

Global Lessons in Planning and Implementing NHI

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Global Experience on NHI

Historical

- Germany
- France
- Japan
- Canada
- Argentina
- Chile

Recent

- Thailand
- Taiwan
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Estonia
- China
- Mexico
- South Korea
- Indonesia
- Ghana, Rwanda, Ethiopia

Kenyan Policy Goals: UHC

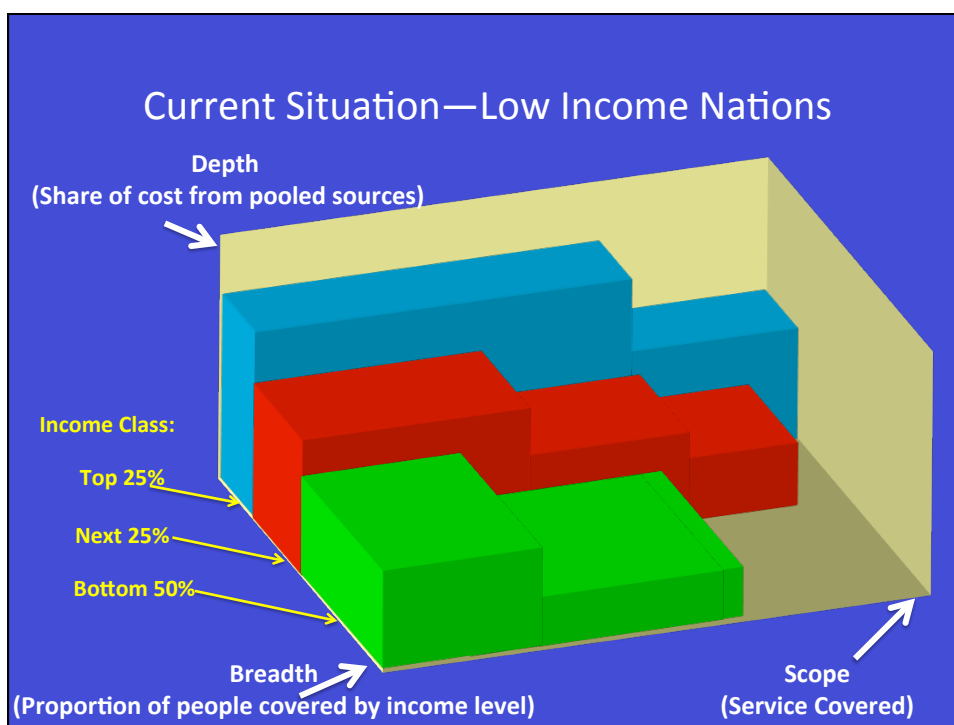
- Short term (2013-2017):
 - Free maternity services in all public facilities
 - Coverage of health benefits for all indigents
- Intermediate term: ?
- Long term: Universal Health Coverage

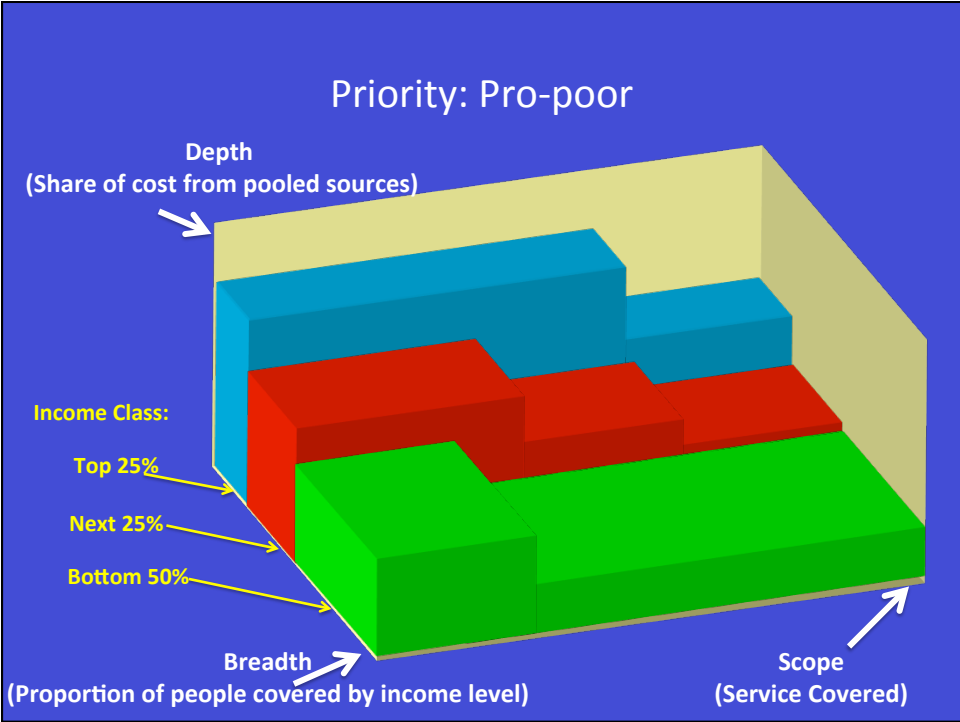
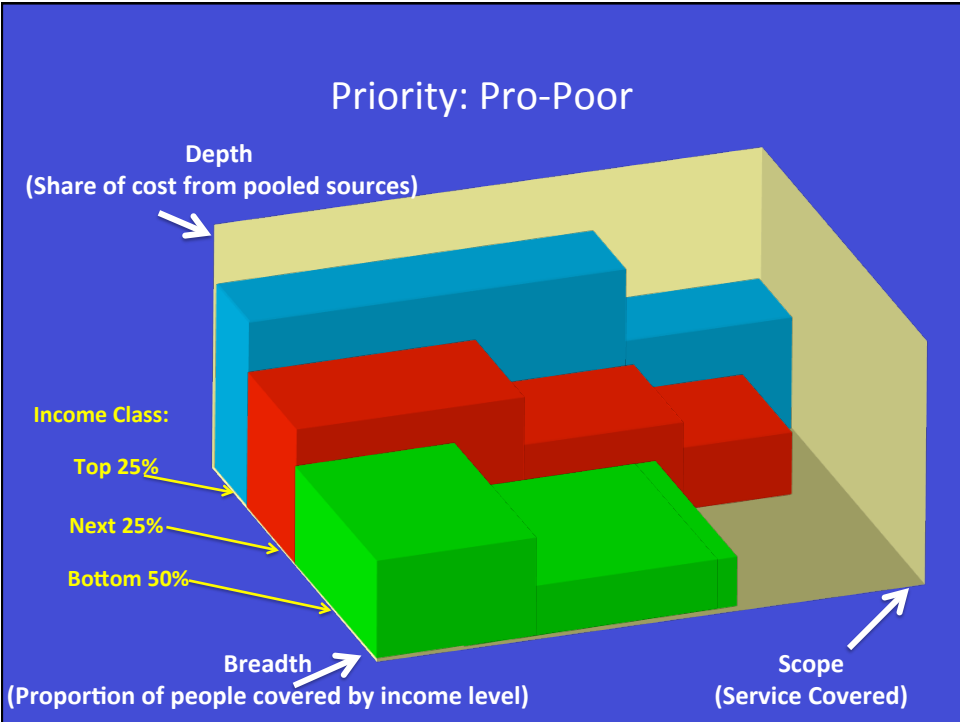
Lesson I: Universal Health Coverage

Insurance coverage \neq Effective coverage

Critical Issues in the short term

- What benefit package to provide for the indigents?
- How to assure EFFECTIVE coverage (supply of quality health services?)
- What's affordable?
 - How to obtain efficiency gains that Treasury would demand? How much gain can be produced?
 - New taxes? Reallocation of existing revenues?
- What's sustainable financially?





Strategy: Stage by Stage

- Covered Services: Experiment and Pilot to develop Efficient, Effective, and Reasonable Quality Services
 - Expand covered population and covered services as a nation's economy and fiscal capacity expand.
 - Expand covered services as human resources become available.

Alternatives in Funding

- Funding to achieve universal insurance coverage:
 - Use general revenue to fund all citizens who are not employed in the formal sector
 - Use general revenue to pay full premium for the poor, but only partially subsidize those who are in the informal sector but not poor
- Sources of new tax funds:
 - VAT?
 - Tobacco and sin tax?
 - Payroll contribution

Alternative Strategies

- Risk Pooling:
 - Pool risk nationwide—formal sector partially subsidize the poor
 - Separate risk pools—formal, informal sector workers, the poor.
- Public and private:
 - Role of private insurance
 - Roles and competition between public and private hospitals, clinics, laboratories
- Institutional arrangement:
 - Purchaser institutions: solo: NHIF, mixed: NHIF and CBHI

