ADVOCATES GUIDE TO SRHR & HIV IN UHC
CORE PRINCIPLES

- Equity in access to health services – those who need the services should get them, not only those who can pay for them;

- Quality of health services is good enough to improve the health of those receiving services; and

- Financial-risk protection – ensuring that the cost of using care does not put people at risk of financial hardship.

Source:
KEY CONCEPTS IN UHC

- Access
- Affordability
- Availability
- Acceptability
- Benefits Package
- Community-Centred
- Coverage
- Equitable
- Financial Protection
- Sustainable Financing
- Systems for Health
- Human Resources for Health
- Human Rights
- Leave No One Behind
- Patient-Centred
- Primary Health Care
- Quality
- Responsive
- Vulnerable & Key Populations
WHO WILL GET COVERED BY UHC?

UHC means more people receive more health cover at affordable costs

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN ADVOCACY:

- How will more people be covered in our country? (increased coverage?)
- Will specialized services be available for people living with HIV & other key populations, young people, & women?
- What other actions other than UHC are in place to achieve SDG 3 on health and wellbeing?
- How will services be tailored to key populations, vulnerable and marginalized populations and youth without making the specificity stigmatizing?
- Will the poorest & most marginalized people benefit the most (increased equity?)
- Will any groups intentionally or unintentionally be excluded? (Discrimination or Stigma?)
UHC must lead towards universal access to SRHR for all people

**QUESTIONS TO ASK IN ADVOCACY:**

- What components of SRHR & HIV will our government cover in UHC?
- Will preventative components like contraception, condoms, SRHR & HIV counselling, & sexuality education be included?
- Will community led SRHR & HIV responses be funded?
- Will adolescents be able to access SRHR & HIV services without 3rd party permission?
WHO WILL PAY WHAT UNDER UHC?

UHC should reduce the out of pocket expenses for those who can least afford them.

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN ADVOCACY:

- How will our government finance UHC?
- How will UHC reduce out of pocket expenses?
- What is the role of the private sector in reducing out of pocket expenses?
- How will we all be able to monitor reduced out of pocket expenses?
- How will health insurance cover and cut costs for our most vulnerable populations?
ALLIES IN SRHR IN UHC ADVOCACY IN OUR COUNTRY

- WHO, UNAIDS, UNFPA & other UN agencies
- Other SRHR & HIV NGOs
- Other social justice NGOs
- Don’t leave out those who aren’t yet allies but who need to be: (e.g. medical and nursing associations, trade unions, academics)
PRACTICAL STEPS FOR STARTING ADVOCACY

- Ensure that government consults communities & those with track records in the HIV response
- Document and advocate around community experiences in accessing health
- Identify the level of the health system to target for advocacy e.g. national, provincial or local
- Push for meaningful involvement & leadership in planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes
- Push for roles in leadership and governance structures for UHC
- Conduct your own civil society policy analysis of UHC and influence legislation or policy
- Ensure integration of SRHR & HIV in UHC benefits package
- Develop accountability frameworks
SUMMING IT UP: TEN ACTIONS FOR NGOs FOR SRHR IN UHC

1. Participate in good governance of UHC
2. Ensure that rights-based and inclusive legislation is in place
3. Promote the right to health, including non-discrimination and gender equality
4. Include HIV & SRHR in the health benefit package
5. Ensure short-term and long-term financing plans are in place
6. Integrate SRHR & HIV and other health services to achieve better health outcomes
7. Put equity at the centre by reaching the people most left behind
8. Develop people-centred community delivery models
9. Minimise out-of-pocket payments
10. Prioritise accountability for results

This guide is part of an on-going community consultation on UHC in Eastern & Southern Africa led collaboratively by UNAIDS ESA & SAT.

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