Towards health equity and security: Strengthening Public Health within Health Systems to achieve Universal Health Coverage

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Strengthening Public Health Functions within Health Systems

- Addressing IHR Core Capacities
- WHA Resolution on Essential Public Health Functions
- WFPHA efforts to identify the new roles for public health within the globalised world – PH Charter
- WHO efforts to better link HS and IHR across the three levels of the Organization
A Framework for UHC as part of the SDGs

- Global public health security and resilient societies
- Equitable health outcomes and wellbeing
- Inclusive economic growth and employment

Universal Health Coverage
All people and communities receive the quality health services they need, without financial hardship

Health Systems Strengthening
Health Systems Strengthening is about leveraging domestic resources

- **US$55 billion per year**: the minimum investment required in the health sector for countries to attain the SDGs by 2030
- **US$35-40 billion per year**: between two-thirds and three-quarters of this annual US$55 billion must be spent on HSS efforts
- **US$2.3 billion in 2013**: amount of funding for HSS from all international sources, whereas funding for disease-specific programs (e.g. fighting HIV/AIDS or malaria) amounted to **US$34 billion**
- **About 75% of total health spending**: domestic sources contribute to, even in fragile states and the least developed countries
- **High OOP expenditure**: domestic resources are not optimally distributed and need to increase and effective use of public resources for health by strengthening health financing and public financing management

HSS country strategies including IHR core capacity and preparedness should be tailored to different country contexts:

- **Strategy 1**: Strengthening Health systems *foundations* in least developed and fragile countries
- **Strategy 2**: Strengthening health system *institutions* in least developed countries where foundations are already in place
- **Strategy 3**: Supporting health system *transformation* in countries with mature health systems

A right combination of “**hardware**” (strategy 1) and “**software**” (strategies 1 to 3) external investments are essential to build strong health systems and achieve results in UHC and health security