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SDG3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Target 3.8 – Universal health

Unfinished Millennium Development Goal

- 3.1: Maternal mortality reduction
- 3.2: Neonatal and under-5 deaths
- 3.3: Communicable disease control

New targets

- 3.4: Non-communicable diseases
- 3.5: Substance use
- 3.6: Road traffic accidents
- 3.7: Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- 3.9: Pollution

Means of implementation

- 3A: Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- 3B: Research and development
- 3C: Workforce
- 3D: Risk reduction

Environmental targets
- Goal 6
  6.1: Drinking water
  6.2: Sanitation
  6.3: Water quality
- Goal 7
  7.1: Clean energy
- Goal 11
  11.1: Housing
  11.2: Transport
  11.3: Settlement
  11.5: Disasters
  11.6: Cities
- Goal 13
  13.1: Climate hazards
  13.2: Climate change

Social targets
- Goal 1
  1.3: Social protection
- Goal 2
  2.2: Malnutrition
- Goal 4
  4.1: Education
  4.2: Early childhood development
- Goal 5
  5.2: Violence against women
  5.3: Female genital mutilation

Economic targets
- Goal 8
  8.1: Economic growth
  8.5: Employment
  8.8: Migrant workers
- Goal 9
  9.1: Infrastructure
  9c: ICT
- Goal 10
  10.2: Inclusion
  10.4: Equality
  10.7: Migration
  10b: Assistance

Political targets
- Goal 16
  16.1: War
  16.2: Child violence
  16.3: Corruption
  16.6: Institutions
  16.8: Civil registration and vital statistics
- Goal 17
  17.1: Resource mob
  17.3: Planning
  17.5: Leadership
  17.16: Partnership
  17.17: Strategies
• Healthy Life Expectancy has increased from 47.6 (2000) to 56.04 (2019)
  • Growing almost twice as fast in low-incomes countries than high/upper middle income

• However – COVID-19 pandemic to impact this improving trend
  • Death and ill health from COVID-19
  • Provision of other health services
  • Socioeconomic impact

• Universal Health Coverage – encompasses full range of health services from promotion, prevention to treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care

• Significant differences across the region
  • SDG 3.8.1 – UHC service coverage index
  • SDG 3.8.1 – households experiencing catastrophic health expenditure (>10% of household income)
Comparison of country status with UHC indicators

% of households spending more than 10% of income on health expenditure

Income Groups: High/upper-middle-income, Low-income, Lower-middle-income
• Unfinished MDGs – still lagging behind global averages due to persistent low service coverage
  • MMR, U5M, HIV and other communicable diseases

• Limited resources for addressing NCDs
  • Diabetes, CVD, mental health, substance abuse, road traffic accidents

• Sexual and reproductive health suffering as a result of COVID-19 pandemic
  • Severe disruption to access to services

• Insufficient health workforce
  • COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more capacity building/skills sharing
• SDG social targets
  • Countries struggling to invest in social protection initiatives to protect populations from destitution

• SDG environmental targets
  • Water, Hygiene, Sanitation investment is critical to improve health outcomes
  • COVID-19 pandemic – highlighted this importance
  • Further investment needed in clean energy, urban planning
  • Climate change significantly impacting Africa (droughts, locusts, floods, etc.)

• SDG economic targets
  • Sustained high level of growth stymied by pandemic – impact highest at personal level due to high levels of labour informality
  • Growth in infrastructure and ICT provides a great opportunity to access services

• SDG political targets
  • Strengthen political and technical partnerships – SDG3 Global Action Plan
• Strong political commitment exists – time to implement

• Primary Care Approach the basis in move towards UHC

• Intersectoral approach vital at highest level of government

• Innovative financing for boosting domestic resources capacities to alleviate hardship

• Climate-resilient health systems across all contexts must be able to maintain critical services during any emergencies

• COVID-19 pandemic exposed vast inequalities in health access, digital access, information access, etc.
Merci – Obrigado – Thank you – Gracias -شكرا لك

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