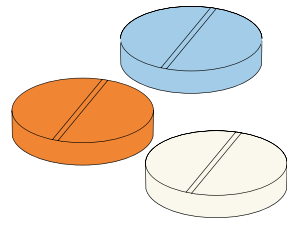


UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY 2023

What is the Universal Health Coverage?

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) essentially means that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.*



*World Health Organization, 2023

Every 12 December, advocates worldwide mobilize on UHC Day to call for strong, equitable health systems that leave no one behind.

Current Status**

4.5 BILLION

In 2021, 4.5 billion people were not fully covered by essential health services.

92%

The COVID-19 pandemic further disrupted essential services in 92% of countries at the height of the pandemic in 2021. In 2022, 84% of countries still reported disruptions.

1.3 BILLION

By 2019, 1.3 billion individuals were pushed or pushed further into poverty by medical spending.

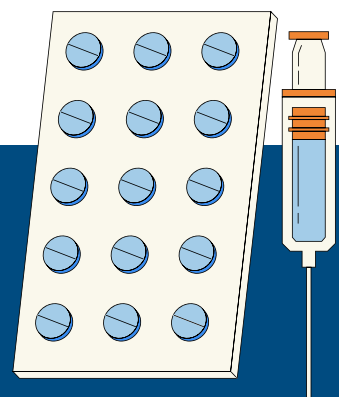
** Statistics from the [World Bank](#) and [WHO](#)

- 12.12.2012**
The United Nations unanimously endorses a [historic resolution](#) urging all countries to accelerate progress toward UHC as an essential priority for international development.
- 12.12.2014**
The [Universal Health Coverage Coalition](#) begins to celebrate 12 December as UHC Day, to hold leaders accountable to their promise of [#HealthForAll](#).
- 12.12.2017**
The United Nations officially designates 12 December as International Universal Health Coverage Day.
- 12.12.2019**
A global movement calls on world leaders to Keep the Promise they made at the [2019 High-Level Meeting on UHC](#) and achieve [#HealthForAll](#) by 2030.
- 12.12.2020**
Nearly one year after the first cases of COVID-19 were reported to the World Health Organization, UHC Day goes virtual, calling for investments in health systems that protect everyone.
- 12.12.2022**
UHC Day 2022 marked the last celebration before the 2023 High-Level Meeting on UHC.
- 12.12.2023**
Now that the global community has renewed its commitment to achieving universal health coverage (UHC) for all worldwide with the adoption of the United Nations Political Declaration on UHC (21 September 2023), it is time for immediate and tangible steps that get progress back on track.

<https://universalhealthcoverageday.org/about/>

SDG 3.8 by 2030?

Achieving UHC is one of the targets the nations of the world set when they adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. To achieve this goal **the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD)**, Guinea-Bissau, plays a crucial role in catalysing transformational change through quality research, analysis, advocacy and policy recommendations, with the goal of achieving equitable access to quality health care, gender equality and economic opportunities for all.



At IGHD we envision a society where wellbeing is a universal right and not a privilege, putting social justice and equity are at the forefront of achieving the Universal Health Coverage for all .

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