D3. Budget information relevant for UHC and where to find it

The health budget is part of the overall public budget. Information on the health budget, including that relevant for UHC, can be found in different places in the public budget depending on the country. For example, the budget of the ministry of health is usually provided separately, in the budgets of other line ministries that implement policies for advancing health outcomes or programmes related to health or in annexes to yearly budgets for specific programmes or policy priorities, organized according to, for example, thematic issues. The primary source for identifying UHC-related budget information should therefore be the eight budget documents produced by each country.

As it is difficult in some countries to access public budget information, budget advocates must find alternative sources. WHO produces useful resources for advocates to locate budget information pertaining to UHC, such as the repository of health budgets (71) (see Box 6, above).