Universal health coverage ensures that all people have access to needed preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services, while also ensuring those who use these services do not suffer financial hardship. Moving towards universal coverage requires a strong, efficient health system and financing.
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- Achieving universal health coverage: learning from Chile, Japan, Malaysia and Sweden
- Reaching the poor through a government's pharmaceutical distribution system: the case of Kenya
- Achieving universal health coverage after donors leave: What are the funding options and challenges? Lessons from Indonesia
- Regulation, management and institutional arrangements for universal health coverage: where we are at and the way forward, comparing Brazil, South Africa, India, China, Thailand and Ghana

- Who benefits from government spending on care? A comparative study covering five continents

Health financing in post-conflict states: What do we know and what are the gaps?

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- Migration and health in China, health challenges, knowledge gaps and policy implications

- Expanding coverage through new financing schemes and institutions
- Health financing reforms and their impacts: reflecting on gains and setbacks
- The dynamics of population ageing and lessons for health
- Access to pharmaceuticals among adults with cardiovascular diseases: an impact of the free medicine policy in rural Beijing, China
- Integrating tuberculosis control programs with China's healthcare reform to achieve universal health coverage: a pilot experiment in rural China

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