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# UHC2030 Grantee Event Report

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## INTRODUCTION

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UHC2030 awarded 57 micro-grants to support events and activities celebrating the first International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day) in 2018. Funds were awarded to civil society organizations predominantly in low- and middle-income countries, prioritizing a wide geographic spread, diversity of campaigns within one country, inclusion of various event types, potential for visibility and political impact, and events with a youth focus. Events included major rallies, high-level political forums, performances, soccer tournaments and more.

Grants ranged from US\$300-3000, totaling US\$90,000. Grantees represented 34 countries, as well as several global and online events. Grantees were distributed among the WHO regions as follows:

- **Africa:** 32 grantees in 18 countries
- **South-East Asia:** 4 grantees in 3 countries
- **Eastern Mediterranean:** 5 grantees in 4 countries
- **Western Pacific:** 4 grantees in 3 countries
- **Europe:** 2 grantees in 2 countries
- **Americas:** 4 grantees in 4 countries
- **Global and Regional Youth:** 3 grantees
- **Online:** 3 grantees

Following their events, grantees provided one-page or longer reports and photos of their UHC Day activities. This document provides brief summaries of the objectives and outcomes drawn from these reports, along with representative photos.

## EVENT SUMMARIES

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### **Argentina - Iniciar for Global Action**

*Funding amount: \$2500*

Iniciar for Global Action hosted its second Health for All meeting, “Because Every Life Matters,” along with an awards ceremony titled First Edition of the International Universal Coverage Day Award of Health, CAESPO Awards, Bernardo Houssay and CEDIQUIFA Scientific and Tribute Awards. The program included presentations on progress toward implementing UHC at the national level, the path of reform toward UHC by legislative means, the role of local officials in the implementation of UHC, challenges to human capital, how to empower people to achieve SDG 3, the impact and value of innovation in health, the importance of quality in pharmaceuticals, recommendations for the G20 on the challenges of implementation of UHC, the urban agenda and public health, the role of the National Audit Office in governmental control of spending on health, and the importance of critical thinking for public health.

The event was hosted in collaboration with Chagas Disease Alliance, CEDIQUIFA, CAESPO, Lectura Saludable and Health for All Argentina. It united diverse intersectorial actors including

business executives, academics, local and international NGO leaders, health researchers, senators, authorities of the General Audit Office of the Nation, national health authorities, and some local government officials around one cause: #HealthforAll. Iniciar for Global Health also created a [digital magazine](#) about the Second Meeting on Health For All.



### **Bangladesh - SERAC-Bangladesh**

*Funding amount: \$3000*

SERAC-Bangladesh facilitated three policy dialogues on UHC from 12 to 24 December in three locations across Bangladesh as a joint initiative of SERAC-Bangladesh, Youth Nexus and Ashar Alo Society. Attendees included NGO representatives, youth participants, journalists, health experts, health economists, government representatives and civil society organizations. The meetings were intended to raise demand for access to affordable and quality health care for everyone and to recognize health as a fundamental human right in the Constitution of Bangladesh. They also included discussions of progress and challenges to UHC, PHC and health insurance for vulnerable communities in Bangladesh. The events focused on equipping youth advocates with the necessary tools to advocate for UHC in the upcoming national elections and to generate political commitments to UHC after the election.



### **Benin - Centre De Recherche en Reproduction Humaine et en Démographie (CERRHUD)**

*Funding amount: \$1300*

CERRHUD hosted a conference attended by more than 100 participants at the Institute of Applied Biomedical Sciences. Participants heard from the heads of several civil society organizations as well as a representative of the Ministry of Health about the importance of UHC and progress toward Health for All in Benin. They also learned about how the health system in

Benin functions. The representative of the Ministry of Health indicated that the government is committed to UHC and has included it in its action plan, encouraging everyone to unite and take collective action for UHC in Benin. The audience also chose a winner for a UHC video contest.



### Benin - Coalition des OSC du Benin

Funding amount: \$2000

Benin’s Coalition of Civil Society Organizations engaged in several activities to amplify and spread awareness about the country’s efforts to achieve UHC. Specifically, the coalition created a press release about the day, pitched journalists and placed a piece in top-tier, in-country outlet, *Fraternite*. The coalition also successfully organized interviews — one of which featured the Minister of Health — that were broadcast by in-country and regional television networks.

Additionally, the coalition spearheaded the creation and strategic placement of several banners in Cotonou that described UHC and discussed its importance to the country’s overall development.



### Burundi - CIDEP Burundi

Funding amount: \$1100

CIDEP Burundi organized a multistakeholder workshop called “Challenges to Achieving #HealthForAll in Burundi.” The meeting targeted policy makers and other decision makers,

CSOs, journalists, academicians, INGOs, and women and youth representatives. The objective of the workshop was to help stakeholders understand the challenges to attaining UHC in Burundi, and propose solutions so that UHC can become a reality in Burundi. These recommendations will be proposed to the Burundi Ministry of Health. CIDEP publicized this workshop through media and social media.



### **Cambodia - Khmer HIV/AIDS Alliance (KHANA)**

Funding amount: \$1500

KHANA jointly organized a country dialogue on Cambodia's commitment to achieving universal health coverage by 2030 with Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope (SHCH), WHO, the Global Fund, UNAIDS and the Health Action Coordinating Committee (HACC) - the membership organization of more than a hundred health NGOs in Cambodia. It was the first Cambodian event ever organized by civil society organizations with the support of the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization about UHC. The dialogue brought together representatives from government institutions (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Economics and Finance), civil society organizations, community health workers, the Forum of PLHIV and MARP Network (FoNPAMs), people living with HIV/AIDS or tuberculosis, and young people. The first plenary focused on country progress toward UHC and key challenges. The second focused on health financing and resource mobilization.

The event created a platform for the government, UN agencies, CSOs and the community to discuss strategies to achieve UHC by 2030. Government officials demonstrated their commitment to UHC and developing strategies to support access to health services for low-income communities. The government also increased its annual national budget for health development, primary health care, health systems strengthening and health information. The role of civil society organizations in filling gaps in health services and working with the community to reach underserved populations was also acknowledged.

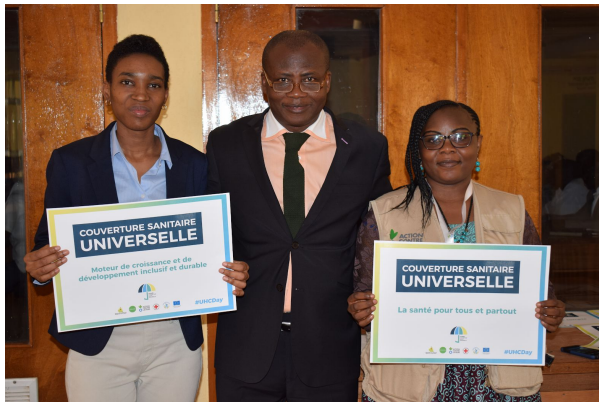


### Cameroon - Action Contre la Faim

Funding amount: \$1300

Action Contre la Faim Cameroon partnered with a local civil society organization, Positive Generation, and the French Red Cross as part of the RESILIAN program to host a high-level panel in Maroua. The panel, moderated by the President of the Faculty of Medicine of Garoua, featured experts and field agents, and was attended by media, local government officials, health department officials and civil society.

The workshop focused on various aspects of health financing, leading to a series of recommendations from the participants to the government, various ministries and CSOs/NGOs on health financing and UHC. A major outcome was that local mayors understood their role in achieving UHC, given Cameroon's decentralized health care system.



### Cameroon – For Impacts in Social Health

Funding amount: \$1500

For Impacts in Social Health Cameroon partnered with local media and CSOs to call for nominations and select 5 individuals or institutions who have successfully championed UHC in the country. With over 50,000 people reached via social media and 8,000 votes cast, the initiative not only recognized UHC champions, but also strengthened stakeholder resolve to support the global movement toward UHC.



A ceremony held in recognition of the winners was attended by over 100 guests representing UN agencies, the government, civil society leaders, community leaders and the media. The ceremony resulted in strong mobilization around the goal of advocating for the adoption of a law in support of UHC by the country's national assembly in March 2019.



### **Colombia – Facultad Nacional de Salud Publica**

Funding amount: \$2000

The University of Antioquia disseminated the results of a research project that examined socioeconomic disparities in mortality and neonatal health in Colombia. Results were presented in a series of four lectures attended by researchers, decision makers, social leaders and public health students. Each lecture garnered approximately 20 attendees. The results of the project were used to build knowledge and garner widespread support for UHC. The lectures also served as an opportunity for stakeholders to reaffirm their support for the Medellin Declaration on Global Health.

A number of poster presentations highlighting research pertaining to UHC were also featured throughout the series. Following the series, attendees received a certificate of participation and a newsletter that provided further information about select research projects, and aimed to promote continued advocacy for UHC in Colombia.



### **Dubai – Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance**

Funding amount: \$2000

The Eastern Mediterranean NCD Alliance partnered with the UAE Genetic Diseases Association (UAEGDA) to organize a high-level forum in Dubai. The forum highlighted the contributions of CSOs, working alongside the government, to enhance the NCD and UHC agenda, and was attended by 21 guests representing various sectors in the UAE.

The panel, moderated by the Chair of the UAEGDA, featured leadership from various health CSOs and academics from the country's leading institutions, and focused on bolstering political commitment ahead of the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC. Following the event, a document containing a number of key recommendations about how to drive progress toward UHC was assembled and disseminated to attendees.



### **Ethiopia - International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Ethiopia Chapter (ISPOR-Ethiopia)**

*Funding amount: \$1000*

The ISPOR-Ethiopia chapter organized a UHC forum in Gondar, Ethiopia in collaboration with partners including Pharmaceutical Fund and Supply Agency of Ethiopia (PFSA), North Gondar Health Bureau, and the School of Pharmacy at University of Gondar. The forum emphasized not only the importance of providing information and guidance about UHC, but also of offering medicine and developing a vaccine shortage reporting system to support evidence-based and informed public health decisions. Participants included representatives from partners, hospital staff, representatives from the regional health bureau and students.

The discussion evaluated the existing medicine shortage reporting channels and participants agreed to reconsider the reporting system to integrate multiple partners in the reporting track. They have agreed to meet in the next three months to form a consultative workshop chaired by the Ministry of Health and will invite various stakeholders such as pharmaceutical industry representatives, health workers and universities.



### Ghana - Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana

Funding amount: \$4000

Community and Family Aid Foundation co-hosted a summit with the Africa Health Economics and Research Association and other CSOs with the theme “Universal Health Coverage: The Call for Primary Health Care and Health Financing in Ghana and the Role of Stakeholders.” Media, representatives from WHO and the Ministry of Health, health workers, faith leaders and community members participated.

The forum consisted of interactive plenary and breakout sessions, during which participants could explore a variety of topics, brainstorm new approaches and propose opportunities for capacity building. The main goal was to increase awareness among stakeholders of the need to advocate for improved primary health care and financing for health to address gaps in Ghana. Participants’ suggestions were collated into a [communiqué](#) to be shared with key stakeholders.



### Global + Online - Cordaid

Funding amount: \$2000

Cordaid’s 2018 activities aimed to protect the progress we’ve made and hold leaders accountable to #HealthForAll. The Cordaid Global Office, Cordaid Sierra Leone, Cordaid

Afghanistan, Cordaid DRC and Cordaid Ethiopia worked together to collect the photographs and signatures of health professionals who commit themselves to making UHC a reality. These signatures were presented to the Ministries of Health in their respective countries. The resulting photo mosaic was promoted on Cordaid's social media channels.

The Cordaid Global Office produced two hand-drawn stop-motion movies for UHC Day, explaining [UHC](#) and [ODA](#). These materials were promoted through social media, a [blog](#) and an [interview](#) with a Dutch parliamentarian. Cordaid Afghanistan celebrated UHC day in Kabul with speeches by the Deputy Minister MoPH, the Governor of Kabul, WHO, UNICEF and the Cordaid country director. Cordaid Central African Republic hosted a radio show and panel discussion. Cordaid DRC hosted a round table meeting and discussion in Goma that included representatives of the state, NGOs, insurance representatives and press. Cordaid Ethiopia and Iraq also organized meetings on UHC.



### Global + Online - InciSioN: International Student Surgical Network

Funding amount: \$1000

InciSioN, the International Student Surgical Network, held a #SurgeryUHC campaign to highlight the importance of surgical and anesthesia care to achieve universal health coverage and Health for All. The campaign included both online and in-person activities. A widespread social media campaign led by InciSioN, its National Working Groups, and external organizations connected the surgical and wider global health communities through use of #SurgeryUHC.

In-person activities included:

**Somaliland:** A round table focused on the road to universal health coverage at the Amoud University in Borama that garnered some 80 participants.

**Cameroon:** A rural community outreach and health workforce sensitization and training in the district hospital of Djohong during which surgeons, doctors, and nurses were trained to identify surgical conditions presenting in patients, effectively and efficiently triage, and provide post-operative care.

**Croatia:** An evening symposium addressing the gaps in the Croatian health system and the potential to work collaboratively toward a UHC model in the country.

**Rwanda:** A surgical innovation hackathon and global surgery symposium focused on scaling access to low-cost, quality care, that attracted 118 and 196 participants, respectively.

**Malaysia:** A national essay competition for medical students focused on the high costs of surgical care and ways the government is changing the paradigm. Top-rated essays were sent to the Ministry of Health.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina:** A local round table on the road to UHC, attracting more than 100 medical students and local doctors.

**Israel:** Global Surgery Israel hosted its first global surgery symposium on the role of surgical and anesthesia care in Israel's health system, attracting approximately 250 students, residents and doctors at the Tel Aviv University.



### **Global + Online - International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)**

**Funding amount:** \$2500

IFMSA led an international hackathon called "Hack for UHC Education." Students from around the world participated in developing fresh and innovative ideas about how to advocate for the inclusion of UHC in medical and health school curricula. Student groups submitted an application with the description of the event they held on UHC Day 2018, the description of their UHC education innovation and the proposed use of the small grants awarded to the best activity in each region.

The submissions included the "Labmond - Workshop on Global Health" from Italy, "Global Ideas Laboratory on UHC" from Germany, "Together for the Rural Health" initiative from Romania, "UHC4ALL - A MOOC to empower and educate healthcare professionals of tomorrow" course proposal from India, "Model Health System (MHS)" youth capacity-building initiative from Sudan and the "Public Health Leadership Training on Universal Health

Coverage“ from Egypt. Students demonstrated leadership and initiative in advocating for inclusion of UHC in medical and health school curricula.



### Guyana - Guyana Nurses Association

Funding amount: \$1500

The Guyana Nurses Association held an awareness walk and roundtable discussion on the theme “Leaving no one behind: Building Partnerships for Universal Health Coverage in Guyana.” Attendees included nurses and nursing students, and representatives of the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Protection and Women and Gender Equality Commission. Presentations focused on equity, gender and human rights; service delivery; intersectoral collaboration for addressing mental health issues; and building partners at the community level for better health. The event promoted collaboration between sectors and led to discussions about challenges to UHC and strategies to address them.



### India - Carers Worldwide

Funding amount: \$2000

Carers Worldwide held two UHC Day events: a seminar and a rally. The topic of the seminar, hosted in Bangalore, was “Carers Health and Wellbeing,” and aimed to raise awareness of the concept of UHC and its relevance for caretakers. Participants also discussed the specific health needs of caretakers.

In order to reach more constituents, interested stakeholders and media, a rally was organized in the rural town of Koppal to celebrate UHC Day and draw attention to the current exclusion of family carers from mainstream health care provision. The event was organized in collaboration with SAMUHA Samarthyaa (a local partner working with disabled people and their families) and local women's groups.



### India - Indian Institute of Education, Pune

Funding amount: \$2000

The Indian Institute of Education, Pune hosted 200 participants for the One Day National Symposium on UHC Day Advocacy. The event aimed to generate multisectoral understanding and input for “Achieving Health for All through Equitable and Stronger Health Systems.” Talks throughout the day covered a range of topics including advancing strategic partnerships, enhancing public perception of UHC, building health systems capacity and bridges between health systems strengthening and research, the importance of media strategy, the need to address both physical and mental health, and the crucial importance of active civil society organization engagement. The symposium provided opportunities for partnerships between government, academia and civil society organizations. It connected experts from education, health and the media to encourage increased advocacy and capacity building to achieve UHC.



## Ireland - All Together in Dignity

Funding amount: \$500

All Together in Dignity Ireland held two events on UHC Day in Dublin. In the morning, they hosted a discussion with the North West Inner City Training and Development Training group to discuss the themes and messages of UHC Day. In the evening, the Unity in Community Youth Group organized a meeting to discuss UHC in Ireland with a focus on youth and mental health issues. They also recorded a [video message](#) to promote UHC Day in Ireland.

The majority of participants were from poor and marginalized backgrounds in Dublin. Because of the event, the youth group committed to investigating the impact of socioeconomic discrimination on health and mental health and to advocating for the strengthening of social rights including UHC in the Irish constitution.



## Japan - UHC Nagasaki

Funding amount: \$1500

UHC Nagasaki, a student group at Nagasaki University, hosted an event for medical students and professors. Speeches and discussions highlighted the importance of UHC. Some professors' presentations focused on NTDs, NCDs and gender equality in Japan. Small groups then discussed and presented on three questions: how to increase access to health care for migrants in Japan, particularly in relation to NTDs; how to reduce inequities in living conditions in Japan; and how to achieve gender equality in Japan in order to improve UHC.

These discussions helped to facilitate a deeper understanding of UHC and related topics among multinational and multidisciplinary participants. Before the event, almost no medical or nursing students were aware of UHC. After the event, many students joined UHC Nagasaki to participate in student advocacy for UHC.





### Kenya - Bar Hostess Empowerment Support Programme (BHESP)

Funding amount: \$2000

BHESP's UHC Day activities kicked off on December 7th with a soccer tournament for young women receiving services from BHESP's clinics, which provide services for young women and other community members in Nairobi. The young women who participated were also provided with HIV prevention and reproductive health services. On UHC Day, the organization distributed educational materials and collected more than 500 signatures in support of a position paper on UHC. The five-day series of events culminated in an afternoon music concert that attracted more than 500 guests, including government and civil society representatives.

These events engaged adolescent girls and young women, as well as young men, to increase public awareness of UHC and advocate for UHC to include the sexual and reproductive health needs for adolescent girls and young women.



### Kenya - Health Rights Advocacy Forum (HERAF)

Funding amount: \$1000

HERAF hosted a high-level forum, intended to provide an opportunity for participants to understand the Government of Kenya's efforts toward attaining UHC by 2022, their role in making this a reality and how to ensure people with mental health disabilities are not left

behind. The forum featured a presentation on the Health Coverage Delivery Plan Framework and a presentation from a senator about the Mental Health Bill that is currently in review.

Major outcomes of the event include increased calls for mental health services in the UHC program that was launched by the government in December and acknowledgment of the need for a comprehensive mental health law in Kenya to increase investment in mental health in the UHC Benefit Package. Participants also acknowledge a need for coordination of CSOs to contribute to the development of a mental health law and discussions on the Mental Health Bill.



### Kenya - Inuka Success Youth Organization (ISUYO)

Funding amount: \$1000

ISUYO collaborated with other youth organizations, civil society organizations, schools, the Ministry of Youth, Gender, Culture and Sports, and others to host a UHC extravaganza that reached more than 3,500 children, youth, and community members. Activities included a mass advocacy rally, discussions on UHC, learning forums, registration for health insurance, voluntary counseling and testing, distribution of health supplies, performance art, an exhibition, and soccer games.

The event promoted advocacy for accessible health services among youth and children, sensitized the community to emerging health issues, raised awareness about registering for health insurance, and energized youth about primary health care and youth empowerment.



### **Lesotho - Lesotho Network of AIDS Service Organizations (LENASO)**

*Funding amount: \$1500*

LENASO held an event in Matlameng attended by about 700 people to create awareness of health services, generate demand for health services and promote patients' rights. The Minister of Health attended and pledged his commitment to UHC and to the Lesotho government's commitment to addressing current gaps in the health system. At the event, community health workers were celebrated for their contributions to promoting health services. Several people received awards for their outstanding work.

The presence of the Minister of Health energized civil society organizations to maintain momentum in the fight for UHC, as he highlighted the need for these organizations to advocate for and collaborate with the Ministry of Health. The awards ceremony encouraged health workers and community workers to take part in promoting health services.



### **Liberia - Healthy Life International**

*Funding amount: \$1300*

Healthy Life International partnered with schools in the rural area of Montserrado County to run a program to distribute feminine hygiene products. The program was attended by representatives of the beneficiary schools, members of other support groups and board members of allied reputable institutions with political influence.

As a result of the program, 150 girls were supplied with feminine hygiene products in Montserrado County of Liberia. Due to increased visibility, potential future partnerships with UNFPA and the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection are in discussion.



### Liberia - Liberia Immunization Platform (LIP)

Funding amount: \$1000

In the days leading up to their event, LIP, through member civil society organizations, conducted ten community stakeholder advocacy meetings that included town chiefs, youth leaders, school principals, market women and other representatives. On December 12th, LIP brought together stakeholders from civil society organizations, the community, students, WHO, the Ministry of Health, Catholic Relief Services, the Partnership for Research on Ebola Virus in Liberia (PREVAIL) and the Liberia House of Representatives.

LIP held a parade followed by a forum that focused on the need for collective action to improve the health system including how to address financial risk protection, provide access to quality, essential health care services, and how to access safe and affordable essential medicines and vaccines.

As a result of these activities, approximately 1,400 community members have a better knowledge of UHC and their role in advocacy. The event improved political will and commitment to increase the health budget in 2019, as well as demand from citizens for political action.



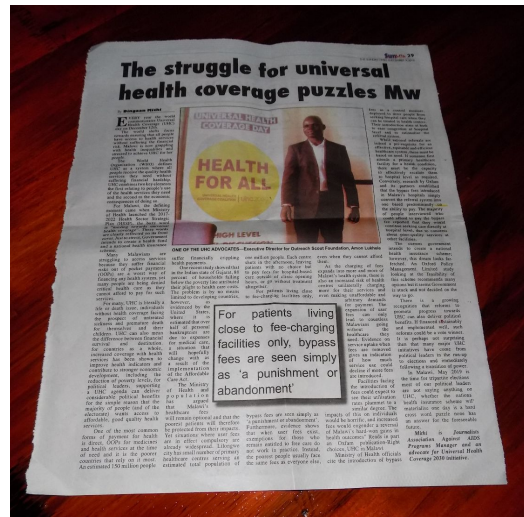
## Malawi - Journalists Association Against Aids (JournAIDS) and Outreach Scout Foundation (OSF)

Funding amount: \$2000

JournAIDS and OSF collaborated with FACT to co-organize a panel discussion titled “Political campaign promises; abolishing user fees and the right to health.” The organizations conducted a panel discussion about the Ministry of Health’s user fees policies and how to advocate for political leadership and accountability. The event was covered in a local newspaper (pictured below).

Participants agreed to use a Lilongwe Declaration on UHC to hold political leaders accountable and encourage them to sign. They also plan to advocate for politicians to make clear commitments to UHC ahead of tripartite elections in May 2019. They agreed to advocate for parliamentarians to insure that health budget allocations are increased in the mid-term budget review and meet the commitments of the Abuja Declaration and the SDGs.

**Note:** JournAIDS and Outreach Scout Foundation received separate grants but decided to collaborate in order to hold a larger and more impactful event.



## Mauritania - Action Contre la Faim

Funding amount: \$500

Action Contre la Faim Mauritania hosted a workshop on the role of civil society in achieving universal health coverage in Mauritania. Representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Family, WHO, UNICEF, other NGOs and CSOs, and a few parliamentarians participated in discussions about nutrition in Mauritania and progress toward UHC. Participants made several recommendations to achieve UHC in Mauritania, including engagement of CSOs in advocacy, broader partnership between international NGOs and local organizations and increased advocacy for the government to provide political leadership on UHC through strengthening intersectoral and interdepartmental collaboration.



### Morocco - IFMSA Morocco

Funding amount: \$1500

This year, the national federation of medical students of Morocco “ IFMSA Morocco” started a national campaign on universal health coverage focusing on three activities. Medical caravans in remote areas of the country provided expert care, drugs and medical equipment to improve access to healthcare for three days. These caravans provided free medical check-ups, free drugs and focused on health issue awareness sessions, from dental hygiene for children to raising awareness about access to healthcare services. The second activity aimed to raise awareness about how to get a better access to health, health access procedures and other health-related topics focused on preventive health. The third IFMSA Morocco UHC Day activity was a conference for medical students in Casablanca that focused on surgery access as a right for every patient and as an obligation for health professionals to ensure. It took place November 13, 2018 with 120 students present.



### Namibia - Ombetja Yehinga Organization (OYO)

Funding amount: \$1500

The OYO dance troupe organized two events for UHC Day, which 400 people attended. At these events, they presented three dance pieces focused on stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV, treatment adherence and use of PrEP in Namibia, and alcohol abuse and its effect on health care. These pieces were used as a platform to discuss what participants know about UHC, HIV prevention, Namibia's health system and why health is a human right. During the event on 12 December, the WHO acting representative, Mrs Mary Brantuo, delivered a speech to the audience on UHC. The Corridor Group attended both days with a mobile clinic to provide free HIV testing, measure blood pressure and answer questions from the public. Educational materials were distributed, and OYO also coordinated condom demonstrations.

Participants were asked what they think about health services in Namibia and the acting deputy director for HAMU (HIV/AIDS Management Unit) was present to hear feedback. The most relevant feedback was summarized in a [document](#) that will be shared with the Ministry of Health and Social Services for advocacy purposes.



## Nepal - Ageing Nepal

Funding amount: \$2500

Ageing Nepal implemented several activities over the course of a week, including a roundtable discussion with the National Human Rights Commission, an awareness building session, a free eye care camp for the elderly and a rally. The organization also conducted a photo campaign, wrote [op-eds](#), collected over 500 signatures in support of UHC, distributed pamphlets, participated in a [TV talk show](#) and networked with local organizations.

These activities promoted both grassroots involvement and political advocacy. The events focused both on the needs and rights of the elderly and advocated for UHC in Nepal more broadly. Ageing Nepal also promoted their activities on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



**Nigeria - Annabelles Bogi Development Initiative (ABDI)**

Funding amount: \$1000

ABDI's UHC Day celebration focused on the role of nurses as primary health care providers in achieving universal health coverage in Nigeria. There were 120 participants, including many student nurses and midwives. Presentations focused on how nurses can participate in the attainment of UHC in Nigeria, health professionalism, gender inequality in PHC service provision and a look at the newly launch "Vital Signs" profiles.

The event was the first time that many of Nigeria's future health care providers heard of universal health coverage. Key takeaways were that gender inequality and health inequality are major hindrances to achieving UHC in Nigeria, that nurses should receive training to address gaps in knowledge about UHC and PHC and that nurses should be involved in community mobilization, country leadership and implementation of the community-based health insurance scheme to contribute to the attainment of UHC in Nigeria.



**Nigeria – Education as a Vaccine (EVA)**

Funding amount: \$2000



Education as a vaccine (EVA), in collaboration with Nigerian Youth Champions for Universal Health Coverage (NYC4UHC), held a roundtable that convened decision makers, stakeholders and youth to explore ways of attaining UHC in Nigeria. The meeting was attended by representatives from BrenCare Foundation, the International Center for Total Health and Right Advocacy Empowerment, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Federal Ministry of Health and EVA Advocacy Program and Communication officers.

The meeting provided a platform for young people to share their health, and particularly sexual and reproductive health concerns with decision makers with the ability to enact change, and strengthened relationships between youth and the Ministry of Budget and Planning, the Federal Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Youth and Sport. EVA also spearheaded a flash mob and press conference led by youth, which generated media engagement across social channels, on national television and from in-country outlet Daily Trust.



### Nigeria - Home and Street Kids Welfare Initiative (HSKi)

Funding amount: \$1500

Home and Street Kids Welfare Initiative hosted an advocacy to promote UHC in underprivileged communities and encourage registration for the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). The event was attended by 563 people and 502 people registered for the NHIS. Community payment and service delivery processes for UHC are currently being Finalized and commitments were made by all major stakeholders involved to continue advocacy and registration of more people. The UHC Day event generated great joy and appreciation by the people, and fulfilment of purpose by HSKi.



## **Nigeria - Ukana West 2 Community Based Health Initiative (CBHI)**

*Funding amount: \$1300*

In advance of UHC Day, CBHI coordinated letters to stakeholders in the state. They also held a press conference at the National Health Insurance Scheme office about their UHC Day celebrations and the need to galvanize collective action for a strong, equitable health system. They also called on the state government to approve the Akwa Ibom State Health Insurance bill. On 11th December, CBHI hosted an award ceremony and provided free medical services. On UHC Day, CBHI partnered with other organizations for a rally. As a result of the rally, a representative of CBHI was invited to deliver a message to the governor in support of UHC.

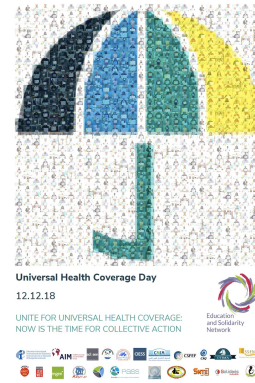


## **Online – Education and Solidarity Network**

*Funding amount: \$300*

The Education and Solidarity Network asked education professionals, mutualists, unionists and activists within their network to take pictures holding a UHC Day sign stating: “I am a teacher, I am proud to support Universal Health Coverage. Together we can achieve #HealthforAll! Will you join us? #UHCDay.” A total of 1,120 pictures were taken and posted on Twitter and Facebook in response to the call, mobilizing educators across 13 countries and generating buzz in support of UHC day across multiple social media platforms.

By encouraging education stakeholders to reflect on the relationship between UHC and the teaching system, the campaign successfully generated awareness about the role that education professionals can play in advancing progress toward UHC, and represents a first step toward encouraging educators to increase their involvement in the movement for Health for All.



**Online - RESULTS UK**

Funding amount: \$1200

RESULTS UK ran a webinar on UHC Day titled “How can we achieve health for everyone everywhere?” Experts spoke to the participants about the importance of advocacy for the achievement of UHC. A recording of the event was posted online and will be promoted to key audiences as a resource to inform their advocacy during 2019. In January, RESULTS UK will produce leaflets for its grassroots advocates to promote UHC throughout the year. The webinar informed and inspired its network of UK-based volunteer advocates to take action in support of UHC in the run-up to the replenishment of international health funds in 2019-2020.



**Pakistan - Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP)**

Funding amount: \$1000

According to their event application, BRSP hosted a conference on the need to connect primary health care (PHC) with maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). The intended audience included government officials, civil society organizations, female health workers and media. The aim was to spark advocacy among stakeholders and raise awareness about merging PHC with MNCH services.

**Note:** This grantee did not submit their final report and photos.

**Pakistan - Goth Seengar Foundation (GSF)**

Funding amount: \$1300

GSF organized a rally on UHC Day in the District Headquarter City, Khairpur. The main objective of the rally was to mobilize the community, government and civil society to understand the strategy and importance of UHC. It particularly focused on reproductive health and women and children's health. At the end of the rally, representatives from the government, media, CSOs, lawyers and elected officials made speeches about the importance of UHC. It brought together diverse segments of society, including District Administration representatives, political leaders and activists, District Health Department officials, District Population Department officials, academia, media, CSOs, UN agencies, teachers, students and Rotary Club International.

The rally increased the sensitivity of the general population to UHC and led to the creation of a body of NGOs who will meet monthly to assess progress.



## Pakistan - Health, Education and Literacy Programme (HELP)

Funding amount: \$1100

Health Education and Literacy Program (HELP) organized three activities that took place around Universal Health Coverage day. The first activity was an advocacy seminar on universal health coverage for media persons to sensitize the media about the importance of UHC and advocate that the press play their role in achieving UHC. There were 53 participants, including representatives from the United Nations, WHO and UNICEF. As a result, the media representatives pledged to extend support for UHC.

The second activity was the "Walk on UHC" on December 8, 2018. The walk emphasized that universal health coverage should be a fundamental right for all. People from all walks of life including other NGOs/CSOs participated in the walk. Their emphasis was on advocating for increasing the health budget with a larger proportion allocated for primary health care. After the walk, participants emphasized the need for equity in health access and coverage in achieving UHC.

The third activity was an online [CHANGE](#) petition that addressed to the Prime Minister of Pakistan demanding accessible and affordable primary health care for all. Nearly 18,000 people have signed the petition since it was launched.



### Philippines - Alliance for Improving Health Outcomes

Funding amount: \$2000

The Alliance for Improving Health Outcomes (AIHO), with University of Santo Tomas (UST) and the Philippine Society of Public Health Physicians organized a UHC Day Forum to disseminate the concept of UHC to medical specialists, doctors and medical students. The forum also aimed to investigate strategies the government will use to implement and achieve UHC through the upcoming Universal Health Care Law.

In the evening, AIHO and its partners also organized a UHC Advocates Night, attended by participants from professional societies, NGOs, academia and young public health professionals. The event rallied the support of these key constituencies for the government's UHC strategy.

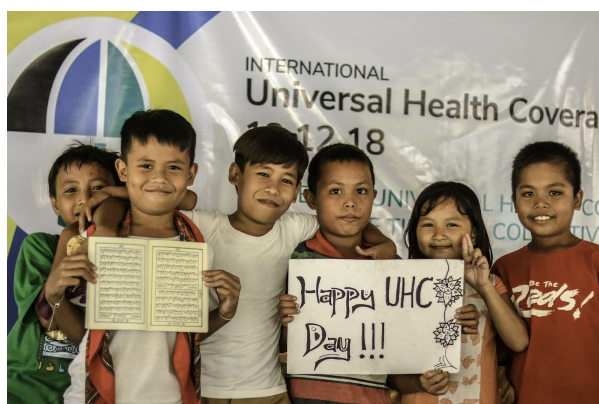


### Philippines - Markaz al-Huzaim Youth Council

Funding amount: \$1000

Markaz al-Huzaim Youth Council celebrated its youth-led UHC Day event in Datu Piang, Maguindanao, Philippines. Municipal health workers, school administrators and students from three Islamic schools came together to celebrate UHC Day for the first time. A community-wide student march, stakeholder talk, interschool health care competition and a free medical mission for the indigent community members were held to show the community's solidarity with the #HealthForAll movement.

A major outcome of the event was the creation of two youth clubs in the community led by the mayor's wife, who serves as the chief community doctor: an adolescent health club and an access to clean water and sanitation club. The UHC Day events not only deepened community members' awareness of UHC but mobilized the youth to rally for causes with major social impact. Markaz al-Huzaim Youth Council produced a [video](#) summarizing the event.



### **Regional - Amref Health Africa**

*Funding amount: \$1000*

Amref Health Africa and the co-conveners of the Africa Health Agenda International Conference (Africa Health 2019) Youth Pre-Conference celebrated International Universal Health Coverage Day with a “Youth in UHC Movement Mobilization” event intended to build momentum toward the launch of the #Youth4UHC movement at Africa Health 2019.

Youth representatives from a range of organizations - Network for Adolescents and Youth in Kenya (Naya), Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Alliance Kenya, Amref Health Africa, Youth in Action (Y-ACT), the Center for Reproductive Rights, the Center for the Study of Adolescents and Stretchers Youth Organization - participated in a range of activities including a panel discussion on UHC and disabilities, an interactive competition, a personal pledge and photo campaign, and a social media campaign. The event successfully facilitated critical discussion about youth engagement and inclusion in UHC advocacy, implementation and service delivery.



**Rwanda - Social and Community Medicine (SOCOMED Rwanda)**

Funding amount: \$1000

SOCOMED-Rwanda organized a seminar with the theme “Social and Community Medicine in Action: Strategies to Advance Universal Health Coverage.” The purpose of the event was to mobilize students, policymakers and academicians in different disciplines to advocate for primary health care and discuss strategies to eliminate health inequities in the Rwandan health system that prevent people from accessing affordable, quality health care. Around 100 people attended, including high school, university and postgraduate students, as well as university lecturers, civil society organizations, professionals and media.

Discussions focused on challenges to delivering PHC, and the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration to achieve UHC and overcome barriers like racism and legacies of colonialism. The event concluded with workshops during which participants developed solutions to challenges such as raising awareness of UHC, initiating actions like sending statements to the media and Ministry of Health, and conducting community-oriented research to identify gaps in health care. Finally, youth had the opportunity to attend a networking event to further solidify a unified movement toward UHC.



**Sierra Leone - ChildHelp Sierra Leone**

Funding amount: \$1500

ChildHelp hosted a forum on health and social protection in collaboration with district health officials, grassroots organizations and other partners. The forum provided a venue for conversation between experts in the health sector, stakeholders such as government representatives, health workers, the private sector, social security and insurance schemes, and civil society. Participants discussed the health issues facing Sierra Leone and how to encourage the government to implement national UHC policies and programs. They indicated that they want increased opportunities to discuss and advocate for UHC. ChildHelp Sierra Leone plans to hold more activities with more high-level participants to further advance UHC.



**South Africa - Shallcross Youth Movement (SHAYOMO)**

Funding amount: \$2500

SHAYOMO conducted several UHC Day activities. SHAYOMO members helped organize a health screening day during which medical services were offered. The organization also coordinated a trip for youth from developed areas to clean up litter in an informal settlement, where they met with a local ward councilor who committed to creating a healthier environment in the settlements. The events were successful in creating “Youth Health Ambassadors” who will take leadership over improving health outcomes.



**Tanzania - People’s Health Movement (PHM Tanzania)**



**Funding amount: \$3000**

PHM Tanzania partnered with Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, Kairuki Hospital, Agha Khan and Health Promotion Tanzania to organize a march through Dar es Salaam, bringing together about 800 people including local politicians, community leaders, health workers, NGO representatives and Tanzanian citizens. The march included remarks from a PHM Tanzania country coordinator explaining barriers to achieving UHC and a speech about how to advocate for UHC. PHM Tanzania also mobilized participants to donate blood.

The UHC Day march was successful in reaching many people at the grassroots, national and global level. The government demonstrated a positive commitment to UHC by sending representatives to the march. It increased public awareness and ownership of UHC among citizens and the government of Tanzania, and the march was promoted on social media and covered [in local papers](#).



### **Tunisia - Tunisian Center for Public Health (TunCPH)**

**Funding amount: \$2000**

TunCPH convened members of civil society as well as partners of The Tunisian Societal Dialogue at an evaluation workshop/roundtable. The workshop focused on how to engage policymakers and civil society organizations (CSOs) to support and promote UHC as part of the societal dialogue. It was an occasion to better understand UHC and health financing, and promote coordination between CSOs' platforms and networks working on health-related issues. Participants agreed to urge the national dialogue committee to accelerate their efforts and to obtain regional consultations by the end of February. The event was covered by a local [radio show](#).



### Uganda – Foundation for Integrated Rural Development

Funding amount: \$1500

The Foundation for Integrated Rural Development organized a series of activities in Northern Uganda around the promotion of UHC in post-conflict settings, including a social media awareness campaign, a radio talk show, mobile health outreach camps and community dialogues. The talk show featured a discussion with a District Health Educator and served to increase communities' awareness about the importance of UHC, and particularly, youth-friendly health services. The mobile health outreach camps provided 3,069 community members with access to HIV screening, family planning, childhood immunizations and health information.

Community dialogues successfully identified existing gaps on the road to UHC in the country and resulted in new and renewed commitments from local leaders to reducing corruption, budgeting for youth-friendly health services and improving healthcare infrastructure.



### Uganda - Kapotec Foundation

Funding amount: \$1500

Kapotec Foundation hosted an event to mobilize people around UHC and raise awareness about Ebola. The daylong event included a brass band procession, the presentation of a paper on Ebola by representatives from WHO and Ministry of Health, speeches about UHC, HIV/AIDS counseling, and testing and cervical cancer screening and treatment. The over 600 attendees included government officials, both local and national, village chiefs, health workers, religious and cultural leaders, and community members.

The activities promoted Health for All, increased awareness about Ebola and other emerging diseases, and provided free services.



### Uganda - Rural Aid Foundation

Funding amount: \$1500

Rural Aid Foundation partnered with Inter Aid Uganda and the Office of the Prime Minister to host a UHC event in a refugee center in Kampala. The event was attended by over 250 refugees of different nationalities, representatives from a range of CSOs, refugee community leaders and community health workers, representatives of the Ministry of Health, and media. Presentations focused on the UHC2030 Global Compact, refugee health needs, and local, national, and international laws and policies about refugee health rights. Rural Aid Foundation hosted a feedback session with the refugee community on their health needs and challenges. The event culminated with eight organizations committing to build a coalition to support refugee health needs and lead the UHC movement in Uganda.

The event increased awareness of UHC, promoted dedication from partner organizations and other stakeholders to address refugee health needs and advocate for UHC, built commitment from the Ministry of Health and government for UHC, and strengthened partnerships among organizations committed to providing UHC to refugees.



## Ukraine - Ukrainian Union of Patients' Organizations

Funding amount: \$1500

The Ukrainian Union of Patients' Organization helped organize three different activities related to UHC in Ukraine: a forum on "Health Economics and Health Care Reforms" and "Development of Medical Law of Ukraine in the Context of Euro-Integration and Globalization Processes"; an event focused on digital medicine in Ukraine; and a roundtable meeting of the Health Care Committee of Parliament on "Universal Accessibility of Health Care" and "Partnership in Public Health Management to Improve the Human Potential of the Nation." The Ukrainian Union of Patients' Organization was the core organizer of the meeting on digital medicine, which focused on how innovations in health, particularly in digital medicine, may improve the availability and quality of services for vulnerable populations.



## United States - Indivisible Durango Healthcare Committee

Funding amount: \$300

The Indivisible Durango Healthcare Committee held a viewing of "Fix It - Healthcare at the Tipping Point," a documentary that explores the US' broken health care system and compares it to other countries. After the film, participants discussed health care in the United States, and next steps for the committee, including meeting with state legislators about high premiums in rural Colorado. Members also distributed UHC materials at local businesses. A local paper ran a frontpage piece the week of UHC Day about health insurance challenges in the county.



**Zimbabwe - Community Working Group on Health (CWGH)**

Funding amount: \$1000

CWGH hosted a Universal Health Coverage Day celebration in Harare, Zimbabwe. 45 delegates attended from various sectors: officials from the government, UN agencies, civil society, community voices and the media. The purpose of this year's celebrations was to advocate for the full implementation of Zimbabwe's health financing policy in order to realize UHC. The celebrations included presentations, plenary discussions and messages of solidarity.

The Ministry of Health and Child Care reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening their policies and strategies for the realization of UHC. They also confirmed that they would investigate how public private partnerships in the health care system can enable increased access health, and committed to making UHC Day celebrations a major national event.



**Zimbabwe - Life Empowerment Support Organisation (LESO)**

Funding amount: \$2000

LESO ran an awareness campaign on December 12th that addressed the importance of UHC and differentiated service delivery, the links between the health sector and community-based organizations, challenges faced by vulnerable groups (including people living with HIV or

disabilities), and how to work closely with stakeholders like the District Administration Office, Ministry of Women and Gender Affairs, Ministry of Health and Child Care, and National AIDS Council. The event featured a speech on the importance of home visits for patients with NCDs, testimonies from patients and a play about the relationship between gender-based violence and HIV. The event increased awareness of the services LESO provides and built relationships between local CSOs.



### **Zimbabwe - Rozaria Memorial Trust (RMT)**

*Funding amount: \$1300*

Rozaria Memorial Trust collaborated with the Murewa District Hospital and other health and development stakeholders to undertake a series of advocacy dialogues in rural Zimbabwe. To ensure inclusivity, RMT hosted a Nhangwa Dialogue with young women and girls focusing on their needs, and developing recommendations. RMT also hosted an event with people living with HIV (PLHIV) and representatives of parents and guardians of children living with HIV.

The main event on December 12th began with a march and performances, and concluded with a district dialogue with key policy and decision makers from various government ministries and other stakeholders. Constituents called for comprehensive access to and improved quality of treatment, medicines and other health services in government clinics and hospitals in Murewa District and Zimbabwe at large, especially for special groups (e.g., PLHIV, women, people with cancer). The event concluded with the submission of a petition to the government officials who were present. Celebrating UHC Day enabled RMT to build connections with other advocacy workers and empower the rural communities, particularly women and girls, with whom they work.

