



The Collaborative on Domestic Resource Mobilization

Under the Joint Learning Network's Revisiting Health Financing Technical Initiative

Webinar on Conceptualizing and Measuring Financing Protection

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Event Synopsis

A key objective of the domestic resource mobilization (DRM) collaborative is to help countries make progress toward universal health coverage (UHC) by increasing effective service coverage (SDG 3.8.1) and by reducing the dependence on out-of-pocket (OOP) spending for health (SDG 3.8.2). With the emergence of COVID-19 and the subsequent tightening of fiscal space for health, several countries are at-risk of reversing the gains they have made in recent decades in their progress toward UHC. To help inform the design of policies protecting access to health, especially for the poor, it is imperative that countries regularly monitor and track progress towards UHC, including and especially during times of crises, to identify changes in the utilization of health services and on health financing.

The World Bank's Health Equity and Financial Protection Indicators (HEFPI) team partners with the World Health Organization in tracking (SDG 3.8.2) progress toward UHC and in preparing the bi-annual Global Monitoring Reports. With the latest 2021 edition currently in production, the HEFPI team will introduce the conceptual underpinnings and discuss the indicators used for tracking financial protection worldwide. Particular attention will be given to the importance of measuring financial protection alongside service coverage, as low OOP spending may well reflect a lack of access to care rather than appropriate shielding from direct health payments.

Speakers will summarize results from the 2019 Global Monitoring Report and provide an overview of the micro- and macro-level databases and analytical tools (e.g. HEFPI data visualization portal, ADePT, and Stata's FPRO command) that can be used by participants to create their own financial protection analyses. Country discussants will provide a country-specific context for utilizing the measurement tools, trends and policies around financial protection.

List of Speakers

Opening Remarks



Dr. Aparnaa Somanathan is the Practice Manager for the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Human Development Unit. She has worked on health financing and health systems strengthening issues, in relation to policy and program implementation in a range of countries including Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Prior to joining the World Bank, she co-led a 14-country study of equity in health care in the Asia-Pacific Region. She holds a doctoral degree in International Health Economics and Policy from Harvard University.

Presenters



Dr. Patrick Eozenou is a Senior Economist at the World Bank in the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice. His current work focuses on health policy and the measurement of health equity and financial protection in the context of UHC monitoring.



Dr. Sven Neelsen, PhD, is a health economist at the World Bank (HNPGE) where he focuses on measuring and tracking Universal Health Coverage using household survey data and on the comparative effectiveness of supply- and demand-side health financing interventions to improve healthcare access for women and children.

Country Discussants



Dr. Berthe is a Special Advisor for the Minister of Health and Social Affairs in Mali since February 2018 and is also a medical doctor specialized in public health policy design and management. Dr. Berthe has held managerial positions in district health facilities in Mali and has coordinated the National to fight TB, and the National Program to fight Trypanosomiasis. He holds postgraduate diplomas from the University of Nancy in France, and from the Centre Africain d'étude Supérieure en Gestion de Dakar (CESAG).



Mr. Mohammed Bassirou Traore is the Director of the Social Protection and Inclusiveness Department under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs for the Republic of Mali since 2014. Mr. Traore has over 20 years of experience in the management of social protection and governance public policies in Mali. Mr. Traore holds a diploma from the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bamako, and has been awarded the rank of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mali in 2016.



Dr. Nguyen Khanh Phuong is Vice-Director of the Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Ministry of Health and a leading health economist with more than 20 years of experience in health financing, health economics, and health system reform in Vietnam. Dr. Nguyen Khanh Phuong has extensive experience in the healthcare sector and a strong background on policy evaluation and monitoring, research proposal design and development, provider payment methods, hospital services cost, health technology assessment and project evaluation. In previous appointments as a coordinator, senior technical officer, principal investigator and national consultant, she has also contributed to several studies which provided evidence for developing important health policies such as health insurance and health financing reforms. She is currently a member of HTAsiaLink Scientific Board, HTAi Asia Policy Forum Organizing Committee, and the Joint Learning Network.

Closing Remarks



Dr. Ajay Tandon is Lead Economist with the World Bank and works on several countries including India, Indonesia, Bhutan, Laos, and Vietnam. Previously, he has worked with the Asian Development Bank, the World Health Organization, and has held visiting research appointments at both Oxford University and Harvard University. He is co-author of several books, including most recently of 'Going Universal: How 24 Countries Are Implementing Universal Health Coverage from the Bottom-up'. He received a PhD in economics from Virginia Tech with a dissertation that focused on the intersection of macroeconomics and population dynamics.

Moderator



Dr. Somil Nagpal is the cluster lead for the World Bank's health and nutrition programs in Indonesia and Timor Leste. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2009, Dr. Nagpal has served as the health insurance regulator for India and with the Indian ministries of Finance and Health. He has been associated with the Joint Learning Network (JLN) for Universal Health Coverage since its inception in 2009.

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