

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 19, Washington Hilton Hotel

7:30 Registration opens / Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 Introduction / Setting the stage

Columbia Main

- DIXION, Annette - Vice President, Human Development Global Practice Group, World Bank Group, United States
- GOLDEN, Alma Crumm - Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID, United States
- KUROWSKI, Christoph - Global Lead, Health Financing, World Bank Group, United States

9:15 – 10:30 PLENARY SESSION 1

Columbia Main

Revenue Generation and Equity: Who Should Worry About It?

Speaker list:

- AGYEMAN-MANU, Kwaku – Minister for Health, Ghana
- AKABUEZE, Ben - Director General, Budget Office of the Federation, Nigeria
- DSANE-SELBY, Lydia - Deputy Chief Executive, Operations, National Health Insurance Authority, Ghana
- GONZALES-PIER, Eduardo - Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development, Mexico
- MAAIT, Mohamed - Vice Minister of Finance for Treasury Affairs, Egypt

Abstract: Raising money to move closer to UHC or maintain past gains is a constant struggle for countries at all income levels. Governments are expected to raise sufficient revenues to finance essential public goods and governance functions while promoting economic growth, stimulating full employment, and minimizing market distortions. A premise of this session is that inequity associated with the revenue generation function for overall public finance is more relevant than the way funds for health are raised by themselves. Plenary 1 will explore how Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Health (MoH) officials think about equity issues in raising and spending revenues and whether there is, or can be, an effective partnership between MoF and MoH on revenue generation.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee / Tea break

11:00 – 12:15 PLENARY SESSION 2

Columbia Main

Pooling for equity: “It’s not (just) what you do, but the way that you do it”

Moderators:

- HANSON, Kara - Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
- KUTZIN, Joseph - Coordinator, Health Financing, World Health Organization, Switzerland

Speaker list:

- RUBINSTEIN, Adolfo – Minister of Health, Argentina
- KARIUKI, Sicily - Cabinet Secretary Health, Kenya
- ALLY, Mariam - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, Tanzania
- HIDAYAT, Budi - Chair, Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies (CHEPS) Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

Abstract: Pooling arrangements influence equity in the receipt of health services because they establish the potential to redistribute prepaid resources to the care of those with the greatest health needs. Fragmentation of pooling limits the scope for redistribution from a given level of prepaid funds, hindering progress towards the key objectives of universal coverage. The plenary session will focus on these technical and incremental measures to address pool fragmentation or mitigate its consequences to enable effective redistribution.

12:15 – 12:45

PLENARY ADDRESS

How will we know when we have achieved UHC? A new global database

- WAGSTAFF, Adam - Research Manager, World Bank Group, United States

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Columbia Main

a. The promise of explicit priority setting for equity

Moderator:

- GLASSMAN, Amanda - Chief Operating Officer, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United States

Speakers:

- BOROWITZ, Michael (TBC)
- CHALKIDOU, Kalipso - Director of Global Health Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United Kingdom
- GONZALES-PIER, Eduardo - Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development, Mexico
- OTTERSEN, Trygve - Executive Director, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway
- TOLLA, Mieraf Tadesse - Postdoctoral research fellow, Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health, United States
- VERGUET, Stéphane - Assistant Professor of Global Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, United States

Abstract: This session will explore how explicit priority setting can best promote equity and financial risk protection. We will discuss the process and criteria for priority setting, the design of benefit packages, and the use of Extended Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (ECEA) and insights from the Disease Control Priorities, 3rd edition (DCP3) project.

Columbia 3-4

b. Providing health care to refugee populations: How to pay the bill?

Moderator:

- RAFEH, Nadwa - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:

- HAMADEH, Randa - Head of Primary Health Care, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon
- JACKSON, Nancy - Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States
- NIKOLIC, Irina A. - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States
- SPIEGEL, Paul - Director, Center for Humanitarian Health, Johns Hopkins University, United States
- SAYED, Haneen - Program Leader, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank Group, United States

Concluding Remarks

- RAFEH, Nadwa - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States

Abstract: There are over 22 million refugees globally. Conflicts are increasing, and existing ones are becoming more protracted. The current way refugee emergencies are funded is not sustainable. Through a lightning round presentation and an interactive discussion with panelists from donor country, hosting country, development agency and academia. This session will synthesize experiences and challenges in financing and delivering healthcare to refugees, and explore innovative financing options to providing quality, equitable, and sustainable health coverage for refugees.

Columbia 9-10 **c. Novel approaches to including equity on health financing in Indonesia**

Moderator

- HARIMURTI, Pandu - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, Indonesia

Panelists:

- HIDAYAT, Budi - Chair, Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies (CHEPS) Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
- KALSUM, Komaryani - Director of Health Financing and Health Insurance, Ministry of Health, Indonesia
- SRI RATNA SUDEWI, Ni Made - Deputy Director, BPJS Kesehatan, Indonesia
- THABRANY, Hasbullah - Chairman, Indonesian Health Economics Association (InaHEA), Indonesia

Abstract: This session presents: (1) architecture of centralized healthcare financing functions applied in the national health insurance approach of Indonesia (JKN) by highlighting equity and political dilemmas in a decentralized country, (2) JKN impact assessment on equity, and connects such results into (3) policy refinements and (4) implementations. A fish-bowl discussion to incorporate audience's perspectives will be followed, including succinctly remarks with recommendations to inform, monitor and evaluate UHC, especially on the impact on equity.

Columbia 11-12 **d. Achieving good health for all through purchasing: practical tools for countries by countries of the Joint Learning Network for UHC**

Moderator:

- BINTI MOHAMAD NOH, Kamaliah - Associate Professor, Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences, Malaysia

Panelists:

- NGUYEN, Khanh Phuong - Head of Health Financing, Health Strategy and Policy Institute, Vietnam
- MOHAMED, Omar Ahmed Omar - Project Manager for Transforming Health Systems for Universal Care Project, Ministry of Health Kenya

- TSILAAJAV, Tsolmongerel - Steering Group Member, Joint Learning Network, Mongolia

Abstract: Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage country practitioners from Malaysia, Mongolia, and Vietnam will discuss the importance of getting the “what to purchase, from whom, and how to pay” questions right for PHC services. Presenters will share co-developed tools and knowledge products for addressing PHC benefit package design, private sector engagement, and financing and payment, and provide a forum for participants to meet with country mentors who can advise on use of the tools.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Columbia Main **a. Discussions on universal pooling in the Americas**

Chair:

- PRIETO, Lorena – Consultant, Pan American Health Organization, Peru

Moderator:

- PAGANO, Juan Pablo - Consultant, Pan American Health Organization, Uruguay

Panelists:

- ROBERTS, Robin – Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), The Bahamas
- SEINFELD, Janice – Commissioner of Social Protection Commission, Peru
- VEGA, Luis – Technical Secretary of the High Level Commission for the Transformation of the Public Health System of the Ministry of Health, Panama

Discussant:

- CID, Camilo – Regional Advisor, Health Economics and Financing, Pan American Health Organization

Abstract: Panelists from four countries in the Americas discuss the main challenges, enabling factors, and expected outcomes of establishing of a national health fund to ensure universal health access in a context of segmented health systems. Key questions include: Why the need for reform? Why a single fund? What is/are the focus of discussions? What are the challenges and enabling factors? What are the expected results in equity and financial protection?

Columbia 3-4 **b. A bitter pill: addressing health commodity purchasing as a driver of inefficiency and inequality**

Moderator:

- CHALKIDOU, Kalipso - Director of Global Health Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United Kingdom
- GLASSMAN, Amanda - Chief Operating Officer, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United States

Panelists:

- BITRAN, Ricardo - President, Bitran y Asociados, Chile
- KAHVECI, Rabia - Chair, Health Technology Assessment Unit, Ankara Numune Training and Research Hospital, Turkey
- KRUBINER, Carleigh - Research Scholar and Project Director, Johns Hopkins University, United States
- SYLING, Paolo - Policy Fellow, Department of Health, Philippines

Abstract: This session will challenge participants to consider health commodity procurement as a core element of equitable and universal health coverage. It will feature new data on the state of health commodity markets in LMICs; a discussion of the ethical and equity-related dimensions of pharmaceutical purchasing; and a panel discussion with country spotlights on Chile, Turkey, and the Philippines.

Columbia 9-10 **c. What you can't measure, you can't change: Data analytics to support equity, what's new?**

Moderator:

- DUTTA, Arin - Senior Economist/Technical Director, Palladium, United States

Presenters:

- MAGAR, Veronica - Team Leader, Gender, Equity and Human Rights team, World Health Organization, Switzerland
- QAMRUDDIN, Jumana - Senior Health Specialist, World Bank Group, United States
- TEPLITSKAYA, Lyubov Teplitskaya, Health Financing Associate, Palladium, United States

Discussants:

- MUCHIRI, Stephen - Country Director, East Africa and Kenya, Health Policy Plus Project, United States
- MUSAU, Stephen - Abt Associates, United States
- THABRANY, Hasbullah - Chairman, Indonesian Health Economics Association (InaHEA), Indonesia

Abstract: Measurement of equity is an important challenge. We can ask if equity is achieved in the outcomes of current arrangements that allocate public health spending, affect financial protection, and promote utilization of health services among the poor. Measurement should also lead to action. How can low- and middle-income countries know that changes to health financing arrangements are having pro-equity effects? Do the available measurement methods help answer questions policymakers ask, in a way that incentivizes policy change? In this session, participants will hear of different tools and methods that can be adapted for use, and the differing policy questions they can help answer.

Columbia 11-12 **d. (Un)intentional institutionalization of out-of-pocket payments: What to do when provider payment arrangements undermine equity objectives?**

Moderator:

- BREDEKAMP, Caryn - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- DMYTRACZENKO, Tania - Program Leader, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:

- CASHIN, Cheryl - Managing Director, Results for Development, United States
- KUTZIN Joseph - Coordinator, Health Financing, World Health Organization, Switzerland
- LANGENBRUNNER, Jack – Senior Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States
- OTOO, Nathaniel - Executive Director, Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center, Ghana
- YIP, Winnie - Professor of the Practice of International Health Policy and Economics, Department of Global Health and Population, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, United States

Abstract: While expanding insurance coverage should increase financial protection, provider payment policies often undermine this goal through incentivizing provider and patient behavior that encourages out-of-pocket spending. Examples include inadequate co-payment policies,

uncontrolled excess billing, failure to clearly define benefits packages and payment rules, inadequate remuneration of providers, and weak regulation of private care. In this session, policy experts and practitioners will shed light on why – unintentionally, but sometimes intentionally – provider payment policy can institutionalize high levels of out-of-pocket payment.

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e. Is Performance-based Financing Equity Enhancing? Evidence from World Bank Impact Evaluations

Moderator:

- VAN DE POEL, Ellen – Health Economist, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:

- DE WALQUE, Damien - Senior Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- MAFAUNE, Patron - Provincial Medical Director Manicaland Province, Zimbabwe
- MESSEN, Bruno - Professor of Health Economics, Institute of Tropical Medicine, United States
- NDIFORCHU, Victor - National PBF Coordinator, Ministry of Health, Cameroon

Abstract: Whether or not PBF improves coverage or health for poor families is ultimately an empirical question. PBF schemes are not necessarily designed to improve equity; rather, they are designed to elicit more efficient procurement and improved effort from service providers. By analyzing data from a set of recent impact evaluations from the World Bank's Health Results Innovation Trust Fund portfolio, the panel presents new results to understand whether PBF schemes tend to be equity enhancing, equity neutral or leave the poor behind. Panelists put these findings in context of global trends and individual countries' experiences.

17:30 – 19:00

Columbia West **Reception**

Friday, April 20, 2018, Washington Hilton Hotel

7:30 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:45

PLENARY SESSION 3

Columbia Main

Why is it so hard to get resources to the frontline?

Moderator:

- GLASSMAN, Amanda - Chief Operating Officer, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, United States
- VAN DE POEL, Ellen - Health Economist, World Bank Group, United States

Speaker list:

- ADEWOLE, Isaac - Minister of Health, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria
- DAFF, Bocar Mamadou - Director General, Agence Couverture Maladie Universelle (ACMU), Senegal
- GITAHI, Githinji - Chief Executive Officer, Amref Health Africa
- HAGOS, Amir Aman - State Minister, Operations, Ethiopia
- ROTICH, Henry - Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury, Government of Kenya
- SAXENA, Alok - Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

Abstract: Abstract: In many low-middle income countries, secondary and tertiary care take up a considerable part of the health budget while primary care tends to be under-resourced. Such spending patterns lead to important inequities in health care financing, with the poorest households only having access to the least-funded level of the health system. Moving resources to the frontlines features high on the policy agenda in many countries. Defining a basic benefits package and ensuring political will to deliver it are important, but not sufficient, conditions as frontline services are often weak at attracting resources. This session starts from the premise that many governments are committed, but experience bottlenecks, to spending more on frontline services. A panel of government representatives will present experiences with how they have gone about addressing these bottlenecks.

9:45 – 10:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Columbia Main

Equity in UHC: How to follow the money

- SEN, Gita - Distinguished Professor and Director, Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health, Public Health Foundation of India

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee/Tea break

11:00 – 12:30

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

Columbia Main

a. With rising inequality and concentration of wealth, are we looking in the right places to finance UHC?

Moderator:

- RIVALAN, Bruno – Deputy Director, Global Health Advocates, France

Panelists:

- AGYEMAN-MANU, Kwaku – Minister of Health, Ghana
- BONILLA-CHACIN, Maria Eugenia – Lead Economist, World Bank Group, United States
- DAFF, Bocar Mamadou – Director General, Agence Couverture Maladie Universelle

- (ACMU), Senegal
- DZINKAMBANI, Lusungu – Governance Program Manager, Oxfam, Malawi

Discussant:

- PHILIPS, Mit – Health Policy Advisor, Medecins Sans Frontières, Belgium

Abstract: There is global agreement that out-of-pocket payments for health punish the poorest and must be cut, but are the commonly proposed solutions for financing UHC working and do they put enough emphasis on ensuring the wealthiest shoulder their fair share of the financing burden to ensure all can access health care free at the point of use? This session will explore these questions through the perspectives of country experiences including Malawi, Ghana and Senegal.

Columbia 3-4 **b. Equitable health financing and the law**

Moderator:

- STONE, Lesley - Senior Advisor, Global Health, Office of US Foreign Assistance Resources, US Department of State, United States

Panelists:

- CLARKE, David - Health Systems Advisor Law and Governance, World Health Organization, Switzerland
- NYAMA, Juliet - Scholar and Attorney, LLM Candidate, Georgetown University Law Center, United States
- PUTRI, Asih - Member of NSSC, National Social Security Council (NSSC), Indonesia
- TSILAAJAV, Tsolmongerel - Steering Group Member, Joint Learning Network, Mongolia

Abstract: The law plays an important role in determining how health financing is generated, pooled, and allocated. This panel will explore how the legal environment impacts UHC, especially in enhancing equity in financing for services and limiting exclusion.

Columbia 9-10 **c. Getting resources to the frontline II: What is private sector's role?**

Moderator:

- LEWIS, Maureen - CEO, Aceso Global, United States

Panelists:

- GUILFORD, Matthew - Co-Founder and Chief Growth Officer Telenor Health, Bangladesh
- KAGIA, Ruth - Senior Adviser to the President, Government of Kenya, Kenya
- THABRANY, Hasbullah - Chairman, Indonesian Health Economics Association (InaHEA), Indonesia
- NANDAKUMAR, Allyala - Chief Economist, US Department of States, OGAC, United States

Abstract: Building on the plenary session on Getting Resources to the Frontline, this session acknowledges that the private sector is a critical actor in delivering health care services to consumers. With a focus on serving the needs of the poor and vulnerable, the discussion will facilitate exchange on the merits and demerits of working through the private sector with an aim to highlight implications for policy formulation.

Columbia 11-12 **d. Immunization as a trailblazer towards UHC: using health financing policy levers to achieve equitable immunization outcomes**

Moderator:

- BRENZEL, Logan - Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United States
- ALKENBRACK, Sarah - Senior Health Economist, World Bank Group, United States

Panelists:

- MARTINEZ-VALLE, Adolfo Martinez - Director General, Ministry of Health, Mexico
- NDIFORCHU, Victor - National PBF Coordinator, Ministry of Health, Cameroon
- SOUVANNACHOUMKHAM, Soulivath – Deputy Director General of Department of Budget, Ministry of Finance, Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR)

Abstract: Strong immunization programs can make a positive contribution to the UHC agenda by providing a platform for increasing service coverage of other health interventions, and by reducing medical impoverishment. This session focuses on resource allocation and purchasing and discusses why specific policy levers on the supply-side and demand-side are critical for building strong immunization and UHC systems. The session will cover Cameroon’s performance-based financing scheme; Mexico’s conditional cash transfer program; and Lao PDR’s experience with the health financing transition.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 PLENARY SESSION 4

Columbia Main **Accountable to whom? Health financing structures and the enhancement of equity**

Moderators:

- STEIGER, William R. – Chief of Staff, USAID, United States
- BRINKERHOFF, Derick W. – Distinguished Fellow in International Public Management, RTI International, United States

Panelists:

- EBIMARO, Sampson – Deputy Director, Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Nigeria
- KOVTONIUK, Pavlo – Deputy Minister of Health, Ukraine
- HINES, Gwen – Executive Director, Global Programs, Save the Children, United Kingdom
- SALGUERO, Carmen – Coordinator, FUNDESA, Guatemala

Abstract: Ensuring that health financing functions are accountable to the people they serve, particularly to poor and vulnerable populations, is vital to ensuring equity in the UHC context. While equity is inherent in the achievement of UHC, the pathway is not necessarily pro-equity due to the plurality of actors and interests involved, and complex power dynamics. Plenary 4 will explore the roles of governments and citizens through civil society. This includes discussions on participatory budgeting, enhancing transparency, and other measures that promote accountability and equity in health financing systems.

14:45 – 15:15 **Technical summary and wrap-up**

Columbia Main

- EVANS Timothy G. – Senior Director, Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank Group, United States
- HANSON, Kara – Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

15:15 – 16:00

Coffee/Tea break and travel to World Bank Main Campus Building

16:00 – 17:30

FLAGSHIP EVENT

*World Bank
Main Campus
Building
1818 H Street
NW:
Wolfensohn
Atrium*

Universal Health Coverage Flagship Event: Towards Universal Health Coverage: Tackling the Crisis in Health Financing to End Poverty

Abstract: This flagship event, co-hosted in partnership with the Government of Japan and the World Health Organization, will look at how countries are pursuing reforms and investments, building political commitment and going beyond business as usual to ensure that all people receive needed quality health services without financial hardship. Part of the World Bank Group - International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings 2018, the event aims to drive sustained country and global commitment to attain UHC by 2030.

17:30 – 18:30

Reception

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