

Strategic component	Actions for countries	Support from WHO and other development partners
Developing a vision and strategy for universal health coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a vision to transform the national health system towards UHC • Establish a multisectoral mechanism for UHC at the highest level • Institutionalize a mechanism for public involvement in the development and promotion of a UHC vision and strategy, e.g. through public representative assemblies and civil society. • Undertake an evidence-informed health system review for UHC to assess the status of and gaps in financial protection, service and population coverage • Develop a roadmap for health system strengthening to achieve UHC with short, medium and long-term goals • Strengthen reliable monitoring and evaluation system to track, evaluate and report UHC progress • Enhance public investment and public-private partnership for UHC • Promote implementation research for UHC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate convening of stakeholders for dialogues on UHC vision and strategies • Share global experience, evidence and good practices in strengthening health systems towards UHC • Develop national capacities in health system strengthening and leadership for UHC • Provide technical support to strengthen national health information systems to effectively monitor and evaluate equitable progress towards UHC • Provide support for improving public investment, public-private partnership, resource mobilization and aid-effectiveness
Improving health financing system performance and enhancing financial risk protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement an evidence-informed health financing strategy for UHC • Analyse health expenditure patterns and health financing arrangements using household surveys, health accounts and other diagnostic tools to identify gaps and underlying causes • Track the incidence of catastrophic health expenditures and impoverishment, differentiated along socioeconomic and demographic dimensions • Engage with national finance authorities to promote predictable public financing for health and ensure alignment with health sector requirements for UHC • Explore creative revenue raising mechanisms for health • Establish/expand prepayment arrangements, e.g. social health insurance and general government revenue arrangements, to limit out-of-pocket payments • Reduce fragmentation in pooling arrangements across different schemes to avoid negative consequences for equity and efficiency • Move from passive to strategic purchasing arrangements (by linking decisions on resource allocation to information on providers' performance and health needs) • Unify national information systems for provider payment • Identify sources of health sector inefficiencies and ensure value for money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in development of health financing reform options for advancing UHC • Support the development of national health care financing strategies towards UHC • Support the "health budget dialogue" for UHC, covering issues of fiscal sustainability and public financial management • Build capacities on health expenditure surveys, health accounting, economic evaluation and other health financing system diagnostic tools • Develop guidance on prepayment arrangements including social health insurance • Facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience between policy-makers and financial managers on health financing reform • Build regional and national consensus on health financing reforms for UHC
Expanding the coverage of needed health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve quality, safety and continuity of care by expanding person-centred integrated health service delivery • Design and implement a service package of highest priority evidence-informed person- and population-based interventions • Improve health workforce availability, accessibility, quality and performance to meet current and future health service requirements • Ensure reliable access to, and regulation, quality, safety and affordability of essential medicines and health technologies, as part of the services package, appropriately employing health technology assessment (HTA) • Integrate emergency health care in service delivery to enhance health system resilience • Strengthen engagement with and regulation of for-profit and not-for-profit private sector for service provision in support of UHC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate national planning for accelerating implementation of integrated quality health services, including progressive adoption of the family practice model • Develop guidance on designing, costing and implementing a service package of highest priority interventions • Support development and implementation of national strategic plans in the context of the regional strategic framework for health workforce development • Assist in the development of national policies and strategies for quality of care and patient safety • Support national efforts in improving access to essential medicines and health technologies, including promoting the use and institutionalization of HTA • Build capacity in assessing, regulating and partnering with the private sector
Ensuring expansion and monitoring of population coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize expansion of service coverage and financial protection for vulnerable and informal groups as part of the Sustainable Development Goals • Collect data, disaggregated by socioeconomic and demographic factors, to monitor equity in progress towards UHC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share experience from countries on mechanisms to cover informal and vulnerable groups • Develop a framework for monitoring population coverage and UHC