“Universal health coverage is ultimately a political choice. It is the responsibility of every country and national government to pursue it.”

Dr Tedros, WHO Director-General
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10% of Global GDP

Growing at 6% per annum, faster than GDP

GDP +2–4% in Low & Middle Income Countries

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Globally, government spending on health increased as country income grew, except in low income countries.

- High income countries increased government spending on health, even after the economic crisis of 2008–2009.
- In middle income countries, average per capita has doubled since 2000,
- but low income countries are lagging behind.
Public spending provides financial protection: UHC is an effective safety net.
Middle income countries are rapidly transitioning to domestic funding of health.
More government money: better services coverage but **Efficiency** and **Equity** is the matter.

Average coverage of essential services is based on 14 tracer interventions. Each bubble represents a country. Size of bubble is proportional to country population.
Key Discussion at EB 144 on UHC

High expectations for the UNHLM on UHC

- Participation of Heads of State and Government
- Action-oriented consensus political declaration
- Investment in primary health care for UHC
- Increase resources and its efficiency for UHC
- Strengthen monitoring of UHC progress
- Multi-stakeholders participation toward UHC
Urges Member States:

• Accelerate progress of UHC, leaving no one behind, especially the poor, vulnerable and marginalized pop’n
• Strengthen capacities and governance for efficient and evidenced-based decision
• Investment in primary health care
• Strengthen gender-sensitive health care
• Invest in the health workforce
• Promote access to medicine, vaccines and diagnostics
Urges Member States (Cont.):

• Support research and development
• Integration of traditional and complementary medicine
• Safeguard UHC in emergencies
• Promote health literacy
• Strengthen prevention and health promotion
• Strengthen monitoring and evaluation
• Use International UHC Day
• Synergize and enhance support to countries (GAP)
Requests WHO DG:

• Support Member States toward achieving UHC
• Facilitate learning and sharing of UHC experiences
• UHC report for HLM and biennial progress report
• Raise awareness among Parliamentarians about UHC
• Strengthen monitoring and evaluation