## Universal Health Coverage by 2030: can we achieve this SDG target?

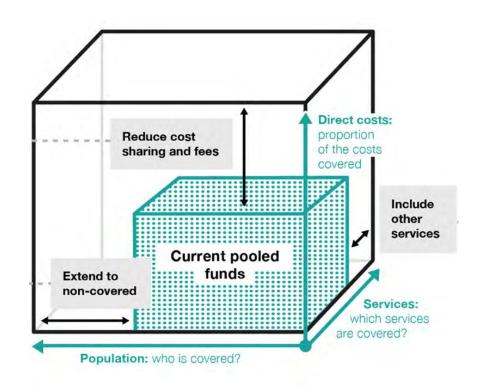
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#### Outline

- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) the challenge
- Accelerating Progress in UHC:
  - Building demand for investing in health....
  - Systems Innovation for:
    - Embracing systems complexity
    - Financing
    - Services
    - Workforce

## Universal Health Coverage by 2030!





## Still a long way to go ...

50% of people lack basic health service coverage

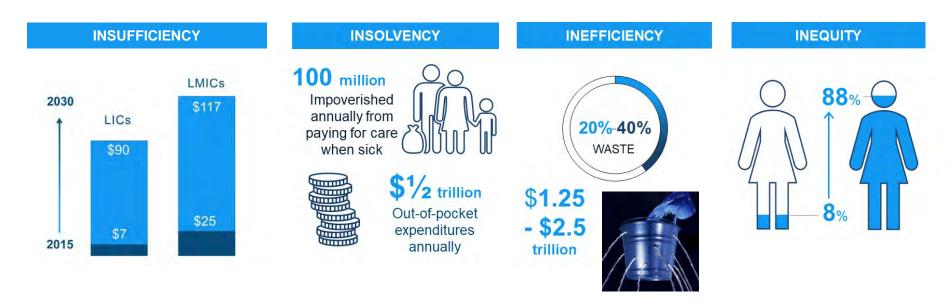


100 million people are impoverished every year due to paying for health services



... the population of Afghanistan, Canada & Malaysia combined

## reflecting massive shortfall in systems performance especially in lower income countries



Weak health financing stewardship: Leadership, coordination, institutional capacity, technical expertise





### Poor coverage of vital events

Table 7.1 Availability of death registration data – number of countries by WHO region

Region	Usable data	Complete coverage	Total countries
Africa	4	1	46
Americas	32	14	35
South-East Asia	4	0	11
Europe	48	39	51
Eastern Mediterranean	7	4	22
Western Pacific	22	8	27
Total	117	66	192

#### And systems everywhere are ill prepared for the brave new world

#### **Cost pressures**

- NCD burden
- Aging
- Technology
- Expectations

#### **Fiscal stagnation**

- Aging
- Informal workforce
- "Gig" economy

#### **Economic shocks**

- Pandemics
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Migration

#### **Inequalities**

- Urban-rural
- Rich-poor
- Gender





Costs of Ebola epidemic in 3
African countries
\$2.2 BILLION IN 2015









## **Building Demand for Investing in Health**



## The right to health

#### CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WORLD HEALTH

ORGANIZATION

The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition (...)"



Signed at the
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
New York
22 JULY 1946

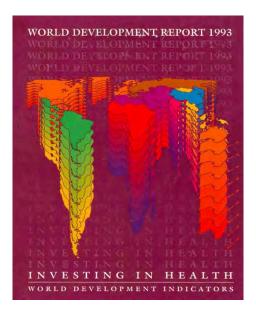
**WHO Constitution 1946** 

## Human capital is the most important investment that countries can make for future prosperity and quality of life

Human capital represents about of global wealth

#### **The Human Capital Index**

measures the level of human capital based on health and education achievement and its association with economic productivity potential of individuals based on their health and education achievement to c





#### Size and growth of health sector – an asset for all countries

#### **Global Health Economy**

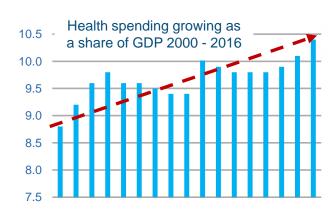
**Global Health Workforce** 

\$7.7 trillion

10.4%

Health spending

of global GDP



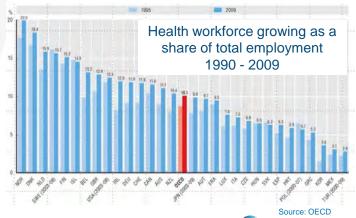


~60 million

formal jobs

**70**%

for women





## Universal Health Coverage An engine for health and human capital creation ...

#### **Universal Health Coverage**

#### **Health services**

Of quality and according to need

#### **Financial protection**

Contributions to prepaid pooled financing based on ability to pay

priority to those with greatest needs



#### Invaluable lessons from UHC in Japan

#### Japan's vision for a peaceful and healthier world

Health is fundamentally a global issue. Recent outbreaks of Ebola virus disease and Middle East respiratory syndrome have reminded us that global health issues require collective action. The world must unite and countries must establish resilient and sustainable health systems, ensuring that each individual is secure and receives the highest attainable standard of health, Japan has been a longstanding advocate of human security' and has taken concrete action on the ground in support of this principle. Human security protects the vital core of all human lives in a way that enhances freedom, fulfillment, and capabilities<sup>12</sup> and underlies Japan's policy of Proactive Contribution to Peace. Japan regards health as an indispensable element of human security.<sup>1</sup>

In September, 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, which includes universal health coverage (UHC), to which Japan attached great importance during the negotiation process. Achieving UHC requires comprehensive changes to systems, human resources, and public awareness. To catalyse such changes leaders must commit to leave no one behind in the drive for the best attainable health gains. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have created an opportunity to connect sectors and empower individuals, families, and communities. It is crucial that we agree on a monitoring and evaluation framework so that the impact of UHC against investment is measurable and thus attainable.



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe www.thelancet.com Vol 386 December 12, 2015

#### Crucial role of finance ministry in achieving universal health coverage

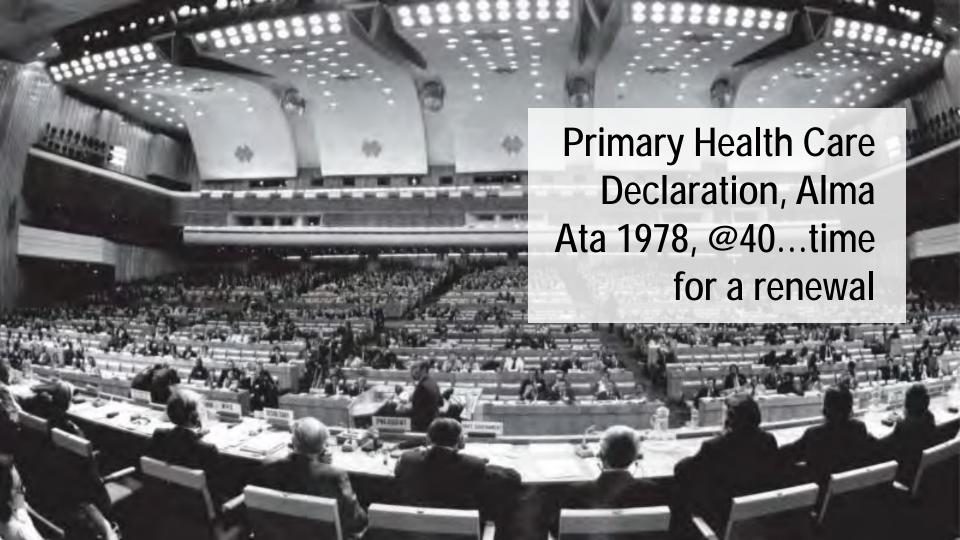
Universal health coverage (UHC) is now accepted as a core goal for all countries around the world—as one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for health (target 3-8). Low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs) are now adopting policies and strategies to help achieve this important goal. Japan is committed to supporting countries to achieve this goal, as part of its national commitment to human security, as Prime Minister Shinzō Abe emphasised in this journal. Japan's past experiences in achieving UHC in 1961 provide policy lessons for other countries. One point that has not been adequately highlighted previously, however, is the crucial role of a nation's Finance Ministry in achieving and sustaining UHC.



Taro Aso
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"I felt that no boy should have to depend --- either for his leg or his life --upon the ability of his parents to raise enough money to bring a first class surgeon to the bedside"

Tommy Douglas



### Systems Innovation to Accelerate UHC

- Embracing systems complexity
- Financing
- Service Delivery
- Workforce

#### The Inverse Care Law

"THE AVAILABILITY OF GOOD MEDICAL CARE TENDS TO VARY INVERSELY WITH THE NEED FOR IT IN THE POPULATION SERVED."

Julian Tudor Hart, The Lancet, 1971

"People in poor countries are sick not primarily because they are poor but because of other social organizational failures including health delivery, which are not automatically ameliorated by higher income"

Angus Deaton, WIDER Annual Lecture, September 29, 2006.



SERVICE DELIVERY

**HEALTH WORKFORCE** 

INFORMATION

MEDICAL PRODUCTS, VACCINES & TECHNOLOGIES

FINANCING

LEADERSHIP / GOVERNANCE

Overall Goals / Outcomes

ACCESS COVERAGE



QUALITY

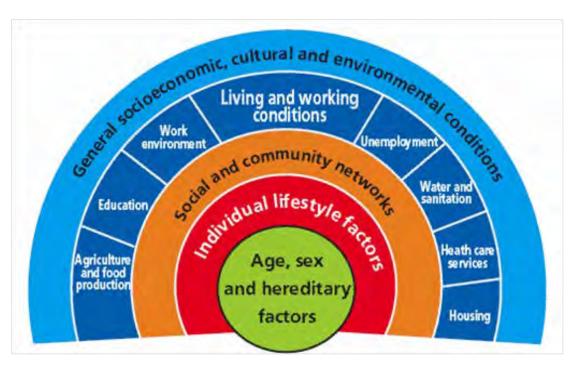
IMPROVED HEALTH (level and equity)

RESPONSIVENESS

SOCIAL & FINANCIAL RISK PROTECTION

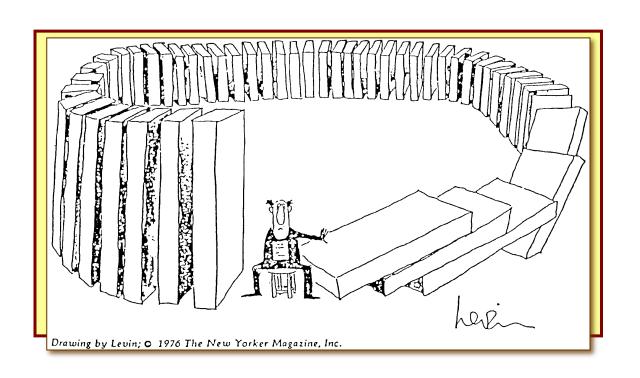
IMPROVED EFFICIENCY

#### The Rainbow of Health Determinants



Source: Dahlgren G and Whitehead M. Copenhagen, WHO, 1992.

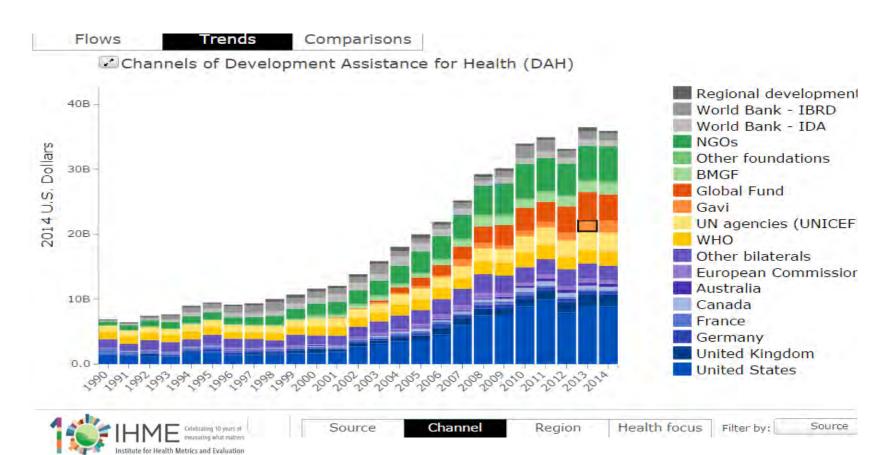
### Systems Assessment!



## Financing

#### **Development Assistance for Health:**

Quintupled since 1990! Levelled off last 5 years at \$37 billion/year



## Development assistance as a catalyst to domestic financing

Brings together multiple financing sources in a synergistic, country-led way to close the funding gap for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition by 2030.





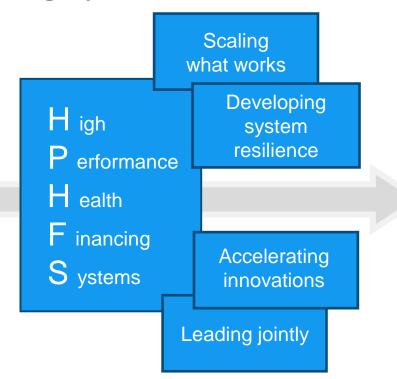
## From traditional 'one-size fits all'....to modern higher performing Health Financing Systems

o. v. Bismarck





w. Beveridge



#### **Beyond Out of Pocket Payments!**

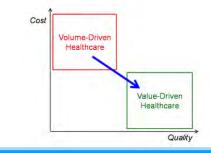
- Most inequitable and inefficient form of private financing
- Yet it prevails as primary "system" for financing access to "care"
- Across Low and Middle Income Countries:
  - It consumes \$500 billion dollar/year!
  - It is growing faster than public sector spending (3-5%/year)
  - If 25% of this expenditure could be prepaid/pooled....
    - \$125 billion/year extra for UHC which is 4x development assistance for health!!!
- A major priority for innovative financing!!

#### Developing new financing approaches to emerging and long-standing challenges



Cashless health contributions!

Crowding in the informal sector



From Volume to Value!

Population and Performance-based Payments!



Big Data mining on claims!

Monitoring performance and driving deep learning



#### Financing to make systems ready and responsive to risks

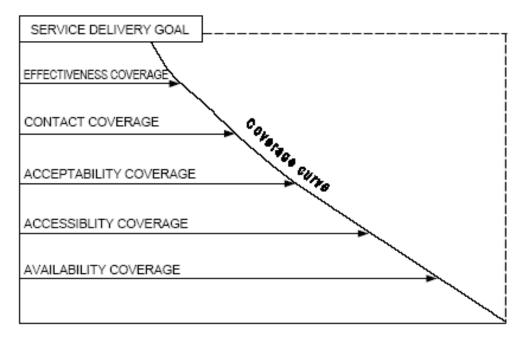






## Service Coverage

## Tanahashi Framework for Service Delivery Coverage



Source: Tanahashi, T, 1978

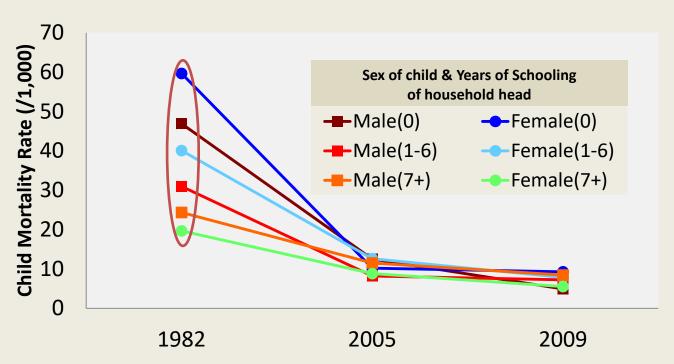
## Lancet Series on Bangladesh

## Launching Ceremony

# Explaining equity gains in child survival in Bangladesh: scale, speed and selectivity in health and development

Alayne M. Adams, Atonu Rabbani, Shamim Ahmed, Shehrin Shaila Mahmood, Ahmed Al-Sabir, Sabina F. Rashid, Timothy G. Evans

## Remarkable health equity gains

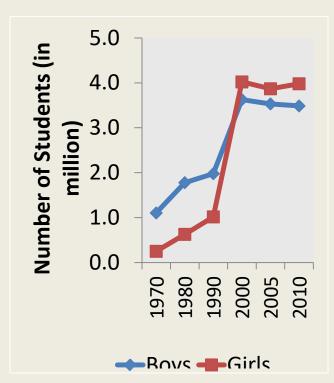


Source: Matlab Health and Demographic Surveillance Data (Various Years)

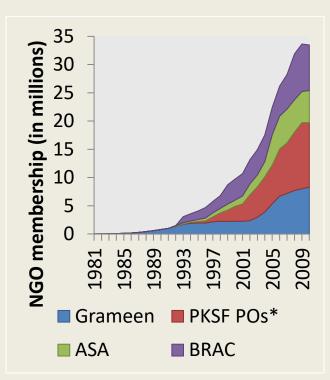
#### Geographic inequities in total fertility rate

2001 2010

# **Equity in social development**

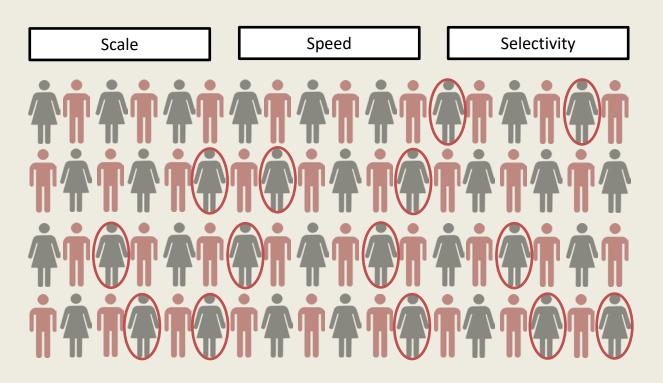


Number of students in secondary school Source: *BANBEIS* 

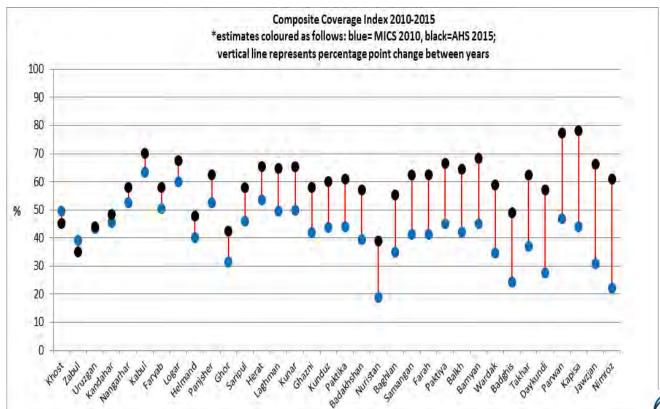


Number of women in microcredit *organizations Source*: Websites of respective MFIs \*PKSF is the whole-sale provider of funds to different MFIs.

# Implementation features of health and development in Bangladesh



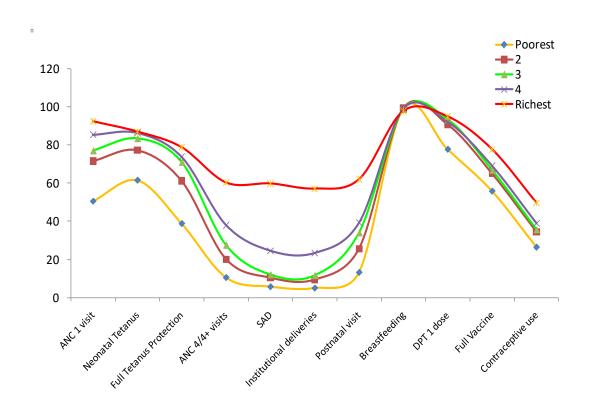
#### Securing health services in setting of insecurity in Afghanistan





Equity and survey data

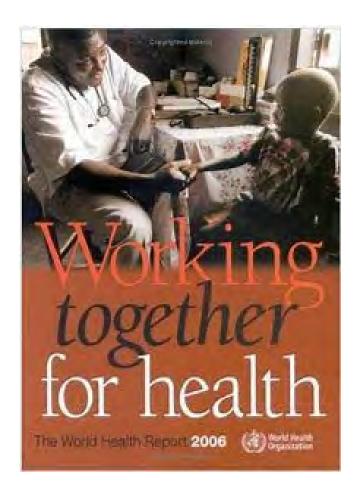
Dipping-in-and-out of the health system: Nepal 2006







Health workers to lead the way



#### Massive Gaps in:

- numbers
- cadres
- distribution
- quality
- safety
- leadership

of health workers

### Three levels of learning

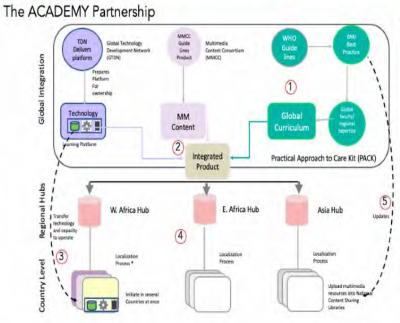
Level	Objectives	Outcome
Informative	<ul><li>Information</li><li>Skills</li></ul>	Experts
Formative	<ul><li>Socialization</li><li>Values</li></ul>	Professionals
Transformative	Leadership attributes	Change agents

Source: Lancet 2010. Education of Health Professionals for the 21st Century

#### Scaling-up Community Health Workers (CHWs)



#### GLOBAL CHW CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT: OUR APPROACH



#### The Process:

- Create global curriculum leveraging 80% common material
- Integrate guidelines & generic products so the multimedia can be applied in a standard, contextualized way.
- Technology designed for ownership;
   adaptable at country level.
- 4. Assist Ministries in localization process
- Integrate established BMJ Best Practice (or similar) system for updating protocols to digital curricula with traceable evidence back to WHO and international standards.



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Ethiopia Federal Ministry of Health

LAST MILE HEALTH

 Localization Process: Align with country policies; Est. Local Tech Reps; Est. MMCC Adapters, ID Clinical inconsistencies, Adapt to local lang, and culture; Localize training (print & digital): Implement & evaluate

#### Social Entrepreneurship in Global Health





#### Fostering Global Health Leadership @McGill

