THE ROLE OF MEDIA, CSOS AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND REFERENCE IN ACHIEVING UHC

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Introduction

- UHC is a political process that involves negotiation between different interest groups

- CSOs and Media are well-positioned to support the government in the delivery of healthcare and remove the barriers affecting UHC

- Need for increased citizen participation in the process of health legislation

- UHC is an opportunity to promote a comprehensive and coherent approach to health, beyond the treatment of specific diseases

- Strengthen the health system to efficiently deliver integrated, people-centred health services.

- Accountability is critical to inform the pace and pathway of progress towards UHC.
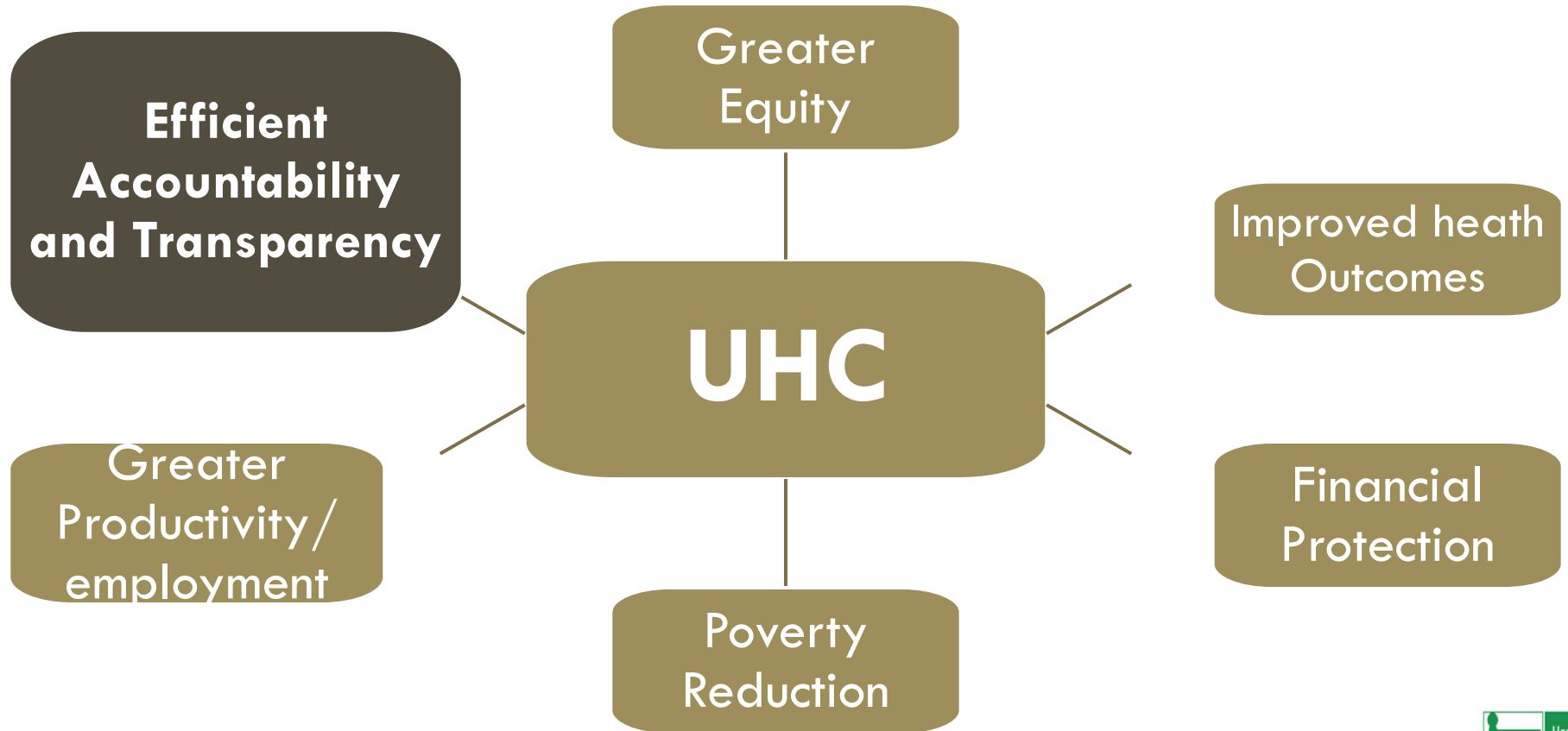
Get it Right

SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

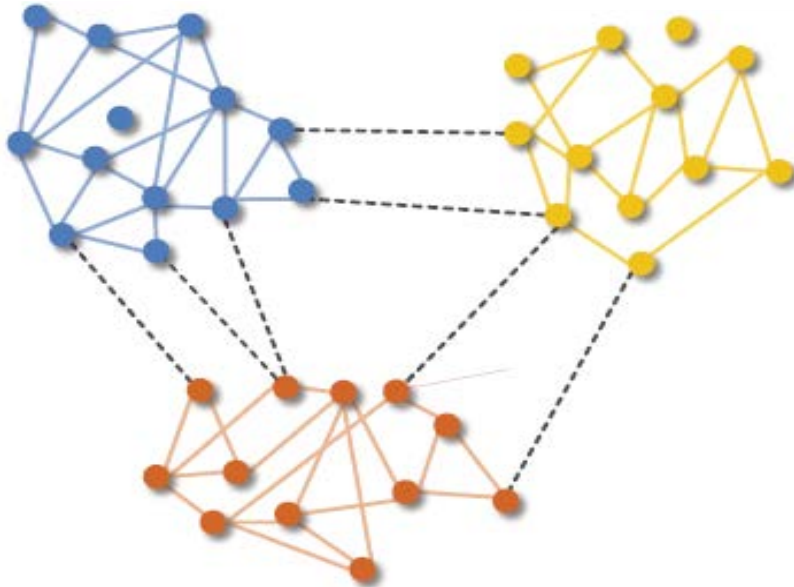**UHC** = **MDG unfinished** + **Failure of the HFA 2000**

Target 3.8:
Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services, medicines and vaccines for all
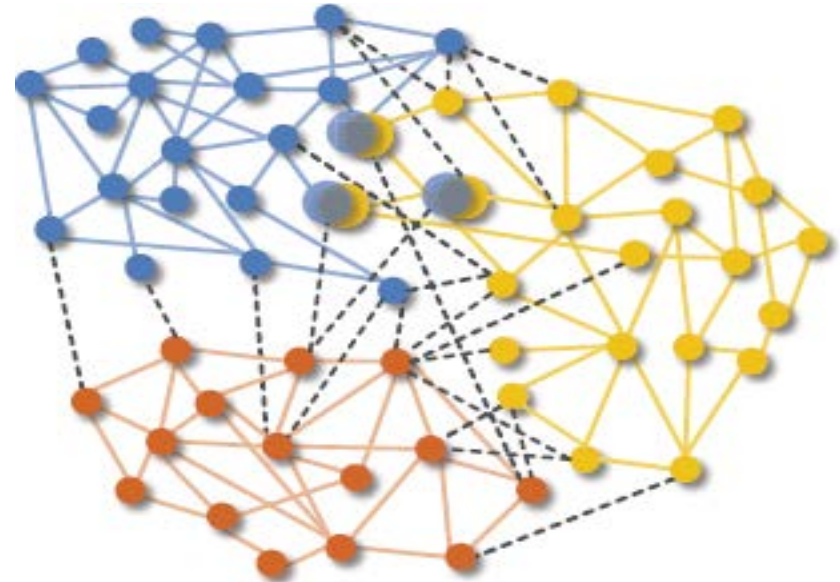
Expected Outcome of UHC

Greater Equity

Efficient Accountability and Transparency

Improved heath Outcomes

UHC

Greater Productivity/ employment

Financial Protection

Poverty Reduction

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UHC Stakeholder Ecosystem

Old Paradigm

New Paradigm

Government   Private Sector   People (Media, CSOs)

Benefit of Collaboration

RESPONSBILITY:
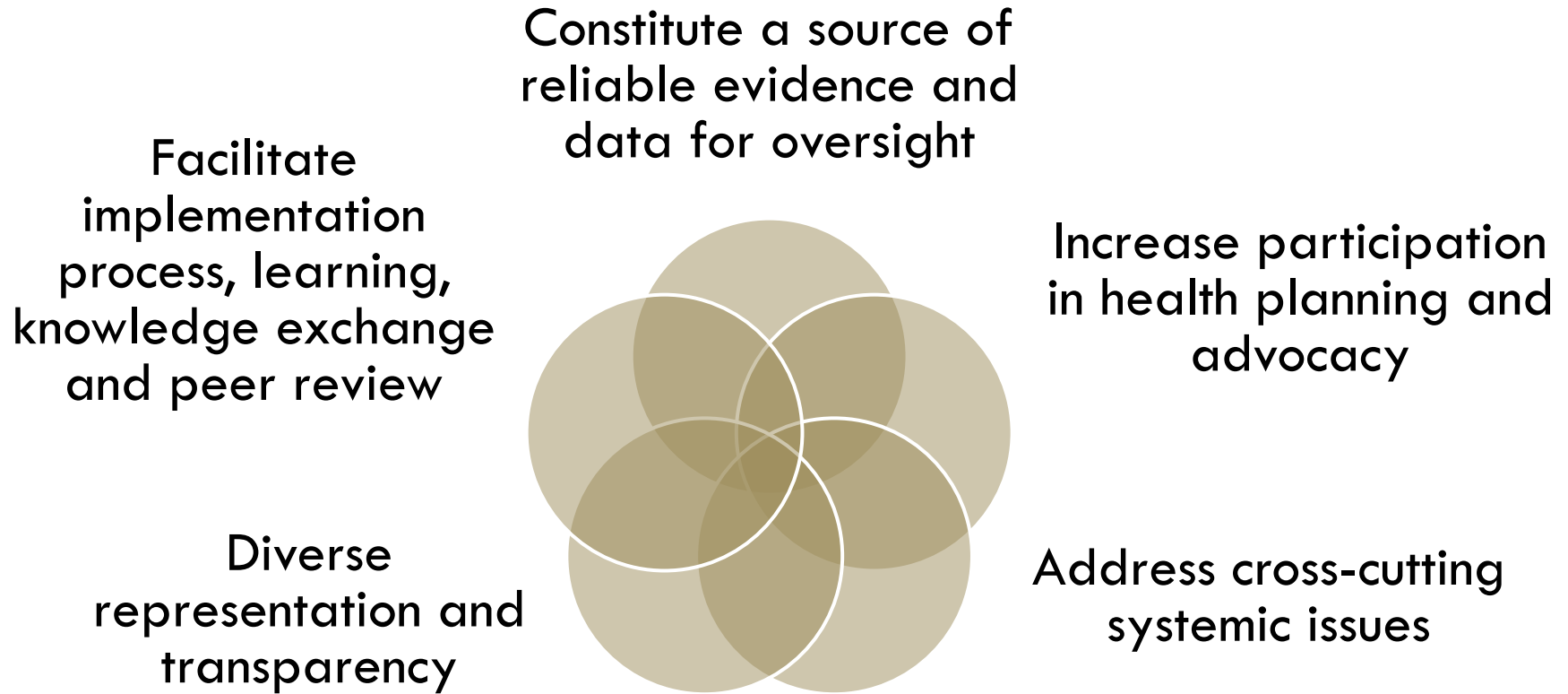- Enhance policy coherence, cooperation and coordination

ANSWERABILITY:
- Space for multilevel interaction and participation
- Enhance the flow of information and feedback
- Improve access to information.

ENFORCEABILITY:
- Monitoring performance, supporting compliance and enforcement
- Strengthen support and control mechanisms

Non-State Actors Engagement Mechanism

Constitute a source of reliable evidence and data for oversight

Facilitate implementation process, learning, knowledge exchange and peer review

Increase participation in health planning and advocacy

Diverse representation and transparency

Address cross-cutting systemic issues

Benefit of Collaboration

Support law-making process

Improve and increase citizen participation

Strengthen Evidence-based policy making,

Surveillance/ Report real time situations

Track budget and policy implementation

Advocate for prioritization of health issues on government agenda

Wider coverage

Ensure continuity, ownership, and sustainability

Monitor for quality of care/service

Bridge gap between policy formation, implementation and result

Pursue adherence and compliance

Provide the needed technical and research support

Correct misconception

Provide evidence for investigation

Modern Technology

There has been changes in technology and its use in ensuring accountability and transparency aligning with the information age. As a result of the information and communication boom, a

combination of new technologies is being used to obtain, disseminate and share information as never before. Social media has also become a powerful tool to advocating for desired changes, share ideas and solutions in almost all spheres of daily life.

Using Modern Technology for UHC

Policymakers

Channel

Citizens

Use of technology improves communication and knowledge Sharing, create platform for effective oversight and fast track the achievement of UHC

Recommendations: Strategies for engagement

❑ Meaningful engagement with CSOs and media

❑ Inclusion in the process of law making and oversight functions

❑ Create a platform for regular consultation

❑ Maximize modern technology to showcase your work (Tell your story)

What's Our Take

How do we engage with the Media, CSOs and technology to drive our effort in achieving UHC?

End Note

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