HFG Universal Health Coverage Resource Collection

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)’s Health Finance and Governance (HFG) Project is working with partners around the world to protect families from catastrophic health care costs, expand access to priority services—such as maternal and child health care and HIV services—and ensure equitable population coverage. As both a country partner and a global thought leader, HFG is on the frontlines of promoting universal health coverage (UHC) worldwide. The following collection serves as a reference of HFG resources on UHC.

Case Studies

Ethiopia’s Community-based Health Insurance: A Step on the Road to Universal Health Coverage, January 2015

Ethiopia’s experience provides lessons for governments to pursue UHC through a series of complementary measures including strengthening governance at the facility level and implementing national health financing reform.

Political Winds Blow a New Life into Senegal’s Mutuelles de Santé, January 2015

Although Senegal has been implementing various forms of health insurance for decades, renewed political will has energized the use of community-based health insurance (mutuelles de santé) as key in the push for UHC.

Measuring and Monitoring Progress Toward Universal Health Coverage in Côte d’Ivoire, May 2014

To advance discussion on the availability, feasibility, and relevance of various globally proposed candidate indicators for UHC measurement—especially in resource-poor contexts—HFG conducted a case study in Côte d’Ivoire.


The objective of this study was to conduct primary research on Senegal’s approach to monitoring its progress towards UHC and to compile existing estimates for a proposed set of UHC indicators.

Universal Health Coverage Measurement in a Low-Income Context: An Ethiopian Case Study, April 2014

The objective of this case study was to analyze Ethiopia’s approach to monitoring progress towards UHC and consider the implications of Ethiopia’s experience with UHC measurement.

Building on Community-based Health Insurance to Expand National Coverage: The Case of Ghana, December 2013

This study describes how Ghana developed the National Health Insurance Scheme and what can be learned from this process. Ghana’s experience holds important lessons for low- and middle-income countries seeking to implement UHC.

Reports

Universal Coverage of Essential Health Services in Sub-Saharan Africa: Projections of Domestic Resources, August 2013

HFG looks ahead at the Africa region’s health financing priorities by projecting domestic health spending per capita to 2020 relative to an internationally accepted target for UHC.

Domestic Innovative Financing for Health: Learning From Country Experience, October 2014

This report highlights financing options originating from domestic sources which can generate additional resources for the health sector. It draws on lessons learned from several countries to provide evidence and scenarios for low- and middle-income nations to increase the financing potential of national health systems.