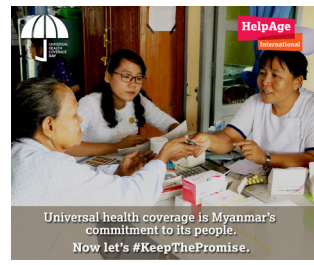


**International Universal  
Health Coverage Day 2019:  
KEEP THE PROMISE**

**CAMPAIGN REPORT**

*As of 20 December 2019*



Universal health coverage is Myanmar's commitment to its people. Now let's #KeepThePromise.



**UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY 2019**

We call on NHIS to include AYP in Nigeria in the category of persons eligible for user fee exemption that will be covered in the Basic Minimum Health Package.

#KeepThePromise #HealthforAll #UHCday

# KEEP THE PROMISE



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## UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

**What is UHC?**


Universal Health Coverage (UHC) means that all people can get access to the quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without being exposed to financial hardships.

**UHC in IFMSA**

UHC is considered an overarching concept in IFMSA global priorities, which means that is a common priority between all IFMSA Standing committees. It is a vision that all IFMSA wishes to achieve.

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## Universal Health Coverage Facts and Figures

December 2019

**Why UHC?** UHC improves health. UHC is affordable.

**The new challenge:** Rapid ageing. **Achieving UHC:** Focus on quality & sustainability.

**UHC improves health:** A positive association exists between life expectancy and core UHC components (population coverage, financial coverage, and service coverage).

**UHC is affordable for middle-income countries:** Better innovation in GDP/capita can make UHC more affordable. A 1% increase in GDP/capita leads to an almost 0% increase in the probability of UHC. China, Korea, Chile, Colombia and Portugal all achieved UHC when GDP/capita was only around or below USD 10,000.

**Life expectancy:** In OECD countries, increased health spending contributed to about 3 years of observed life expectancy gains between 1980 and 2013 (in other life expectancy gains were mainly due to health care spending).

**Rapid ageing:** The speed of ageing is accelerating and it will raise demands for health care. In 1950, 12 working-age people supported one elderly person. By 2060, 2 working-age people will support one elderly person in OECD.

**Focus on quality & sustainability:** Health coverage should be truly universal - giving the whole population access to affordable, high-quality services.

**Spending on health has typically outpaced economic growth.**

Public health spending to OECD average in 2010	10%
Public health spending in BRICS in 2010	2%
Public health spending in BRICS in 2015	4%

**1.8 billion** number of people over 65 years old by 2060

For more information: [www.asean.org/health/universal-health-coverage.htm](http://www.asean.org/health/universal-health-coverage.htm)



Pharm Access Foundation

HEALTHWATCH

**TWEET CHAT** 12th December, 2019 12 pm (WAT)

# UHC

Universal Health Coverage

#PPPInHealth #Health4AllInJa




**In the fight for Health for All, we must put the needs of the poorest & most marginalised groups first, not last.**

**No woman should be left behind.**

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**A STRONG HEALTH SYSTEM IS THE BEST DEFENCE AGAINST PANDEMICS**

#HEALTHFORALL

# 900 MILLION+

people face financial hardship every year due to out-of-pocket health spending

WORLD BANK GROUP

Women deliver healthcare to **5 billion** people, yet **\$1.3 Trillion** of the work they do is **unpaid**

**Keep the promise** to commit to recording, recognising and rewarding women's unpaid work in health and social care and fund women's organisations at community, national and global levels.

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**KEEP THE PROMISE: LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**

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#HealthforAll



**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE BY 2030**

Dr. Egidio MINGORITANA, Founder and Chair, Village Health Action

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## OVERVIEW

UHC Day 2019 was the culmination of a defining year for the universal health coverage (UHC) movement. Three months after the historic UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UN HLM), which resulted in the most ambitious and comprehensive health declaration in history, UHC Day 2019 urged world leaders to Keep the Promise of Health For All.

Led by the multi-stakeholder Coordinating Group of UHC Day (12.12.CG) hosted by UHC2030, the sixth UHC Day focused on country ownership and accountability. Following the momentum of the UN HLM, the number of global partner events and social media engagement surged, overcoming the number of activities in years past.

## EVENTS



Country ownership was strongly reflected in the number of global events registered on the website. 229 global events were submitted this year, in comparison to 187 events in 2018.

While the number of global partner events grew substantially, so too did the amount of events and activities supported by the UHC Day Micro-Grant Program. UHC2030 and WHO contributed a total of 141,900 USD to support 89 organizations from 56 countries (including multi-country events). The applications were stronger than ever this year, featuring activities as wide-ranging as political roundtables to brass band marches – and advocated for marginalized groups from people with albinism, to refugees, youth and women’s groups to the LGBTQ community.

Notable micro-grant-supported events and activities are showcased below and the full report is available on the [campaign website](#).



**Asociacion Latinoamericana de Cuidados Paliativos** (Bogota, Colombia): Asociacion Latinoamericana de Cuidados Paliativos in partnership with medical students at the Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Ecuador made a [video](#) that educated people on the importance of palliative care within the framework of universal health coverage, which was disseminated to 25 national association partners in 15 countries, reaching over 41.8k people through social networks, YouTube, and other media platforms.



**Blossom Trust** (Tamil Nadu, India): Blossom Trust organized a street campaign to raise awareness of the importance of inclusive healthcare systems that include women and marginalized groups. EduClown performers distributed 5,000 flyers and collected 750 signatures on a petition that was presented to the Deputy Director of Health Services.



**Community Partners International** (Yangon, Myanmar): Community Partners International hosted a high-level multi-stakeholder panel with around 2500 participants and covered by 15 media outlets. A major outcome was that the public called for a law on UHC in Myanmar.



**Center for Peace Across Borders (CePAB)** (Imo State, Nigeria): CePAB organized a march to Imo State Government House to present senators and the Governor with their health challenges and related demands, reminding them to Keep the Promises made during the election.



**Health Economists Association (Armenia)** (Aghveran, Armenia): Health Economists Association (Armenia) organized a training for more than 25 journalists on UHC and a televised press conference with a panel including the Minister of Health, Deputy Minister of Health, WHO country office director, and Dean of Public Health of American University in Armenia.



**Medical Students Association of Rwanda (MEDSAR)** (Kigali, Rwanda): MEDSAR also hosted a multi-stakeholder meeting, Twitter campaign and marched to a government building to raise a banner for UHC. Participants of the meeting agreed to create a coalition of youth for UHC that will meet once per trimester to discuss progress.



**San Julian Pride Advocacy Group Inc** (San Julian Philippines): San Julian Pride convened a town hall meeting in a municipality characterized by rural poverty and proneness to natural disasters. This was the first UHC event in the area, raising awareness of the Universal Health Care Act with LGBT+, youth, fisherfolk, people with disabilities and many other civil society groups.



**UHC Youth Network** (Tokyo, Japan): UHC Youth Network shared [video interviews](#) of influential individuals discussing the history and challenges of UHC in Japan. Interviewees include university professors, President of the Japan Medical Association, a celebrity musician and Keizo Takemi, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for UHC and member of Japan's House of Councillors.

UHC Day 2019 - #3. Lesson and message from Japanese experience; Prof. Keizo Takemi



**Women in Global Health** (Pakistan, Portugal, Somalia, USA): Women in Global Health chapters launched a social media campaign, [generated media](#) and hosted panel discussions on the importance of gender equality and women's leadership to achieve UHC. Audiences included midwives, nurses, students, health care practitioners, Ministry of Health representatives, women's associations and academics.



**Youth and Environment Vision** (Mwanza city, Tanzania): YEY held a stakeholder forum resulting in agreement by regional health officials to produce research on how to establish a UHC system, by reviewing Kenya's health insurance system and then will use the findings to develop universal health insurance in Tanzania.

## Partner Kick-Off Call

The International UHC Day 2019 Global Partner Kick-Off Call energized multi-sectoral stakeholders on the eve of UHC Day with high-profile speakers and a micro-grantee event showcase. Speakers included Her Excellency Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly; Dr Agnés Soucat, Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing, WHO; Dr. Muhammad Ali Pate, Global Director for Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice, World Bank and Director, Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents; Dr. Githinji Gitahi and Professor Ilona Kickbusch, UHC2030 Steering Committee Co-Chairs; and civil society and private sector members of UHC2030.

## DIGITAL/SOCIAL MEDIA

The UHC Day campaign microsite was given a new look and feel this year to complement the Keep the Promise theme, with a darker color scheme and vibrant yellow accents to highlight the need for urgent action. Other pages were adapted to be more engaging and digestible, from a looping animation (“UHC is...”) on the [About](#) page to remind visitors why universal health coverage matters, to a separate page devoted to clearly summarizing the [Key Asks](#) and recommended reading for those new to the movement. Photos from past campaigns and icons were added throughout the site to catch visitors’ eyes and better capture the energy of the movement.

Grassroot organizations also had a larger array of tools to utilize this year with new materials that summarized the declaration ([Key Targets, Commitments & Actions](#)), a [template letter](#) for advocacy and [individualized country graphics](#).

## Website Analytics

With large social media engagement using #UHCDay, #HealthForAll and #KeepThePromise across platforms and a plethora of new resources and tools encouraged the largest-ever amount of visitors on the website.

From the launch of the full site on 26 November through UHC Day, the UHC Day website received **6,740 visitors** who collectively viewed **19,675 pages**. Website activity peaked on the day of UHC Day, with **1,725 visitors** to the site. Overall, the UHCDay.org experienced a **35% increase** in site visitors over 2018; on average, site visitors this year also spent more time on the site and browsed more pages per session.

The largest amount of visitors were from the US (27.2%), followed by India (13.8%), the UK (4.9%), Nigeria, Bangladesh, Kenya, Japan, South Africa, Netherlands and Nepal.

## Social Media Analytics

- As in past years, UHC Day itself marked the peak of social media engagement, with a 432% increase in activity between 11 and 12 December. On 12 December alone, more than **9,000 people** shared more than **22,000 total tweets**, which generated almost **537 million impressions**. This means at least 1,000 additional people engaged this year compared to last year, when approximately 8,000 people shared more than 19,000 tweets, generating 379.2 million impressions.
- Despite higher social media engagement on 12 December this year, the social media engagement for 10 to 16 December was slightly lower than in 2018. That said, it was still impressive: **Almost 18,000 people** shared more than **42,000 total tweets** using #HealthForAll, reaching **74.7 million individual accounts**, which generated **871.6 million impressions**. Last year over the same time period, approximately 24,900 people shared more than 50,000 tweets using #HealthForAll, reaching 59 million individual accounts, which generated 895.7 million impressions. The slightly higher engagement in 2018 may have been thanks to higher usage of the hashtag #HealthForAll on Human Rights Day (10 December), and UNICEF's continuation of their #EveryChildALIVE campaign using #HealthForAll messages beyond UHC Day.
- Throughout this period, most tweets were posted from Abuja, Nigeria; Washington, DC, USA; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Nairobi, Kenya; and New Delhi, India.
- High-level organizations that were top Twitter contributors before, during and after UHC Day included [UN](#) (11.7M followers), [@UNICEF](#) (7.8M followers), [WHO](#) (5M followers), [World Economic Forum](#) (3.6M followers), [World Bank](#) (3.1M followers), [@gatesfoundation](#) (2M followers), [UNDP](#) (1.4M followers), [Ministry of Health of India](#) (1.2M followers).
- Notable tweets included:



**World Economic Forum** @wef

12 ideas on how the private sector can help ensure universal healthcare access by 2030 [wef.ch/2LLU38M](http://wef.ch/2LLU38M)  
#HealthForAll #UHCDay

**More government spending on health is associated with better coverage of health services but efficiency matters**

UHC service coverage index

Domestic government health expenditure as % of GDP

Note: Data from 2015 or latest available year. Bubble size relative to population. Average coverage of essential services is based on 12 tracer interventions. Values greater than or equal to 80 are presented as >=80. Source: WHO Global Health Observatory

**WHO South-East Asia** @WHOSEARO

It's #UniversalHealthCoverage Day

Every person 🧑🏻 🧑🏼 🧑🏽 🧑🏾 🧑🏿 🧑🦽 🧑🦼 🧑🦾 🧑🦷 — no matter who they are or where they live — should be able to get the quality health services they need without facing financial hardship 💰

Let's make the promise a reality to achieve #HealthForAll! #UHCDay

**UN Geneva** @UNGeneva

**Health is a Human Right !**

Everyone should have the information and services they need to take care of their own health and the health of their families.

Support #HealthForAll [who.int/health](http://who.int/health)  
#UHCDay2019

**Bill Gates** @BillGates

Here are two amazing statistics: primary health care interventions could save 60 million lives in low-and middle-income countries and increase average life expectancy by 3.7 years by 2030: [b-gat.es/2rlzfrE](http://b-gat.es/2rlzfrE)  
#HealthForAll

## GOVERNMENT, UN & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

There was visible support for advancing UHC internationally from partners, within the UN system, and at the national level from country governments.

UN and government officials engaged in UHC Day on social media included:

- [María Fernanda Espinosa](#) (President of the 73rd session of the **UN General Assembly**)
- [Harsh Vardhan](#) (Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, **India**)
- [Saeed Namaki](#) (Minister of Health, **Iran**)
- [Zafar Mirza](#) (State Minister of Health, **Pakistan**)
- [Zweli Mkhize](#) (Minister of Health, **South Africa**)
- [Ministry of Health](#), **Kyrgyzstan**



- [Kaha Imnadze](#) (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of **Georgia** to the UN)
- [ISHIKANE Kimihiro](#) (Permanent Representative of **Japan** to the UN)
- [Permanent Mission](#) of **Ireland** to the UN

Leaders from **12 UN Member States submitted quote graphics** for distribution in the UHC Day toolkit, and many other UN and government officials engaged online day-of. UN and government officials whose quote graphics available to share on social media included:

- [Sheikh Hasina](#) (Prime Minister, **Bangladesh**)
- [Salome Zourabichvili](#) (President, **Georgia**)
- [Narendra Modi](#) (Prime Minister, **India**)
- [Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.](#) (President, **Republic of Palau**)
- [Pedro Sánchez](#) (Prime Minister, **Spain**)
- [Luiz Henrique Mandetta](#) (Minister of Health, **Brazil**)
- [Ekaterine Tikaradze](#) (Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs, **Georgia**)
- [Gerd Müller](#) (Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, **Germany**)
- [Kwaku Agyeman-Manu](#) (Minister of Health, **Ghana**)
- [Veronika Skvortsova](#) (Minister of Health of the **Russian Federation**)
- [Anutin Charnvirakul](#) (Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Public Health, **Thailand**)
- [Adela Raz](#) (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of **Afghanistan** to the UN)
- [Ishikane Kimihiro](#) (Permanent Representative of **Japan** to the UN)

For the first time this year, the toolkit included **country-specific graphics** intended to directly address government leaders. In addition to providing great materials for in-country events, these were shared widely online.

Examples include:





Blossom Trust, India



## Partner-Generated Content

In addition to sharing content from the UHC Day toolkit, partners hosted their own [Twitter chats](#) on UHC, created their own videos, hosted their own [televised event](#) and [radio broadcast](#), and shared [original content](#) to bring the Health for All movement to new audiences.

Original materials included:

- [Umbrella-themed photos](#), [quote graphics](#) and [animations](#).
- Short videos from [PATH](#), [IPPF Global](#), [WHO](#), [Maria Fernanda Espinosa](#), [InciSioN-Japan](#), [Rockefeller Foundation](#), [R4D](#), [National Health Authority of India](#), [Global Financing Facility](#), [Gavi](#), [Partners in Health](#), [UHC Youth Network](#), [Fundacion Octaedro](#) and [Tinada Youth Organization](#).

Partners seamlessly connected UHC to diverse issues across health and development, such as [care for the elderly](#), [R&D](#), [financing](#), [cost transparency](#), [mental health](#), [gender equality](#), [sexual and reproductive health](#), [indigenous peoples health](#), [data advances](#), services for [refugees](#) and people with [disabilities](#) and [primary health care](#). All partner content is available on the [campaign website](#).

## NEW REPORTS (10)

- **Organizations across issue areas released major reports timed to UHC Day:**
  - [The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development](#), a member institution of The World Bank Group, published a study in *The Lancet* assessing health coverage in 111 countries. Researchers found that strong UHC performance is correlated with the share of a country's health budget that is channelled through government and social health insurance schemes.
  - The [Economist Intelligence Unit](#) also published a study analyzing UHC metrics in ten countries to assess progress and gaps around UHC.
  - The [WHO](#) published a report on global spending in health and a [data visualization platform](#) to examine data on development assistance and progress towards the SDGs.
  - [UNDP](#) launched their annual Human Development Report.
  - [Overseas Development Institute](#) released working and discussion papers reviewing the trends of political economies across 49 countries as they work towards UHC.
  - [BMC's International Journal for Equity in Health](#) examined “How is equity approached in universal health coverage?: An analysis of global and country policy documents in Benin and Senegal.”
  - The [Africa Health Budget Network](#) released their Health Expenditure & Domestic Spending Scorecard.
  - [Oxford Academic](#) produced “Understanding fragility: implications for global health research and practice.”
  - [Last Mile Health](#) also released their 2019 Annual Report.

## TRADITIONAL MEDIA

- The second International UHC Day garnered **157 pieces of media coverage** (including syndication) as of 20 December.
- Leaders in health and development **published 28 op-ed pieces and commentaries** spotlighting UHC Day, including high-profile voices such as [Shinzo Abe](#) (Prime Minister of Japan), [Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) (Director-General of the World Health Organization), [Githinji Gitahi](#) (Group CEO, Amref Health Africa; co-chair of the UHC2030 Steering Committee) and [Seth Berkley](#) (CEO, GAVI Alliance). Other notable op-eds appeared in [The Economist](#), [The Lancet](#), [Devex](#), [Hindustan Times](#), and [Apolitical](#).
- The **47 press releases, statements and blogs** issued by governments and partners highlighted topics such as new country commitments to UHC, including commitments from Kenya, Liberia and Greece. Statements around UHC Day featured [António Guterres](#) (Secretary-General of the United Nations) and [Winnie Byanyima](#) (Executive Director of UNAIDS, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations).

## GLOBAL MEDIA COVERAGE

As of 20 December 2019

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This section reflects statements and opinion pieces from high-profile individuals and journalists.

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- **African region, All Africa:** [Africa: Why Harnessing Digital Tech For Universal Health Coverage is Essential](#) (Stefan Germann, Emmanuel Fombu, Githinji Gitahi and Kate Campana, 12 Dec)
- **African region, All Africa:** [Kenya: Will Kenya Achieve Its UHC Dream?](#) (Emmanuel Mulaa, 11 Dec)
- **African region, Africa.com:** [Neglected Tropical Diseases: The Gender Gap](#) (Maria Rebollo Polo, 18 Dec)
- **African region, Africa.com:** [Starting From The First Mile](#) (Carl Manlan, 13 Dec)
- **Global, BMJ Opinion:** [Healthcare for all: every country can do it—an essay by Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) (Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, 12 Dec)
- **Global, BMJ Opinion:** [Moving towards universal primary healthcare coverage in Birmingham](#) (Elizabeth Bates, 12 Dec)
- **Global, BMJ Opinion:** [We must change how we measure the impact of health spending on poor people if we are serious about “leaving no one behind”](#) (Sarah Thomson, Tamas Evetovits, Jonathan Cylus, 12 Dec)
- **Global, Devex:** [Keeping the promise — time to move from declarations to deeds on UHC](#) (12 Dec)
- **Global, Global Health Now:** [Recognizing Remarkable Women and their Contributions Towards Health for All](#) (Roopa Dhatt, Kate Dodson, 12 Dec)
  - Picked up by [Global Health Council](#)
- **Global, Health Systems Global:** [The powerful push for universal health coverage](#) (Shakira Choonara, 12 Dec)
- **Global, Project Syndicate:** [Lebanon's Next Government Should Focus on Health](#) (Fadi El-Jardali, 12 Dec)
- **Global, The Economist:** [Moving Universal Health Coverage from Ambition to Practice](#) (Elizabeth Sukkar, 12 Dec)
- **Global, The Lancet:** [The architects of universal health coverage](#) (Johanna Ralston, Kwanele Asante, 9 Dec)
- **Global, UNAIDS:** [UNAIDS Executive Director's message on Universal Health Coverage Day](#) (UNAIDS, 12 Dec)
- **Global, UN News:** [Secretary-General's Message for 2019](#) (António Guterres, 12 Dec)
  - Picked up by [Caribbean Post](#)
- **India, Hindustan Times:** [The challenging quest for universal health coverage | Opinion](#) (Indu Bhushan, 11 Dec)
- **India, The Quint:** [Universal Health Coverage Day: Lessons for Asia and Africa](#) (Githinji Gitahi and Srinath Reddy, 11 Dec)
- **India, The Sangai Express:** [We cannot end AIDS without combating antimicrobial resistance](#) (Shobha Shukla, 8 Dec)
- **Kenya, Business Daily Africa:** [Universal health coverage not about profit but humanity](#) (Francis Omasw, 15 Dec)
- **Kenya, Daily Nation:** [Stop experimenting with our people's health](#) (Lukoye Atwoli, 14 Dec)
- **Nepal, Nepali Times:** [Is free health care possible in Nepal?](#) (S P Kalaunee, 12 Dec)
- **Pakistan, Daily Times:** [Attainment of universal health coverage in Pakistan: issues, opportunities and challenges](#) (Ghulam Nabi Kazi, 13 Dec)

- **South Africa, *Mail & Guardian*:** [South Africa can easily afford the NHI](#) (Robert Yates, 6 Dec)
- **Thailand, *Bangkok Post*:** [Populist' UHC now a feather in Thailand's cap](#) (Paritta Wangkiat, 9 Dec)
- **USA, *Buffalo News*:** [Another Voice: All New Yorkers deserve access to health care](#) (Nora OBrien-Suric, 10 Dec)
- **USA/Global, *Washington Post*:** [All nations should have universal health care](#) (Shinzo Abe, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, 12 Dec)
- **Zimbabwe, *Crown Agents*:** [Driving teamwork and collaboration to achieve UHC: Results-Based Financing for Health in Zimbabwe](#) (Marie-Jeanne Offosse, 12 Dec)

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- **Bahrain, *Bahrain Rights*:** [Bahrain: On Universal Health Coverage Day, Bahraini prisoners are denied access to necessary medical care](#) (12 Dec)
- **Bangladesh, *Dhaka Tribune*:** [Health minister: Multisectoral approach needed for achieving UHC](#) (12 Dec)
- **Bangladesh, *Financial Express*:** [A larger health budget essential](#) (Mercy Tembon, 11 Dec)
- **Bangladesh, *New Age*:** [Multisectoral approach needed for achieving UHC: minister](#) (United News of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 13 Dec)
- **Benin, *Banouto*:** [Benin/Health coverage: the call of CSOs for people with disabilities](#) (Judicael Kpehoun, 20 Dec)
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- **Benin, *Le Portail*:** [International Day of universal coverage in health: the prospects of access to care for people with disabilities](#) (Arnaud Gaffan, 10 Dec)
- **China, *Xinhua*:** [UN chief urges reaffirmed commitment to universal health coverage](#) (12 Dec)
- **EU, *EuroStat*:** [Can people afford medical care in your country?](#) (11 Dec)
- **Ghana, *Africa Global Radio*:** [International Universal Health Coverage Day](#) (12 Dec)
- **Ghana, *GBC Ghana*:** [Today is International Universal Health Coverage Day](#) (12 Dec)
- **Ghana, *Modern Ghana*:** [Healthcare Delivery Must Go Beyond Affordability – Minister](#) (15 Dec)
- **Global, *All Africa*:** [Nigeria: 2030 - FHIs Seeks Adequate Policies to Achieve UHC](#) (Lawal Sherifat, 13 Dec)
- **Global, *All Africa*:** [Nigeria: Senate Moves for Poor Nigerians to Have Access to Quality Healthcare](#) (Henry Umoru, 12 Dec)
- **Global, *The Conversation*:** [How South Africa can build a child-centred health care system](#) (Lori Lake, 11 Dec)
- **Guyana, *HGPTV*:** [Ministry pledges universal health coverage for all by 2030](#) (14 Dec)
- **India, *BioSpectrum India*:** [Health Ministry confers UHC awards](#) (13 Dec)
- **India, *Business Standard*:** [Involve govt departments, non-govt organisations in efforts to achieve universal health coverage: Vardhan](#) (Press Trust of India, 12 Dec)
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- **India, *Hindustan Times*:** [International Universal Health Coverage Day 2019: Date, theme and significance](#) (HT Correspondent, 12 Dec)
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- **India, *Millennium Post*:** [7.5 crore people under Swasthya Sathi, says CM](#) (12 Dec)
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- **India, *Outlook India*:** [Involve govt departments, non-govt organisations in efforts to achieve universal health coverage: Vardhan](#) (12 Dec)
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- **India, *Social News XYZ*:** [New Delhi: Universal Health Coverage Day – Harsh Vardhan #Gallery](#) (12 Dec)
- **India, *The Wire*:** [Water, Sanitation Can Systematically Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance in India](#) (Arundati Muralidharan, 12 Dec)
- **India, *Unii India*:** [Healthcare free in all hospitals in Bengal: Mamata](#) (12 Dec)
- **India, *Update Odisha*:** [Odisha Medical Team Wins National Award Odisha health team awarded on Universal Health Coverage Day](#) (13 Dec)
- **Indonesia, *Poskota News*:** [2020 All First Level Health Facilities Must Be Accredited](#) (13 Dec)
- **Iran, *Tehran Times*:** [WHO acknowledges Iran’s commitment to universal health coverage](#) (16 Dec)
- **Iran, *ABNA*:** [BCHR demands medical care for Bahraini detainees](#) (14 Dec)
- **Kenya, *The Star*:** [Uhuru promises full rollout of universal healthcare by June](#) (PSCU, 4 Dec)
- **Kenya, *The Star*:** [State urged to do more for UHC to succeed](#) (Magdaline Saya, 13 Dec)
- **Liberia, *Liberian Observer*:** [Int’l Universal Health Coverage Day Observed](#) (13 Dec)
- **Liberia, *The New Dawn*:** [45% Liberians pays for healthcare](#) (Mosoka Fallah, no date given)
- **Malawi, *Maravi Post*:** [Malawi Govt must keep promise to universal health coverage](#) (Lloyd M’bwana, 16 Dec)
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