Why develop another tool?

• Quantitative measures now established:
  • SDG 3.8. However, come with a significant time-lag; national averages not particularly sensitive over time; do not inform policy responses.

• Need to get closer to real-time monitoring:
  • often a lot is happening at the country level in policy development and implementation which is not systematically captured

• Need to inform policy direction/next steps:
  • Assessment needs to make a judgement: from what we observe, are things moving in a positive or negative direction in relation to UHC? Then, to help identify next steps / priorities in terms of further analysis, technical assistance etc.

• To give greater visibility to HF/HSS work and its impact on access to services, and financial protection.
Health Financing Progress Matrix

Structure of the assessment

**STAGE 1:**
Landscaping of country’s health coverage arrangements / schemes with key design elements

**STAGE 2:**
Detailed application of the HF Progress Matrix

**ASSESSMENT BY HF FUNCTION**
- Policy Process: 4 questions
- Revenue Raising: 5 questions
- Purchasing: 10 questions
- Pooling: 6 questions
- Benefit Design: 6 questions
- PFM: 11 questions
- Governance: 6 questions

**ASSESSMENT BY HSS OBJECTIVE / UHC GOAL**
- Efficiency: 13 questions
- Equity Resources: 10 questions
- Transparency: 16 questions
- Equity in Finance: 9 questions
- Fin Protection: 12 questions
- Quality: 8 questions
- Utzn vs Need: 16 questions

Total: 48 questions
What is different about this assessment?

UHC goals and intermediate objectives influenced by health financing policy

Health financing within the overall health system
- Creating resources
- Revenue raising
- Pooling
- Purchasing

Benefits
- Service delivery

Stewardship / Governance / Oversight

UHC intermediate objectives
- Equity in resource distribution
- Efficiency
- Transparency & accountability

Final coverage goals
- Utilization relative to need
- Financial protection & equity in finance
- Quality

Improved pop. health & equity in health

Socio-econ determinants of health etc.

Variety of fiscal & PFM issues
Political economy
Demand-side barriers
Guiding principles developed for HF functions

• **Revenue**
  - Move towards a predominant reliance on **public revenue sources** (compulsory, prepaid, and pooled). Predictable, stable flow of funds. Efficiency as a *source*.

• **Pooling**
  - **Reduce fragmentation** (e.g. the number of schemes); increases risk-sharing; enables explicit complementarity of different revenue sources e.g. merging payroll and general tax revenues; simplify flow of funds to service providers.

• **Purchasing**
  - **Direct funds towards priority health services/ programmes**; link (at least part) of funding with performance; develop incentives for greater efficiency and quality of service provision.

• **Benefits**
  - **Universal entitlement** around priority services (e.g. cost-effective, high financial burden, equity). **Ensuring effective coverage**.
Each question aims to capture a guiding principle

**GUIDING PRINCIPLE**

*Increase the extent to which the allocation of resources to providers is linked to population health needs, information on provider performance, or a combination*

**QUESTION**

Q4.2 To what extent are provider payments harmonized across schemes/revenue sources, and across public and private sectors, to ensure coherent incentives for providers?

- Question defined...
- ...building on a guiding principle

**Assessment of the situation in a country documented**

**Levels illustrate relatively weak (left-side) and strong (right-side) performance in relation the question**

**Score out of 12 given to provide a sense of the situation overall**

**EFFECT ON UHC GOALS**

*Equity in resource distribution*

*Quality*
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Ongoing application

- Baseline assessments ongoing in a number of countries
- Guidance for process of country application under development
- Further refinement of questions e.g. reduce bias, simplify
- Different modes of application e.g. audit/assessment of progress... rapid annual updates....
- versus primary objective to support strategic planning process
Visualization of results

FUNCTIONS

OBJECTIVES

Functions results by income levels

1. Policy process 6.00
2. Revenue raising 4.20
3. Pooling 3.50
4. Purchasing 3.66
5. Benefits 4.07
6. PFM 3.71
7. Governance 4.00

Objectives results by income levels

1. Equity in distribution 3.56
2. Efficiency 3.73
3. Transparency 4.53
4. Utilization vs need 3.81
5. Financial protection 3.75
6. Equity in finance 2.53
7. Quality 2.73
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