State of UHC Commitment Review

Are countries acting on their commitments to UHC?

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Review 2021:

- Pilot in 45 VNR 2021 countries
- 113 gov health policy documents from 45 countries, inc’l VNR reports
- UHC survey responses received from 76 NSA and 7 government
- 12 VNR “shadow reports”
- 759 media sources

Assessment of UHC review: VNR 2016–2020 vs 2021

• Among the all VNR reports submitted in 2016-2020, 92% of the reports reviewed SDG3 and 71% did some sort of UHC related policy reviews.

• However, only 37% included some form of numerical assessment, and only 13% used either UHC service coverage index (SDG 3.8.1 indicator) or UHC financial protection (SDG 3.8.2 indicator) to review their UHC progress.

• Also, in the VNR shadow reports in 2019-2020, only 13% of country civil society from VNR reporting countries reviewed UHC progress.

• According to our assessment of VNR reports 2021:
  o 90% VNR2021 reports reviewed UHC (↑)
  o 55% VNR2021 reports reviewed UHC quantitatively (↑)
  o 25% VNR2021 reports reviewed either SDG indicator 3.8.1 or 3.8.2 on UHC (↑)
  o 22% of country CSOs reviewed UHC in shadow reports (↑)
2021 Review: 6 Key Findings

1. Most countries have agreed on strong national commitments and targets for UHC, and an increasing number are reviewing their progress.

2. Country commitments and reporting on UHC are often not linked to a clear strategy to achieve UHC.

3. Government plans and reporting on UHC often focus on specific diseases or services in a fragmented manner.

4. Non-state actors lack opportunities to participate in government-led planning, progress reviews or implementation towards UHC.

5. The importance of equity is strongly acknowledged in governments’ UHC initiatives, but it needs to be operationalized comprehensively.

6. Governments have committed to multisectoral action to address factors outside the health sector.
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Full set of Country Profiles(2022) & Key Findings(2023)

- Update country profile dashboards of all 193 UN member states by Dec 2022
- Extract and update key findings emerging from the reviews 2020-2022
- Publish the synthesis report 2023 based on the reviews in 2020-2023 + UN HLM UHC 2023 outcomes by Dec 2023
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