



## The Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health

# Let's Work Together Towards Good Health & Well-being for All.

In September 2019, at the [United Nations High-Level Meeting \(UN HLM\) "Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World,"](#) world leaders endorsed [the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history.](#) In doing so, they committed to ensuring that by 2030 everyone in their country will receive all the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship.

The 2023 UN HLM on UHC will be a significant opportunity for Heads of State to reaffirm their commitment to UHC and to recognize the role of UHC as an overarching umbrella for SDG 3, good health and well-being.

Recognizing the need for greater collaboration and harmonization across health stakeholders and programmes, the new [Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health](#) unites health leaders and advocates in a common goal to align advocacy and accountability efforts to achieve UHC and advance the SDGs.

## UHC LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND.



## Our purpose

Achieving UHC makes meaningful and positive inroads for all areas of health. This includes improving more integrated coverage across wider populations and focusing national governments on domestic resource mobilization. This has the potential to free up limited donor resources for more targeted health programmes.

That's why, under the leadership of the principals of health-related partnerships, the **Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health** will work together to assist Member States and other stakeholders in:

- Accelerating high-level political efforts around socio-political accountability based on country-led, evidence-based progress reviews that involve all stakeholders in order to enhance accountability under the past UN HLM political declarations and ensure UHC delivers for vulnerable populations, including women, children and adolescents.
- Supporting coordination among the various existing health initiatives and joint follow-up actions of UN HLMs (e.g. UHC, HIV/AIDS, AMR, TB, NCDs) for the preparation of the future UN HLMs on health agenda, including emergency preparedness and response.
- Strengthening existing SDG accountability mechanisms, such as the High-Level Political Forum follow-up mechanisms, to identify gaps and solutions and to scale up efforts on health-related SDGs by 2023 and beyond.

## Our principles

- **People-centred:** A holistic, people-centred approach that prioritizes those left furthest behind and respects the voices of people affected by or at-risk for various diseases, in line with the principles of human rights and gender responsiveness.
- **Multi-sectoral:** Activities that amplify multi-sectoral and social accountability efforts, in particular, those led by communities affected by and at-risk for the various diseases.
- **Participatory:** An initiative that promotes social participation in policymaking to ensure people-centred policy and action.

## Our deliverables

The members of the **Coalition of Partnerships for UHC and Global Health** will closely align all advocacy and accountability efforts with the following comprehensive and ambitious commitments made during the 2019 UN HLM:

**Build** a foundation for multi-sectoral action and political leadership beyond health.

**Optimize** budgetary allocations, broaden the fiscal space and prioritize health in public spending.

**Increase global awareness**, international solidarity, international cooperation and action.

  
Every family,  
everyone  
deserves UHC



  
Message from  
the Coalition  
Principal Group

## Why should advocates for specific health causes get behind UHC?

As a unifying framework for all areas of health, UHC entails providing more integrated coverage across wider population groups and focusing national governments on domestic resource mobilization. In addition, the human rights imperative of the SDGs implies that everyone is entitled to the quality health services they need without facing financial hardship.

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## UHC supports programme-specific health initiatives because:

- Availability of health services depends on a functioning health system and consequential government commitments to health. In many countries, health services are poorly funded by public resources.
- The right to health means that access to quality, affordable services should be universal.
- “Leave no one behind” is one of the key principles of the SDGs. This should underpin all work in health.
- UHC encourages governments to deliver health services based on the principles of human rights, equity and need. It also guides them to increase and/or make available the resources needed to achieve this.

We call on all health advocates to frame political messages around UHC, alongside your programme-specific messages. This will help reduce fragmentation and competition among health initiatives and improve government prioritization efforts in the crowded and complex SDG space.

## 2019 UHC Commitments



Ensure political leadership beyond health



Leave no one behind



Legislate and regulate



Uphold quality of care



Invest more, invest better



Move together



Gender equality



Emergency preparedness

# Road to 2023: How will we work together towards the UN HLM on UHC and SDG mid-term review in 2023?

## Build a foundation for multi-sectoral action and political leadership beyond health

- Identify and summarize key targets, commitments and actions from other health-related UN HLMs, in line with the 2019 UHC political declaration paragraphs.
- Work with multi-stakeholder partners to prepare comprehensive Key Asks for the UN HLM on UHC in 2023 and ensure harmony and close coordination on political declarations from previous UN HLMs.
- Prepare multi-stakeholder hearings and panels for UN HLM on UHC in 2023, as well as other foreseen high-level meetings by 2023 (e.g. TB, Health Security), focusing on areas of multi-sectoral action and synergies between SDG3 and other related goals.
- Advocate for a more comprehensive and ambitious Political Declaration in 2023 by including key cross-cutting targets, commitments and follow-up actions previously agreed upon during formal UN processes.

## Optimize budgetary allocations, broaden the fiscal space, and prioritize health in public spending

- Increase strategic engagement with the Financing for Development processes to advocate for more public investment in health and funding alignment for the health sector.
- Co-finance country advocacy and accountability operations, such as budget advocacy, social accountability and political advocacy projects.
- Maintain political momentum and people's demand and focus on universal access to healthcare in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic – ensuring especially that women, children and adolescents are not side-lined.

## Increase global awareness, international solidarity, international cooperation, and action

- Develop common advocacy messaging, strategic policy briefs and joint media outreach.
- Publish an op-ed co-authored by all Principals of the Coalition and joint publications to promote collaborative actions in health.
- Contribute more systematically to the preparation of joint HLPF sessions and actively search for opportunities to link the health agenda with other sectors' SDG targets.
- Co-organize annual VNR workshops and knowledge-sharing sessions on SDG3 to support the preparation of VNR reports by governments in consultation with multi-stakeholder partners.



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