Financial Protection and Improved Access to Health Care: Peer-to-Peer Learning Workshop Finding Solutions to Common Challenges

Closing Session
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Expected results of the workshop

• **Deeper understanding** of how to grow and use financial resources to:
  • Increase financial protection
  • Improve equitable access to priority health services
  • Achieve financial sustainability in a trajectory towards UHC

• Identification of **concrete actions to take health financing and insurance program to next level**

• **Strengthened partnerships and coordination** across countries, within countries, and between partners
Some key takeaways from the week

1. Financial protection is a key UHC goal
   • Health financing as a powerful tool to increase equity
   • Pro-poor UHC: including poor in the outset of the design
   • Range of approaches to get there (including insurance models)

2. Financial sustainability is achievable, with focus on efficiency
   • Two sides of the coin: DRM and expenditure management
   • Improved MOH/MOF dialogue is crucial
   • Pharmaceuticals as a major source of inefficiency

3. Private sector can be a key partner in public reforms
   • Important role of community and private sector actors in reaching hard-to-reach populations
   • Great potential for mobile technology solutions through public-private partnerships
Some key takeaways from the week (cont’d)

4. Intelligent health systems lie at the heart of evidence-based decisions
   • Global M&E framework for UHC, but “don’t let it get in the way of what you need” (Joe)
   • Health insurance programs sitting on huge batches of data
   • “Decision-making must be evidence-based to lead to strategic purchasing” (Lydia)

5. Commitment generation and behavior change are new tools that can contribute to success
   • Progress on all of the above requires strong political will and changes in behaviors of providers and populations
   • Behavior change- recognizing the human factor is crucial

6. Ghana’s NHIS is an inspiring model
   • Provides learnings for health system transformation
   • A continuously evolving and improving system