments in recruitment, retention, training, and protection
- 2 expand community-led services especially for marginalized groups





INVEST MORE, INVEST BETTER

- 1 invest in the healthcare workforce, especially at the primary health care level, including with remuneration, training, retention support, and protection
- 2 work with civil society to identify key areas of investment needs, including in data and knowledge management, digital health, prevention and health promotion
- 3 increase public financing for health, including through innovative mechanisms and taxation



MOVE TOGETHER

- 1 strengthen sustained participation structures for civil society and communities in all stages from planning and budgeting to implementation and evaluation
- 2 integrate mechanisms to include diverse and marginalized groups in health decision-making by investing in knowledge-sharing and capacity-building at the community level



GENDER EQUALITY

- 1 ensure gender perspectives are understood and integrated in health decision-making
- 2 invest in gender-sensitive health workforce training at all levels, especially primary health care



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- 1 increase public investments in health facilities and workforce, especially at the primary health care level
- 2 improve digital health services and technology access
- 3 integrate community engagement and knowledge sharing within and across countries



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMPLIFIED ACTION

- Legislation, regulations, and policies with a redoubled **focus on reducing inequalities and upholding rights** in health care access. The needs of people living with disabilities, young people and adolescents, migrants and refugees, indigenous populations, women and gender minorities, LGBTQ+ communities, and others facing multiple vulnerabilities must be addressed with targeted solutions.
- Increased **public funds for the health sector**, especially allocated to strengthening primary health care, supporting community-based health care, expanding promotion and prevention approaches, and strengthening the health workforce.
- Quality **data generation and sharing** to support evidence-based planning, including in partnership with and through investments in civil society and community groups.