

Greetings from P4HC+ Secretariat!

During the period since our April-2018 issue, substantial progress has been made regarding health financing for Universal Health Coverage. This includes the establishment of the National Social Protection Council and its secretariat and the extension of social health insurance to (former) civil servants, veterans and informal workers and other funds for health care.

In March 2019, P4HC+ partners gathered to present and discuss experience, plans and potential options for expanding universal health coverage to informal sector populations. The upcoming P4HC+ Meeting will focus on monitoring for UHC by taking stock of existing and planned initiatives and discussing eventual ways forward to ensure that all people can get the health services they need without financial hardship.

In the previous newsletter we focused on NCDs and the call for a champion to promote NCDs as a priority policy agenda for UHC. The Cambodian [NCD Alliance was launched on 28 March 2019](#) with financial and technical support by P4H and was presided over by H.E Or Vandine, the Ministry of Health's Secretary of State.

In this first issue of our Newsletter for 2019 we present you a number of recent publications on UHC and Cambodia. Access to P4H intranet is at <https://p4h.world/en>. We hope you enjoy reading it.

P4HC+ Secretariat and Co-convenors

News and announcements



Photo: Honored guests posing with the official logo of NCD Alliance

[The Launch of NCD Alliance on 28 March 2019](#)

The Cambodian NCD Alliance was officially launched on 28 March 2019 in Phnom Penh. The launch event was organised by the four founding members – GIZ, Louvain Coopération, WHO and MoPoTsyo, with financial support from P4H. The



Next P4HC+ Meeting

When: 1st May 2019

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Where: World Bank Office

Agenda:

- *Monitoring for UHC: plans, gaps and eventual ways forward*
- *Briefing from H-EQIP partners*

event was a significant opportunity to bring together those who: work on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) or their risk factors, represent the voice of people living with NCDs, represent the broader health or non-health sector whose work is relevant to NCDs, are interested in a shared agenda, and have experience mobilising high-level political support and shaping policy priorities. [Read more](#)

Digital Health Policy Course, taking place in Bangkok 24-28th June 2019

The Digital Health Policy course, which was conducted successfully in Germany already, will now run (in collaboration with GIZ) in Bangkok. In five days, the course focuses on the foundational issues that enable effective digital health. It is based on



practical knowledge of key digital health issues, in particular: understanding how digital health strengthens health systems, developing digital health strategies, enabling digital health systems to work together, and managing behavioral change.

Note: As the course will be hosted by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ/AIZ), please click on <http://training.aiz.thai-german-cooperation.info/index.php/training/2-training/435-digital-health-policy-course-24-28-june-2019#app form> for registration.

P4HC+ Session "Universal Health Coverage for the Cambodian informal sector population: finding the right solution for the missing middle"



On the 2019 International Women's Day representatives from HP+, GRET, UNFPA, UNICEF, ILO, GIZ, JICA, Swiss Development Cooperation, UNAIDS and WHO headed for the World Bank office to attend a P4HC+ facilitated discussion on

UHC for the informal sector population.

To allow for common understanding the Joint Learning Network's definition for informal sector people was used, namely "People who do not receive health coverage through formal employment arrangements including those who work for unregistered or small enterprises, in subsistence agriculture, are unemployed or are not economically active. [Read more](#)

Featured Articles



“Conflict, household structure and health seeking behaviour: the Cambodian experience”

Author(s): *Barbara McPake, Bandeth Ros and Sreytouch Vong. (2018)
Briefing paper by ReBuild Consortium*

Description:

“This briefing note aimed to identify people who had disproportionately lost key members of their household or suffered disability during the conflict and to explore in depth how those factors had influenced their lives, livelihoods, health and health care experiences.” [Read more](#)



“Resilient and people-centred health systems: progress, challenges and future directions in Asia”

Author(s): *Legido-Quigley, Helena & Asgari-Jirhandeh, Nima. (2018),
Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies collection*

Description:

“The book assesses health system performance along three elements of people-centeredness, system resilience and quality. It comprises four cross country chapters focusing on regional governance, non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases and planetary health followed by summary of the health systems from seven countries in Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and The Philippines.” [Read more](#) (or download from [External link](#))



“Expanding Social Health Protection in Cambodia: An assessment of the current coverage potential and gaps, and social equity considerations”

Author: *Robert Kolesar, Sambo Pheakdey, Bart Jacobs, Narith Chan, Samedy Yok and Martine Audibert. (2019)*

Description:

“The Government of Cambodia recently launched its National Social Protection Policy Framework to strengthen and expand its social protection system. To inform the future direction of social health protection policy in Cambodia, this working paper examines the 2016 Cambodia Socio-economic survey to assess the current coverage potential of existing health insurance schemes and coverage gaps; and, compare fair and equitable contribution rates.” [Read more](#)



“An evaluation of health systems equity in Indonesia: study protocol”

Author: *Virginia Wiseman et al. (2018)*
International Journal for Equity in Health

Description:

“As countries like Indonesia focus on increasing coverage, it is critically important to ensure that the poor and vulnerable - who are often the most difficult to reach – are not excluded. The results of this study will not only help track Indonesia’s progress to universalism but also reveal what the UHC-reforms mean to the poor.” [Read more](#)



“Health Financing Reforms for Moving towards Universal Health Coverage in the Western Pacific Region”

Author: *Annie Chu, Soonman Kwon & Peter Cowley. (2019)*
Health Systems & Reform Journal

Description:

“This article provides an overview of health financing reforms across countries in the Western Pacific Region as progress is made toward universal health coverage (UHC). Moving toward UHC requires a strong health system with sustainable financing, which countries strive to achieve through various approaches appropriate to their country contexts”. [Read more](#)



“A multi-country study of the economic burden of dengue fever based on patient-specific field surveys in Burkina Faso, Kenya, and Cambodia”

Author: *Lee J-S, Mogasale V, Lim JK, Ly S, Lee KS, Sorn S, et al. (2019)*
PLOS Neglected Tropical Disease Journal

Description:

“Understanding the accurate economic burden of a disease is one of the important steps to grasp a full scope of vaccination benefits from the societal perspective. The current economic burden study would contribute to filling the knowledge gaps in Burkina Faso, Kenya, and Cambodia where healthcare resources are limited, and healthcare budget may be highly constrained considering several competing health problems”. [Read more](#)



“What, why and how do health systems learn from one another? Insights from eight low- and middle-income country case studies”

Author: *Sophie Witter, Ian Anderson, Peter Annear, Abiodun Awosusi et al (2019)*
Health Research Policy and Systems

Description:

“All health systems struggle to meet health needs within constrained resources. This is especially true for low-income countries. It is critical that they can learn from wider contexts in order to improve their performance. This article examines policy transfer and evidence use linked to it in low- and middle-income settings. The objective was to inform international investments in improved learning across health systems. This article uses a comparative case study design, drawing on case studies conducted in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Nepal, Rwanda and Solomon Island.” [Read more](#)

P4HC+ Meeting Documents and materials

P4HC+ Special Meeting 8 March 2019, Presentations:

[Extension of healthcare scheme for Tuk-tuk drivers and domestic workers in Phnom Penh by GRET](#)

[Extension of Social Protection to Workers in Informal Economy by ILO](#)

[UHC for the informal sector in Cambodia: finding the right solution for the missing middle by GIZ](#)

[Expanding Social Health Protection in Cambodia: an assessment of the current coverage potential, gaps, and social equity considerations by HP+](#)

P4HC+ Special Meeting in November 2018

[P4HC+ Minutes November 2018](#)

[\(Presentation\) Supporting Transition from External Financing in the East Asia and Pacific \(EAP\) region: common themes and challenges](#)

Materials (presentations) for workshop on Achieving Universal Health Coverage with Equity in Health Financing, on the 6th November 2018 in Phnom Penh:

[Equity in Health System Financing in Cambodia](#)

[Access to health care and financial risk protection \(2004-2014\) in Cambodia](#)

[Health seeking and provider choice: what can we learn from a national representative survey data in Cambodia](#)

[Minutes P4HC+ 31 October 2018](#)

[Overview Health Financing Activities for UHC by P4HC+ updated Sep 2018](#)

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