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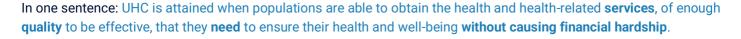
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What is UHC?

"I receive quality care when I need it, without suffering financial hardship."

Rather than complicated, Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is complex involving many working pieces. The concept is also adaptive and responsive to the investments and influences surrounding it. This includes the approaches used to make it happen, such as the Primary Health Care (PHC) approach.







WITHOUT CAUSING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

avoiding catastrophic or impoverishing health expenditure.

One way is to increase public/government expenditure on health. Some of our analytics work is beginning to strongly show the value of this approach.

NEEDS

what individuals, households, and communities demand to help them achieve health and well-being.











This is important because low demand means low utilization. Populations need to be aware of what is available and potentially useful for them, which helps in improving health-seeking behaviors and health actions overall

SERVICES

across two dimensions

The public health functions:



Health promotion



Preventative health care



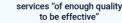
Curative health care / treatment



Rehabilitative health care



health care



QUALITY

how well the health system

is performing, which includes

attributes such as:

Effectiveness

of interventions



Patient safety



Client **experiences**

The different population / age cohorts across the life course:



Pregnancy

and infancy











Adulthood Elderly life



POPULATIONS

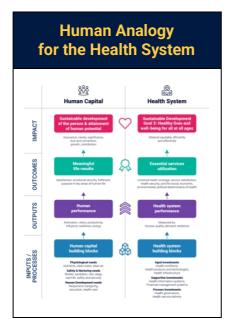


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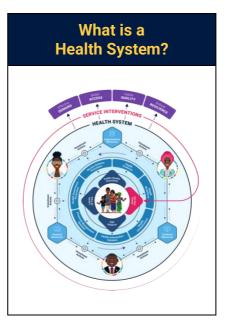
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