

Overview & Introduction

Overview

Module 1 addresses key aspects of health and UHC relevant for budget advocacy. It provides information on:

- key aspects of UHC as defined by WHO in the context of the SDGs and particularly SDG3;
- the principles of the right to health (on which UHC is based);
- how to identify international, regional and national commitments to the right to health and UHC; and
- the relevance of health system strengthening, primary health care, common goods for health and public finance for UHC.

Module 2 introduces public financing for health relevant to UHC budget advocacy. It provides information on:

- the concepts of public policy relevant for UHC;
- the concepts of and information on public budgets, their content, classification and what is relevant for UHC;
- the content of budget documents and that relevant for UHC;
- the overall budget cycle, its stages, actors and the role of ministries of health;
- where to find information and resources on budgets for health and UHC;
- transparency, access to information and citizen participation and their relation to UHC goals and principles; and
- ideas on budget analysis relevant for UHC and the tools to engage.

Introduction

This section contains content, tools and activities that are relevant for building basic knowledge and skills with respect to UHC and budget analysis and to advocacy for UHC. It comprises two modules:

- Module 1. Key aspects of health and UHC
- Module 2. Introduction to public financing for health relevant for UHC budget advocacy

The content of this section is applicable and can be useful for building the skills of the many stakeholders interested in participating in UHC budget advocacy. The core content is useful for stakeholders with basic-to-medium understanding of UHC and/or budgets. It is not meant for highly specialized readers, for whom the content may be too basic. Nor is the content meant for particular stakeholders, for whom the content of this section should be combined with that of section 3.

This is considered the core content of the toolkit, as it is necessary for budget advocacy in general. Thus, all prospective stakeholders in budget advocacy should understand the content

of this section to conduct budget analysis and advocacy. That said, it is not necessarily meant to be used all together. The use will depend on the learning needs of prospective participants, the time allocated to the workshop and the objectives of the capacity-building activities.