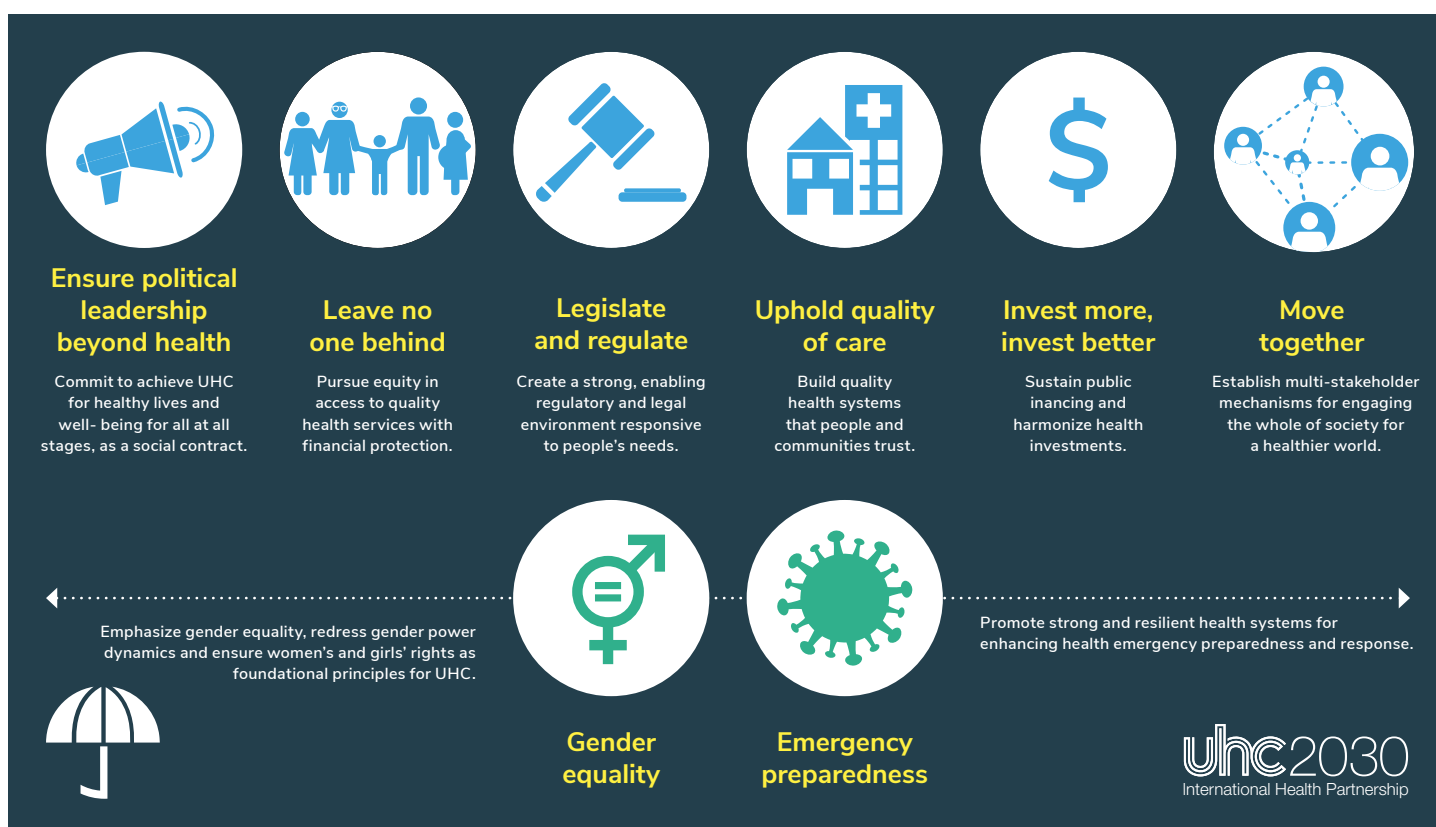


## BACKGROUND

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 endorsing the declaration, they recommitted to ensure that, by 2030, everyone in every country can receive all the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship. Ahead of the HLM, diverse actors across the UHC movement came together behind an ambitious set of ‘Key Asks’ for accelerating achievement of UHC, plus gender equality as a foundational principle for UHC. Leaders made specific commitments in areas corresponding to these asks: 1. Ensure Political Leadership Beyond Health; 2. Leave No One Behind; 3. Regulate and Legislate; 4. Uphold Quality of Care; 5. Invest More and Better; 6. Move Together. In addition, the COVID-19 crisis highlights the importance of these asks and commitments for both UHC and health security, and of specific emergency preparedness actions to integrate in efforts towards UHC. In assessing the state of UHC commitment at the global and country levels, progress against these specific asks should be measured to hold leaders to account.

## FOCUS ON SELECTED POLITICAL DECLARATION COMMITMENTS USING THE KEY ASKS FROM THE UHC MOVEMENT



Within six months of the UHC political declaration being adopted, The COVID-19 pandemic has provided a stark stress-test for health systems worldwide. COVID-19 is a universal threat and requires a universal response. This global public health crisis reinforces that health is a fundamental human right and the foundation of economic prosperity and security, and that resilient and robust health systems are vital for both universal health coverage (UHC) and tackling health emergencies. As countries respond to and recover from the crisis, we must remind and show world leaders that meeting their UHC commitments is the best way to tackle the current pandemic and better prepare for future ones, and that specific actions on emergency preparedness are a foundational step towards UHC.

## PURPOSE

The State of UHC Commitment aims to provide a multi-stakeholder consolidated view on the state of global and country commitments to making progress towards UHC by 2030. The review will be more 'political', 'country-focus' and 'action oriented' in nature and so complement the more 'technical' and 'global' [UHC monitoring report focusing on UHC indicators on service coverage and financial protection](#).

Monitoring progress on UHC and holding governments accountable to take the necessary actions may require data that is not readily collected by national institutions when it comes to political dimensions around rights, governance and equity. It will also involve providing empirical assessments of the experiences of people, especially the vulnerable, in accessing health services rather than taking at face value policy documents which document what ought to be happening. As such, the review aims to provide country stakeholders with the necessary novel information to feed into inclusive and participatory review processes for assessing UHC progress and commitments over time. Such review processes should provide the basis to report into the regular country and global preparatory processes of the SDG Summit, the UN High Level Meeting and the High-Level Political Forum (e.g. Global Sustainable Development Report, SG's Progress Report on UHC, Voluntary National Review, Health Thematic Review, etc.). In addition to the country-focused multi-stakeholder reviews, a global component may be added to track actions on related commitments and initiatives made by the global health stakeholders.

## APPROACH

The multi-stakeholder review will follow [the UHC Political Declaration's Key Targets, Commitments and Follow-up Actions](#). Target users will be beyond health experts and governments, such as civil society organisations, academia, parliamentarians, private sector and media, who will use UHC2030's materials as a source of information to contribute to the formal accountability processes in their countries.

The review is an annual publication consisting of both country profiles and a synthesis report. In 2020, the review will present available data since 2015, aiming to set a baseline of UHC commitments in all countries, rather tracking progress of commitments. From 2021 and on, the review will track progress on the baseline commitments presented in 2020. Each year, the primary focus will be [UN HLPF Voluntary National Review](#) reporting countries (40-50 every year). This approach allows the review to systematically feed into the country-led multi-stakeholder dialogues on a comprehensive review of Sustainable Development, instead of creating another parallel accountability mechanism for UHC.

## COUNTRY PROFILES

Concise online country profiles will provide a snap-shot of the state of individual country UHC commitments and facilitate cross-country comparisons. From 2020 to 2023, the country profiles will comprise of quantitative and qualitative data around the key commitment areas of the UHC political declaration that demonstrate each country's:

1. Trend and status of UHC service coverage and financial protection progress
2. Trend and status of health systems
3. Domestic resource mobilization efforts
4. Status of inequity within countries
5. Status of health emergency preparedness
6. Trend and status of development assistance where relevant
7. Political commitments made by High-level Political Leaders
8. UHC-related national targets
9. UHC Legislation and policy and UHC in political debates in national elections
10. UHC progress from an equity-lens to identify who is left behind and why in terms of access to health services and financial protection, and
11. Lessons learned from multi-stakeholder engagement and social participation in health policy development and accountability processes.

In 2020, COVID-19 related statistics will also be included to reflect the current global context. Over time, additional statistics may be included to assess UHC commitments and track UHC progress more accurately and effectively.

## SYNTHESIS REPORT

In 2020, the report will focus on how the world has coped UHC progress to date with the extraordinary challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. It will specifically assess the state of commitment against the key commitment areas identified in the UHC political declaration. The report will consist of 2 main chapters:

- **Country Chapter:** For the 2020 report, this chapter will provide an analysis of baseline UHC commitment based on country profiles. Each year a focus topic will be identified to make critical messages relevant in the global context of the reporting year. The 2020 report will center around the COVID-19 response, including short stories demonstrating whether countries have responded effectively to the COVID-19 emergency in a manner compatible with the principles and values of UHC.
- **Global Chapter:** Every year, the report will include a limited number of contributions from selected UHC2030 constituencies, such as civil society and private sector, to summarise critical progress of their initiatives.

## DATA SOURCES

The country profiles and synthesis report will draw data from available databases which are listed on UHC2030's UHC [Data Portal](#), described in detail below.

Additionally, holding governments and development partners accountable to their UHC commitments will necessarily involve presenting the perceptions and real stories of people on whether they feel that commitments are being met and where they feel coverage gaps persist. As this type of data is not collected routinely, UHC2030 will conduct an online survey of key stakeholders at a country-level and particularly non-government actors. This survey will focus on the key commitment areas of the UHC political declaration and allow respondents to provide insight into the reality of UHC in their country. The hard data presented in our review will have much more impact when it is accompanied by stories from real life, rather than taking at face value policy documents which document what ought to be happening. These inputs will be compiled and used in the annual synthesis report and individual country profiles, which anyone will be able to use for national advocacy and social-political accountability actions. The survey instrument will be made available in French, Spanish and English with some informative webinar series.

## UHC DATA PORTAL

The [UHC Data Portal](#) aims to provide a single interface to access selected UHC and Health System data sets and data visualizations from SDG statistics and UHC2030 partners. In addition, the portal provides policy documents on some of the databases and portals. Currently, the latest UHC and Health Systems related data collected by UHC2030 country and agency partners are available on the portal. More qualitative data and advanced portal functions will be available when the 'State of UHC Commitment' is launched in late 2020.

## TIME FRAME (2020)

- **Online survey open**  
UN High Level Political Forum 2020, mid-July
- **Webinars**  
early-August
- **Online survey close**  
early-September
- **High-level round table**  
November
- **Country profile baselines launch**  
late-November
- **Synthesis report launch**  
International UHC Day, mid-December

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