

GHS

PRESENTATION

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What policy steps have countries taken toward UHC ?

□ National Health Policy

- ✓ forms the basis for the provision of the best possible preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care services across the country, through an integrated multi-sectoral approach to stimulate national development within the framework of Health in All Policies approach, whole-of government whole of society approach.

□ UHC Roadmap for Attaining Universal Health Coverage (2020-2030)

- ✓ Increased enrolment of National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)
- ✓ Ensuring full functionality of CHPS nationwide
- ✓ Increase in financial resources in the health sector, Private sector, and civil society engagement
- ✓ Retention of human resources for health.
- ✓ Essential Health Service provision

□ Network of Practice with a model health centre

- ✓ aims to improve the coverage and quality of health care by ensuring that health services delivered at the community and sub-district level are supported by and organised within the context of well-the defined formal district health system, reducing fragmentation and maximising resources

What are some good practices and encouraged challenges identified through accelerating progress toward UHC amidst the COVID-19 pandemic?

Good practices (1/2)

- Involvement of the private sector in the COVID-19 fight
- Strengthened data management system (SORMAS, Lightwave, COVID 19 Tracker)
- A resource mapping exercise co-led by the Government, GFF and the World Bank was undertaken to identify funding patterns across key priorities and strengthen donor and government alignment around them.
- Rapid public health response including revamping the 3T (track, test and treat) approach.
- Use of digital tools for contact tracing.

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Good practices (2/2)

- Increased critical care staff capacity as well as training and simulation exercises of functional Emergency Preparedness Response (EPR) teams at all levels
- The massive roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations and expansion of ICU facilities (centres of excellence) including lab services from 2 to 49.
- Increase in No. of treatment centres
- Guidelines on the maintenance of Essential Services in Reproductive and Maternal Health Services was implemented by Ghana Health Service during the pandemic.
- Development of Integrated Essential Health Services Package (EHSP)

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Challenges

- Health worker's fatigue and lack of motivation
- Shortage of human resources, equipment and medical supplies
- Inadequate supportive supervision
- Poor physical healthcare access
- Disparities in health service utilization
- Sociocultural barriers of users (vaccine hesitancy due to lack of education/information)
- Gaps in data entry and data management

IN SUMMARY

- UHC is our focus
- PHC will lead us there
- Redesigning and strengthening our PHC through the Networks of Practice approach using Model health centres as hubs to strengthen the Sub-district and Community level (and with telehealth/teleconsultation,) Pandemic or not, we shall be able to provide good quality health service to those who need it, whenever and wherever