



**JOINT  
LEARNING  
NETWORK**

For Universal Health Coverage

# **Nigeria, the JLN, and the Health Financing Technical Initiative**

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# A Vibrant Community

The Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage (JLN) is an innovative **country-led, country-owned** network that focuses on **practitioner-to-practitioner** learning to co-develop and implement solutions to **common challenges related to UHC**

The JLN provides a unique implementation-focused platform for **experience-based knowledge** exchange and the co-development of **practical resources** to accelerate UHC



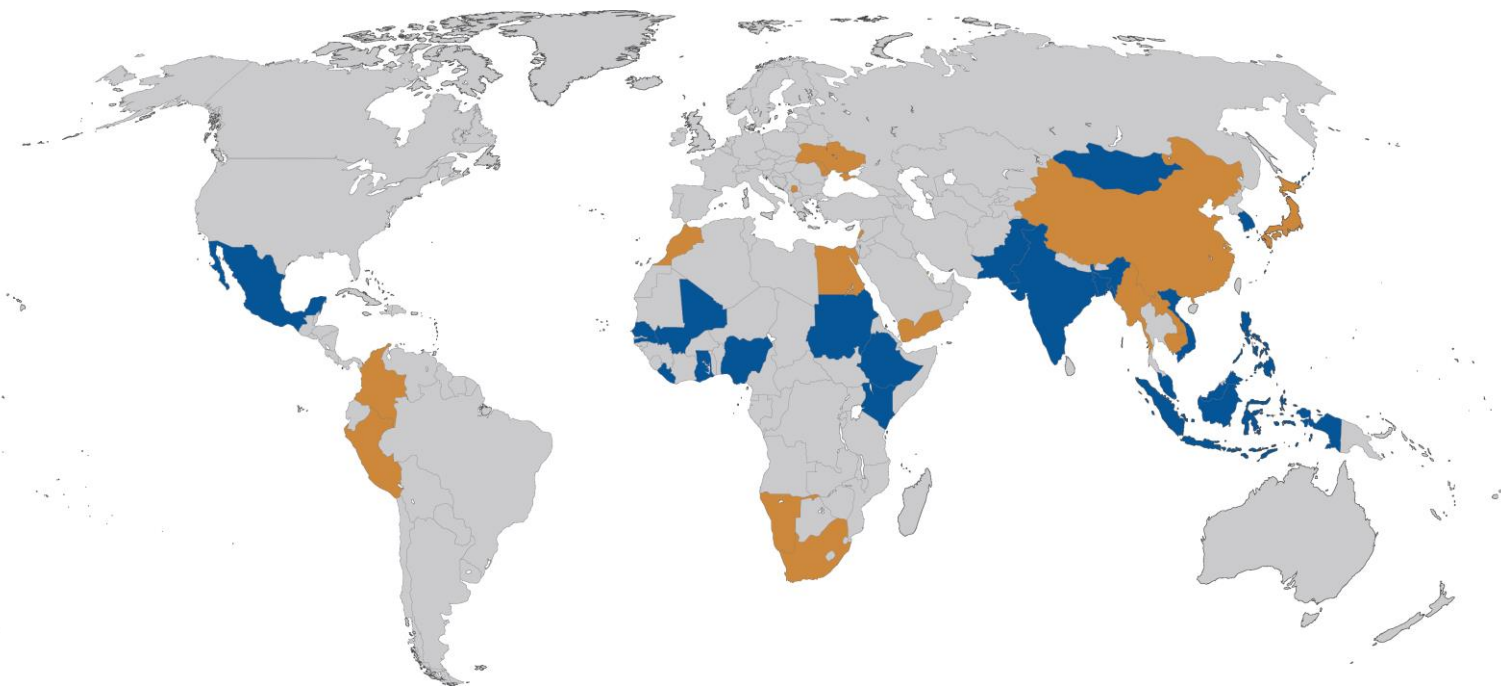
*Different people from different places working together on similar challenges*

An alternative (complementary) approach to traditional technical assistance

# A Growing Network of Policymakers and Practitioners

## Full Members

- Bangladesh
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Indonesia
- India
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Philippines
- Malaysia
- Mali
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- South Korea
- Sudan
- Vietnam



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Member Countries

## Associate Members

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|----------|--------------|
| Bahrain  | Moldova      |
| Cambodia | Morocco      |
| Colombia | Myanmar      |
| China    | Namibia      |
| Egypt    | Peru         |
| Japan    | South Africa |
| Kosovo   | Yemen        |
| Lao PDR  | Ukraine      |
| Lebanon  |              |

# Examples of Co-production of Knowledge and Tools

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UHC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

SUMMARY REPORT FROM FIVE COUNTRY PILOTS  
June 2016

Joint Learning Network for  
Universal Health Coverage:  
Primary Health Care  
Technical Initiative

## Primary Healthcare Self-Assessment Tool

### The Role of the Health Data Dictionary

PART 1: HOW AN HDD PROMOTES INTEROPERABILITY AND A DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS NEEDED TO NURTURE ONE

By Dennis Streveler, Professor, University of Hawaii

**The need for “interoperability”**

In the quest to attain universal health coverage (UHC), JLN member countries, like almost every other country in the world, struggle to “harmonize” or “integrate” their health information systems, including the discrete components that make up their health insurance information systems.

Figure 1. Components of health insurance information systems.

In the coming years, progress in health information systems will increasingly depend on the components listed in Figure 1 being able to “talk” with each other and share data. In technical parlance, we call this “interoperability”—recognizing that health insurance information systems are in fact a suite of applications that (must) work together. In practical terms, we mean that a Ministry of Health (or other organization) can derive increased synergy between applications, and thus an increased return on its investments (ROI) for systems that it has procured or built.

Just as humans require a common language by which to efficiently communicate, so do computers. While it is possible to soldier on, using translation techniques of various kinds (i.e.,

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## Health Data Dictionary

### TOOLKIT RESOURCES LIST

THE TOOLS AND TEMPLATES on the companion flash drive are meant for use by countries when they are developing their own costing exercise. They should be adapted to the specific country context rather than used exactly as presented. The files can also be found at [www.jointlearningnetwork.org](http://www.jointlearningnetwork.org)

**TOOL 1. SAMPLE FORMS AND TEMPLATES**

FILE	REFERENCE IN MANUAL	DESCRIPTION
1A		Sample agenda for participatory planning and design session
1B	Table 9	Scope inclusion and exclusion template
1C	Table 25	Sample data tracking form
1D	Table 30	Sample matrix of variability
1E	Table 37	Personal time measurement template
1F	Table 38	Capital asset inventory template

**TOOL 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

FILE	COUNTRY	COSTING EXERCISE	DESCRIPTION
2A	India	Chhatissgarh Costing	Terms of Reference for the consultant to provide technical support to the government of Chhatissgarh in costing hospital procedures and developing package prices for the state's health insurance scheme
2B	India	Karnataka Costing	Terms of Reference for the consultant to provide technical support to the government of Karnataka in costing hospital procedures and developing package prices for the state's health insurance scheme
2C	Vietnam	Vietnam Primary Care	Terms of Reference for the consultant to provide technical support to the Vietnamese MOH in designing and implementing a costing exercise for primary care services provided at district hospitals and commune health stations

**TOOL 3. DATA REQUEST FORMS**

FILE	COUNTRY	COSTING EXERCISE	DESCRIPTION
3A	Cambodia	Cambodia Hospital	Data request provided to costing exercise enumerators, specifying the needed data, item, data description, and time period
3B	India	PHFI Hospital	High-level data request for expenditure and output data for top-down costing

JLN COSTING OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR PROVIDER PAYMENT TOOLKIT RESOURCES LIST

## Costing Manual Toolkit

# Nigeria and the JLN

Since 2010, representatives from Nigeria have contributed to more than 14 JLN Knowledge Products or engagements, including,

- The UHC Primary Health Care Self-Assessment Tool,
- The Toolkit for Medical Audit Systems: Practical Advice from Implementers to Implementers,
- A Practical Guide to Strategic Communications for UHC and Planning Tool,
- Open Health Data Dictionary,
- JLN Population Coverage Technical Initiative Workshop Summary,
- Workshop on “Equity in Universal Health Coverage: How to Reach the Poorest”

... *and the list continues to grow –*

- Under the JLN NODE: Triaging the Patient Journey, Human Resources for Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Understanding and Utilizing Data in COVID 19 Response and Recovery.
- Since 2018, representatives from Nigeria participate in the Leveraging Resources for Efficiency, PHC Financing and Payment, Domestic Resource Mobilization, and Fiscal Policy for Public Health collaboratives.

**To learn more about Nigeria and the JLN:**

**<https://www.jointlearningnetwork.org/members/nigeria/>**

# The JLN Technical Agenda



## JLN Network for Open Dialogue & Exchange (NODE)

National multi-sectoral coordination

Maintaining essential services

Transforming the Health System to Prioritize PHC

Using data to inform response & recovery

Patient pathways

Health Finance Resilience Program

Infection Prevention & Control

Health Resources for Health

Strengthening governance of mixed health systems

Empanelment



## Service Delivery and Quality Including PHC

Person Centered Integrated Care

Contracting with the private sector

Managing NCDs through Innovative PHC

Medicines and UHC

Delivery System/Provider Network Design

Utilization Review/Medical Audit/Fraud

Vertical Integration



## Health Financing

Domestic Resource Mobilization

Systematic Prioritization and Efficiency



## Provider Payment

PHC Financing and Payment

Provider Payment Systems



## Population Targeting and Equity

Population Targeting



## Information Environment and Other Cross-Cutting

IT for Health Insurance Systems

Data Foundations

Strategic Communications

New NODE Learning Exchange

Collaborative, Learning Exchange or In-country Work

Topic Adapted to COVID-19



# New: Domestic Resource Mobilization Collaborative Knowledge Products

**Policy Dialogue Workshops** are country-led meetings with various Ministry of Health, Finance, and other key stakeholders used to discuss common communication challenges and share mutual targets for making the case for investment in health.

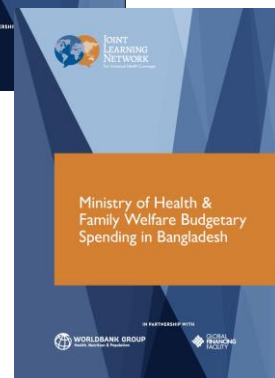
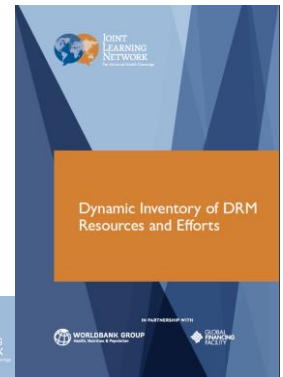
**Policy Dialogue Toolkit** is a compilation of tried and tested adaptable materials that can be used during and outside of these workshops to enable health policymakers to further-dialogue on resources needed to achieve health sector goals with finance and other stakeholders.

**Making the Case for Health: A Messaging Guide** is a compilation of messages that can support communication across health and finance sectors to make the case for investment in health. Key health financing issues and topics are explained simply through the lens of applied macroeconomic concepts and are complemented by country experience.

**Narrative summaries of country budgetary data** that demonstrate how countries can summarize, analyze, and describe their historical budgetary data to inform country dialogue. Summaries complete for Bangladesh and Indonesia, and in progress for Armenia, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Vietnam.

**Dynamic Inventory of DRM Resources and Efforts** -easy-to-access compilation of existing resources, including databases, case studies, and other tools that can be used to make the case for DRM for health. Also includes a summary of country efforts with DRM for health

**On Prioritizing Health: A Background Analysis** is a global review of health share of public spending across 20 low, middle, and high-income countries, to identify successful cases of reprioritization.



# New: Efficiency Collaborative Knowledge Products

## *Systematic priority setting stream*

**Health Priority Setting: A Practitioner's Handbook** provides practical guidance for low-and middle-income countries on how to achieve health priorities by using data and evidence when allocating resources in the health sector. Compiles a set of existing tools and databases with practical experience collected from across 11 JLN countries

**Health Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (HePRA) Tool and Database** captures the current landscape of priority-setting practices that may be used to guide resource allocation, expenditure and monitoring for health across a set of 10 Joint Learning Network countries. Includes an adaptable excel and PDF based resource accompanied by a summary report of countries' existing priority setting and resource allocation frameworks

## *Measurement and information stream*

**The Resource Guide for Measuring Health System Efficiency in LMICs** introduces the concepts and principles of efficiency, and provides a framework for identifying and measuring health system efficiency in a practical way. Includes a set of 30+ indicator fact sheets, experience from country pilots in Kenya and Malaysia, as well as inputs from 9 JLN countries

