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

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- South Africa
- Yemen
- Ukraine

34 Member Countries
Examples of Co-production of Knowledge and Tools

The Role of the Health Data Dictionary

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

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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 finance components that make up their health insurance information systems.

Figure 1. Components of health 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 must that a Ministry of Health (or other organization) can derive meaningful 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 (e.g.,

Primary Healthcare Self-Assessment Tool

Health Data Dictionary

Costing Manual Toolkit
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.

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
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.