

# Health as a political choice

## Global landscape, challenges and actions...

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# Universal Health Coverage

*“All people have access to the services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship”*

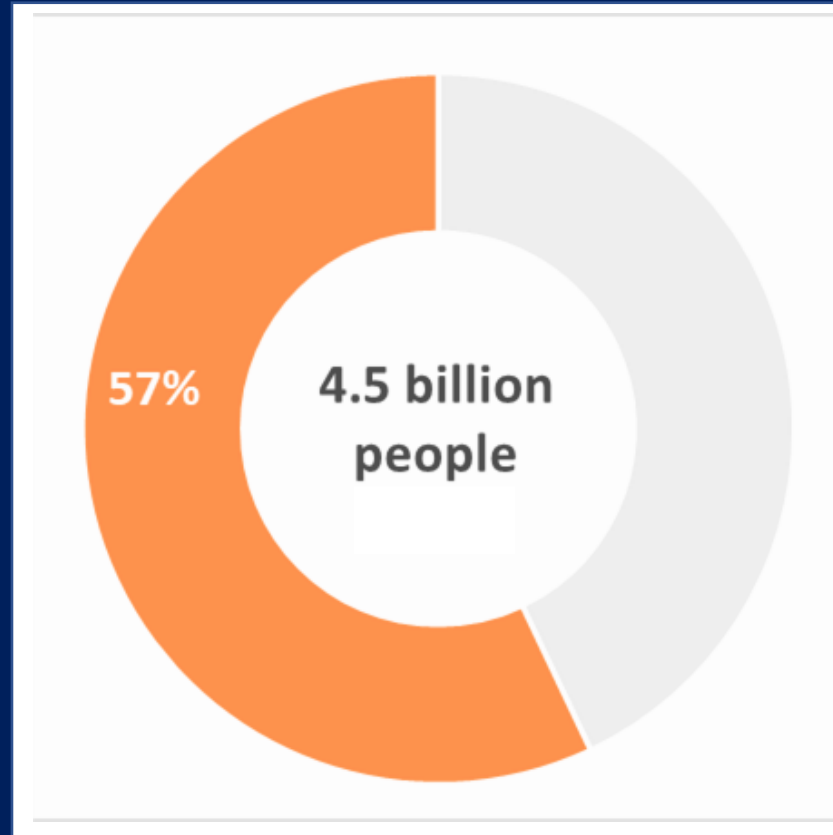
193 countries committed to advance UHC by 2030 as part of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



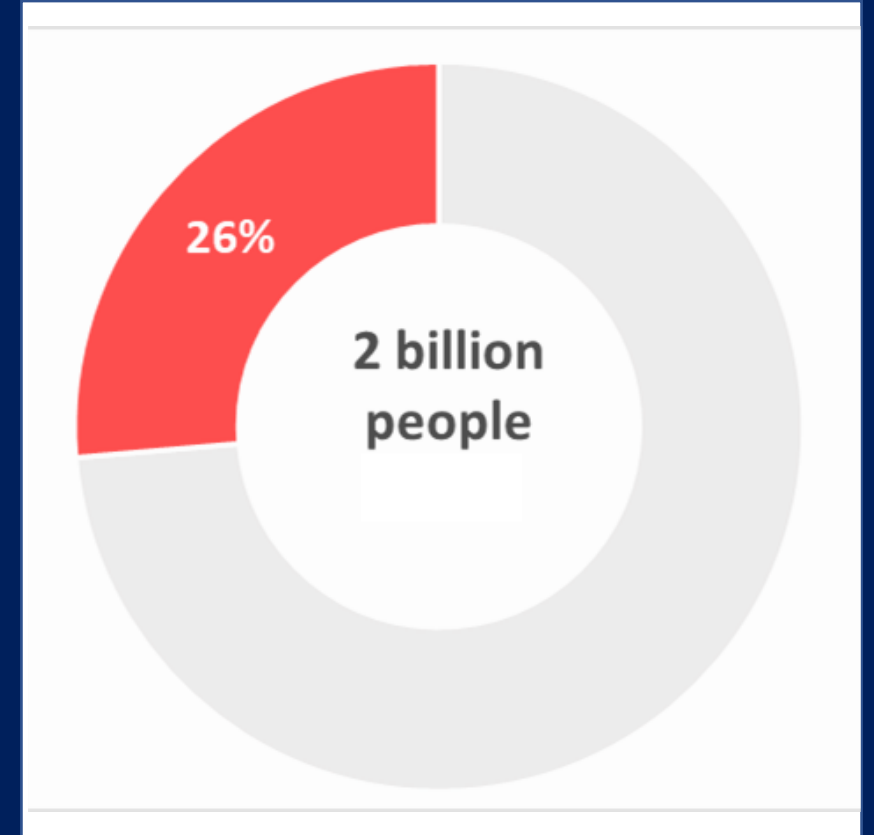
# An unfulfilled promise.. **that needs political action**



**Tracking UHC -  
September 2023**



*57% lack full coverage of  
essential health services*



*26% face financial hardship  
accessing services*

# Every day...

800 women die of complications of pregnancy & childbirth

13,700 children < 5 yrs die - mostly of preventable & treatable causes

77,500 people die prematurely of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)

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*SRH, maternal & child health advances health, social & economic benefits for all*



# >50 countries lack health systems' foundations



And in the face of  
COVID-19 our  
health systems  
collapsed....

**...but we are  
still not ready for  
the next one.**



# GPW14 | a Global Health Agenda for 2025-28... *in line with the EU Global Health Strategy*

CONTEXT: Health & well-being in an **increasingly complex world**



RESPONSE: “*Advancing health equity & systems resilience in a turbulent world: a global agenda for 2025-28*”

*“Promote, provide & protect health & wellbeing for all people, everywhere”*

Respond to **climate change, an escalating health threat** in the 21st century

Advance **PHC approach & essential health system capacities** for universal health coverage

**Prevent, mitigate & prepare** for risks to health from all hazards

Address **health determinants and root causes of ill health** in key policies across sectors

Improve **health service coverage & financial protection** to address inequity & gender inequality

**Rapidly detect & sustain an effective response** to all health emergencies

# The UHC Partnership



**#UHCPartnership**



## Expertise

145+ policy advisers on the ground

We work to strengthen health systems across the world. Our health policy advisers play a crucial role in bringing WHO's technical expertise in fostering policy dialogue, national health planning, health security, addressing noncommunicable diseases and more. We provide funding for catalytic projects and engage partners to enable effective development cooperation.

WHAT WE DO

## Solidarity

Over half a billion dollars in donor contributions

We invest in health for all. The UHC Partnership is one of WHO's largest initiatives on international cooperation for universal health coverage and primary health care. For over a decade, it has served as a platform for donors to work together in transforming global commitments to tangible results in countries. (\*funding up to 2026)

OUR DONORS



## People

125+ countries representing over 3 billion people

We bring health services closer to communities. The UHC Partnership is part of WHO's Special Programme on Primary Health Care, which promotes a whole-of-society approach in addressing health priorities and empowering people to take part in making decisions that affect their health and well-being.

WHERE WE WORK

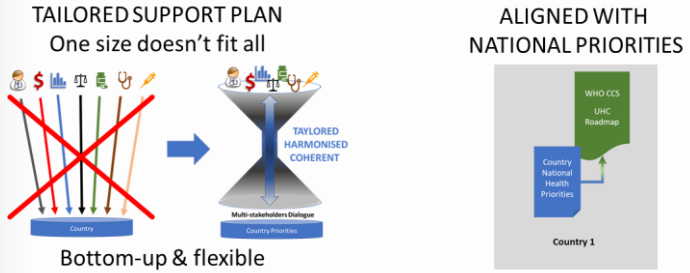


# The UHC Partnership provides WHO catalytic PHC for UHC support in 125+ countries with 145+ Health Policy Advisers in WCOs and ROs

**125+**  
UHC-Partnership countries

<b>&gt;60</b> Million \$ In 2023	<b>3 levels allocation</b>			<b>11</b> UHC-Partnership donors
	70% Country Level	15% Regional Office	15% HQ	
<b>6</b> WHO Regional Offices				<b>&gt;145</b> WHO Advisors on the Ground
	<b>Financial support</b>			
40% Activities		60% Salaries		

## GPW13 BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



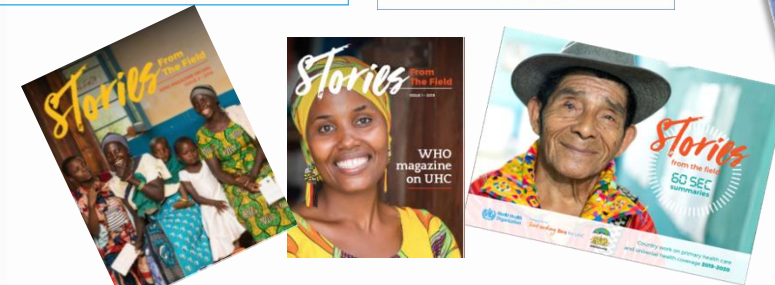
## ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS



### HIGH LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE

Governance  
High Level Steering Committee  
DDG  
ADGs & EXDs  
DPMs  
AFRO EMRO EURO PAHO SEARO WPRO

### Multi-Donors Coordination Committee



# Key WHO UHC priorities for **action**

A **Primary Health Care approach** is the best way to keep people healthy, create health systems that people trust & leave no one behind.

**1** Radically reorient health systems to a primary health care approach

**2** Address health workforce gaps

**3** Establish financial protection

## Laws

- ✓ Legislate UHC
- ✓ Institute financial protection

## Budget decisions

- ✓ Generate health & well-being (transport, housing, food..)
- ✓ Finance UHC (taxes, financial protection, workforce)

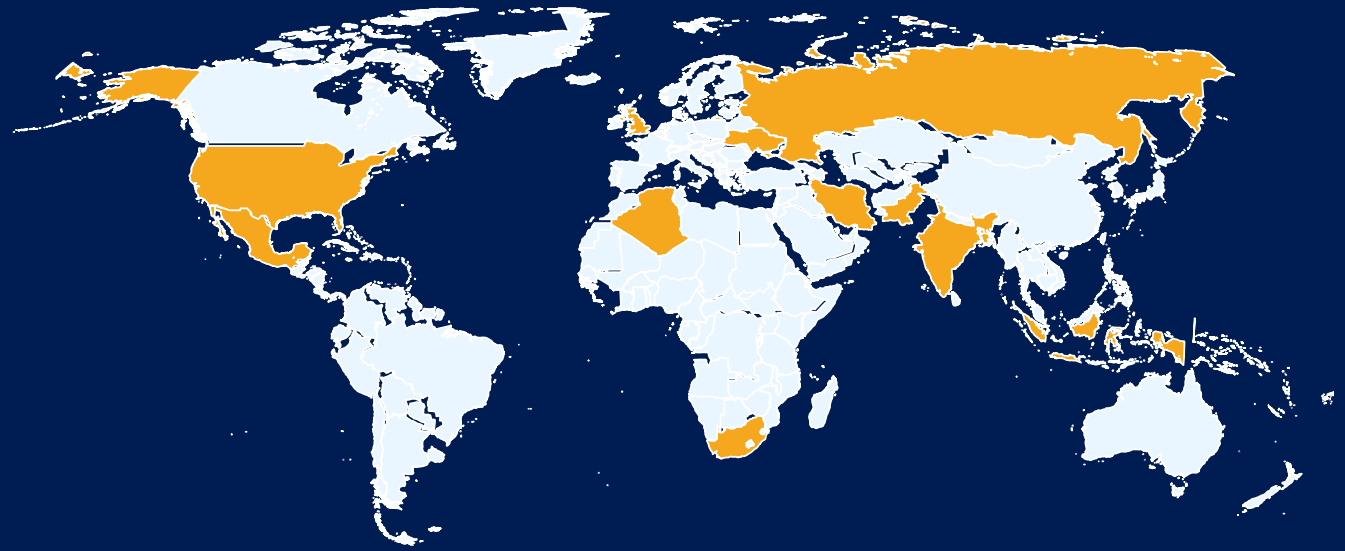
## Accountability

- ✓ Strengthen governance & tackle corruption
- ✓ Support social participation



**Health is a political  
choice**

**Half the world's population  
goes to the polls in 2024**



■ 72 countries with elections 2024



Thank you!

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