### Handbook on Social Participation for UHC





# Background: push for WHO to engage more pro-actively with civil society

### WHO-CSO Task Force on civil society engagement



**Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** Omredros · 7 Dec 2018 I am committed to implementing the recommendations of the 'Together for Triple Billion' report at WHO and I urge civil society organizations & countries to do the same. We all have a role to play. Thank you for your engagement & trust in WHO, civilsociety4health.org #HealthForAll

### **Together For The Triple Billion**

A new era of partnership between the World Health Organization (WHO) and civil society

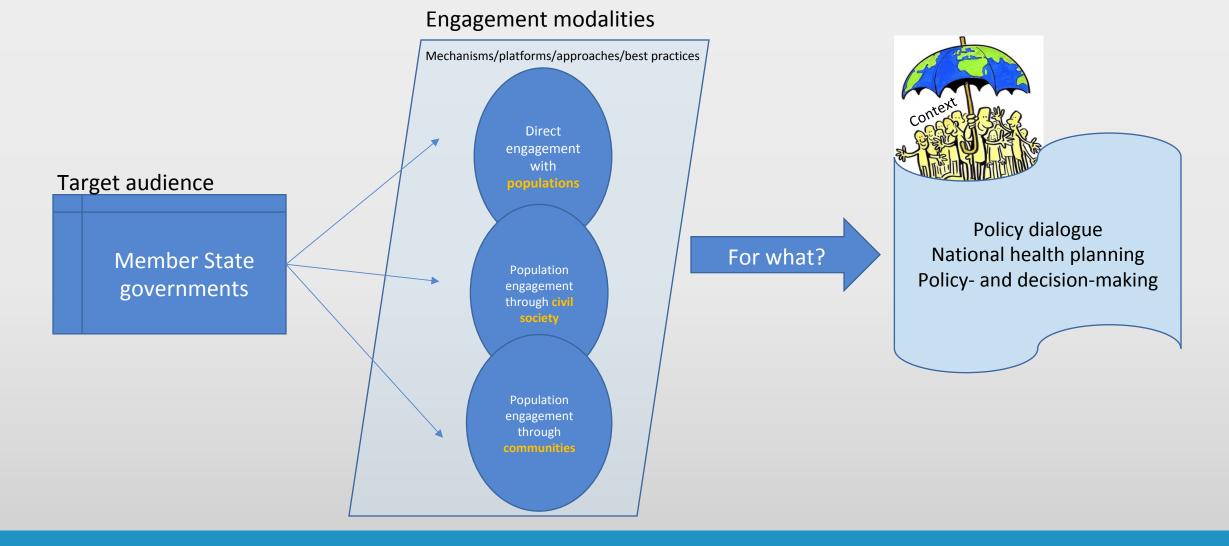


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### Handbook concept





## Social Participation Technical Network

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## WHO internal group on community participation

Internal advisory group comprised of representatives of WHO programmes with strong community engagement experiences

- Maternal & child health
- Neglected tropical diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Emergencies
- Health promotion
- Non-communicable diseases
- HIV

- Service delivery
- Polio
- PMNCH
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Ageing
- Gender, equity, and human rights
- Immunization



Evidence generation for handbook





- 1. Terms and definitions linked to social participation
- 2. Civil society theory (political and social science literature)
- 3. Population engagement & decisionmaking: the deliberation-to-policy gap
- 4. Representation in participation
- 5. Capacities needed for effective population engagement
- 6. Legal frameworks for participation
- 7. Sustaining participation in the long term



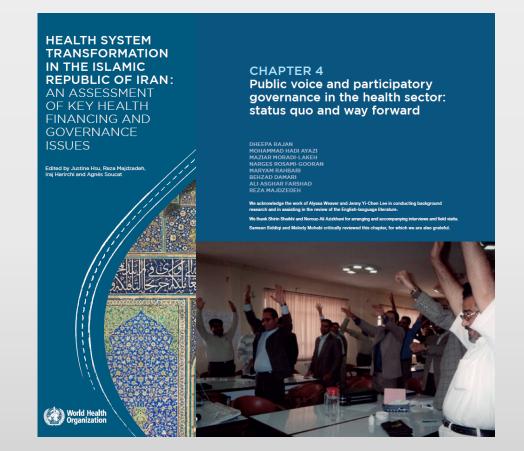


### **Literature Review**

### Country case studies: examples

The triangle that moves the mountain: nine years of Thailand's National Health Assembly (2008-2016)







### **Outline: Handbook on Social Participation for UHC**

Chapter 1: Introduction to the topic of engagement with population, civil society, and communities in

national health planning and decision-making processes

**Chapter 2: An enabling environment for social participation** 

**Chapter 3: Representation in participation** 

Chapter 4: Necessary capacities for mutually beneficial government engagement with populations, communities, and civil society

Chapter 5: Population engagement and decision-making: the deliberation-to-policy gap

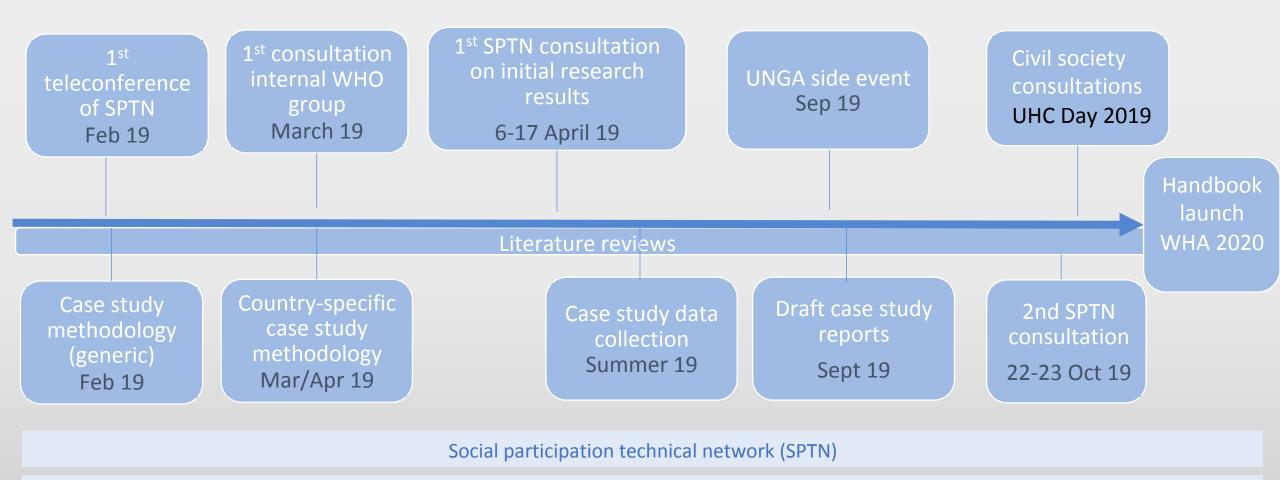
**Chapter 6**: Legal frameworks which enhance participation

**Chapter 7: Sustaining participatory engagement over time** 

**Chapter 8: Overall conclusions and recommendations** 



### Timeline



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# **Civil society consultation on WHO handbook on social participation for UHC**

#### WHO handbook on social participation for UHC

Social participation mechanisms are vital for responsive health reforms that leave no one behind in efforts to achieve universal health coverage (UHC). In September 2019, Member States at the UN High Level Meeting on UHC made a commitment to engage relevant stakeholders, including civil society, through establishing participatory and transparent multi-stakeholder processes for influencing policies and reviews of progress on UHC.

WHO's support to Member States promotes a concept of UHC, which includes the need to foster multistakeholder policy dialogue on issues linked to UHC reform. Managing and involving stakeholders, including lay people and the population, requires a specific set of skills, in which governments need to invest.

In response to requests from Member States and the directory recommendations of the Taskforce on WHO-CSO engagement, WHO and UHC2030 are developing a handbook jointly with civil society actors and Member State representatives through the Social Participation Technical Network.

The 'Handbook on Social Participation for UHC' will provide specific best practice guidance to policymakers on how to effectively and meaningfully engage with populations, civil society, and communities for policy- and decision-making.

#### **UHC Day**

Coordination of health system strengthening

Advocacy

Accountability

2016 Monitoring Round

Monitoring & Evaluation Platform

Knowledge exchange and learning

Civil society engagement

Private sector engagement

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