

Tracking Universal Health Coverage: 2025 Global Monitoring Report

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Universal health coverage (UHC) means that all people receive the quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without incurring financial hardship. The Global Monitoring Report presents the most recent global data on progress towards UHC, using the revised monitoring framework for Sustainable Development Target 3.8 “Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection”. The report, co-produced by the World Health Organization and the World Bank, presents global and regional trends in health service coverage from 2000 to 2023, and in financial hardship due to out-of-pocket health spending from 2000 to 2022.

This event will present key findings from the upcoming report, focusing on interpreting the global trends. Discussants will provide perspectives on the new findings, on the challenges countries face in expanding service coverage while reducing financial protection, and on the needed policy changes.

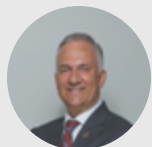
This event is jointly organized by the World Bank, the World Health Organization, UHC2030, and the Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage.

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Featuring:



Dr. Somil Nagpal is Lead Health Specialist for the South Asia Region of the World Bank, having recently served in a similar role for the East Asia and Pacific region. Immediately prior to joining the World Bank in 2009, Somil was leading the health insurance regulatory function for India. He represents World Bank as a core team member in global UHC initiatives including the Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage. Somil qualified as a medical doctor with dual post-graduate management degrees in hospital administration and financial management and is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India. Somil’s publications focusing on health financing and health systems have been published by the World Bank and several reputed journals including Health Policy and Planning, Health Affairs, British Medical Journal and the Lancet.



Dr. Alain Labrique is the Director for the Department of Data, Digital Health, Analytics and AI at the WHO. He is the founding director of the Johns Hopkins University Global mHealth Initiative and founding Editor-in-Chief for the Oxford Open Digital Health journal. An infectious disease and population epidemiologist, he served until September of 2022 as Professor and the inaugural Associate Chair for Research in Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has led research in over 30 countries and was recognized as one of the Top 11 mHealth Innovators in 2011. With over 250 publications in high-impact journals on Digital Health and Emerging Infectious Diseases, his frameworks for Digital Health remain among the most cited. He has served as a Technical Advisor to several global health agencies and Ministries of Health and chaired the WHO Digital Health Guidelines Development Group.



Dr. Gabriela Flores is the Team lead for financial protection & SDG reporting at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, where she has led WHO’s global work on financial protection monitoring since 2015. Together with her team, she supports all regions, manages the global financial protection database, co-produces UHC reports, and sets standards for tracking financial protection in health. She also develops survey modules to measure out-of-pocket health spending. She holds a PhD in Statistics and Econometrics from the University of Geneva in Switzerland.



Jessica Ho is a Technical Officer with the Data Standards and Analytics unit, Data, Digital Health, Analytics and AI department at WHO. For the past two years she has led WHO’s work on the service coverage index including the indicator revision and the Global Monitoring Report.



Dr. Gil Shapira is Senior Economist in the Global Health Team of the World Bank, working at the intersection of health financing and service delivery. He joined the Health Nutrition and Population Global Practice in 2022 and has been leading work programs on health equity and financial protection and on health system performance measurement. Previously, Gil was a researcher with the Development Research Group of the World Bank, where he led a research program on demographic and health topics in developing countries. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



Alhadi Osman is a Senior Global Health Policy Advisor at Save the Children UK and serves as an advisory group member of the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) for UHC2030. His work focuses on universal health coverage, primary health care, Health System Strengthening, social participation, and partnerships for UHC.



Dr. Vincent Batiene is a public health physician with 17 years of experience in public health at all levels of the system at the Ministry of Health of Burkina Faso. Currently, he is the Technical Secretary for Health Financing Reforms in the Burkina Faso Ministry of Health, and the government's focal point for the Global Financing Facility (GFF). In this role, he oversees the design, coordination and implementation of the country’s free health care policy, of the design and implementation of strategic purchasing practices in health and nutrition, and of the mobilization of financial resources. He’s in charge of defining universal health coverage strategies and I also ensure the link with the National Universal Health Insurance Fund. Previously, he was Director of Foresight, Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation and Director of Sectoral Policy and Strategy Formulation from 2019 to 2025 and in this capacity he led the development of Burkina Faso's National Health Development Plan (PNDS) 2021-2030 according to the "one plan, one budget, one report" approach.



Dr. Agnès Couffinhal is a health system and health financing expert with more than 20 years of experience in low-, middle-income as well as OECD countries, Agnès Couffinhal is the Global Program Lead for health financing at the World Bank. At the World Bank, she has extensive policy dialogue and operational experience in South Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia as well as Africa. She has also worked at the OECD, for the World Health Organization in Copenhagen and at the Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics (IRDES) in France. She has a track record of impactful publications on efficiency (wasteful spending in health systems), equity (comparative assessments across countries) and governance. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from Paris IX-Dauphine.