

Prioritizing health and well-being for all

A note from UHC2030 on the Summit of the Future

COVID-19 demonstrated the devastating impacts health crises can have on our world. In setting the blueprint for the post-2030 sustainable development agenda and leaving no one behind, the Summit of the Future must prioritize health and well-being for all, particularly for vulnerable populations, through progress action towards universal health coverage.

Key asks for the Summit of the Future

- Recognize health and well-being, including disease outbreaks, pandemics, and health emergencies, have critical impacts for the international system, stable and peaceful societies worldwide, and future generations.
- Include health as an action item in the pact of the future, recognizing the powerful role health and well-being SDG targets play, including universal health coverage, in making progress towards the whole SDG agenda.
- Retain recognition of the interlinked nature of the SDGs and the critical role universal health coverage has in achieving leaving no one behind, progress towards gender equality, and eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty.
- Retain references to achieving gender equality and the need to ensure that everyone, including women and girls, has universal access to health services, including sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- Retain commitments to ensure social participation by fostering participation of relevant stakeholders in the policy processes and by ensuring meaningful adolescent and youth engagement.

High-level messages for the Summit of the Future

- Universal health coverage must be at the front and centre of the Summit of the Future's agenda, the post 2030 development agenda, and our collective global actions.
- The Summit must acknowledge that achieving universal health coverage is critical for our collective response to global threats. We must build equitable and resilient health systems to equip future generations to respond to global threats - including climate change, conflicts, humanitarian crises, health emergencies and pandemics.
- By prioritizing the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and well-being for all, we move progress towards the 2030 Agenda as a whole and lay the foundation for a fairer and safer world for the future.
- We must prioritize universal health coverage, based on a primary health care approach. Primary health care is the most inclusive, equitable, cost-effective and efficient approach to enhance people's physical and mental health. It also provides the foundation for effective prevention, preparation and response to health emergencies while ensuring continued access to essential health services during crises.
- The Summit must dismantle barriers and promote equal opportunities for all, leaving no one behind, in particular women and girls. Acting on commitments for universal health coverage means strengthening coverage of quality health services and financial protection, while addressing other barriers that hinder vulnerable and marginalised populations from accessing the full range of services they need to ensure their comprehensive health and well-being.

Para	Proposed text modifications for revision 2 of the Pact for the Future
9	Retain reaffirmation of the commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
14	Insert new Action on health "We recognize that the well-being of current and future generations and the sustainability of our planet rests on our willingness to take action. We will review progress on the implementation of the actions in this Pact and its Annexes at the beginning of the eighty-third session through a meeting at the level of Heads of State and

	Government. In the area of sustainable development and financing for development, we will: (...) Action 3. End hunger and eliminate food insecurity. Action 4. Achieve health and well-being for all. (...)"
20 [New]	Add new Action 4 paragraph on achieving SDG3 as it is fundamental to achieving the overall Sustainable Development Agenda and preparing for future global shocks “Action 4. We will achieve health and well-being for all. We reaffirm that achieving health and well-being for all and universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities, achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all, reducing inequalities within and among countries, ensuring just, peaceful and inclusive societies and to building and fostering partnerships. We decide to: a) Build and strengthen quality, people-centred, sustainable and resilient health systems built on a foundation of strong primary health care. b) Provide financial protection to eliminate impoverishment due to health-related expenses, with special emphasis on the poor as well as those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations. c) Promote social participation by engaging stakeholders in a coordinated, comprehensive and integrated, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach” Source: A/RES/78/4, paras 8, 46, 47
22b	Retain commitment to promote universal health coverage “Eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities by promoting universal health coverage, ... [cont]”
22c	Retain reference to ensuring the availability of clean and safe water, hygiene and sanitation for all
24	Add language that Women’s health needs include universal access to SRHR, and access to broader health quality, essential, safe, effective, and affordable, services, technologies and medicines “We recognize that the achievement of full human potential and sustainable development is not possible if women and girls are denied full human rights and opportunities. Sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and sustainable development can only be realized when all women, adolescent girls and girls have their full human rights respected, protected and fulfilled, including through universal access to quality essential health-care services, access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines, and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. We decide to: (...)" Source: A/RES/78/4, paras 2, 62
24c	Retain commitment to eradicate violence against women, including sexual and gender-based violence
31	Retain language on the interdependence between international peace and security, sustainable development and human rights”
32e	Retain language on protecting medical and humanitarian personnel
60	Retain reference underlining the need to invest in health services for children and young people
66b	Retain commitment to ensure the right to health for young people
62c	Retain commitment to address barriers to youth participation
66d	Retain commitment to strengthen the participation of relevant stakeholders in UN processes

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