

Health Works for All, Decisions with All

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Health Works, National Health Compacts & UHC Knowledge Hub

In April 2024, the World Bank Group unveiled an ambitious plan to reach **1.5 billion people with quality, affordable health services by 2030**.

- **Health Works** is an initiative led by the World Bank, working with Japan and WHO.
  - Aims to expand quality, affordable health services at scale to more people
  - Seeks to build political leadership and partnership needed to reach the 1.5 target
- **National Health Compacts** are government-led agreements with partners to identify health priorities, resources needed, and measurable targets to expand health care access

- **UHC Knowledge Hub**: Launched by the Government of Japan, the World Bank and WHO in December 2025 as a platform for generating, curating and sharing practical knowledge on advancing universal health coverage.
  - Trains and supports government officials to manage health financing and implement reforms.

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Civil society engagement and why it matters

- Civil society is a member of the Health Works Leaders Coalition, including WACI Heath and Seed Global
- Civil society helps shape health priorities and investment plans, making them more equitable and responsive to the needs of communities
- Community-led implementation and monitoring strengthens PHC for UHC
- In December 2025, 131 CSO across 48 countries signed on a statement to urge the initiatives to ensure the meaningful participation and engagement of civil society and communities.
- Civil society engagement remains insufficient and must be strengthened.

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What next?

- National Health Compacts
  - Follow up on the implementation of National Health Compacts
  - Contribute to new National Health Compacts to influence national health priorities and investments
- UHC Knowledge Hub
  - Opportunities to strengthen civil society involvement and contribution to training program
- UHC Hight-Level Forum
  - Influence your government – send letters, statements etc.

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