



Financing for health: Supporting countries to make real progress towards UHC

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Main messages of 3rd ICFD (Addis)

UNIVERSALITY

All citizens have access to essential services.

(Incrementally expand services in line with affordability)

COMMITMENT TO STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

Explore funding modalities to mobilize additional resources. Also focus on stronger domestic financing.

IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC FINANCING

In order to make progress on UHC.

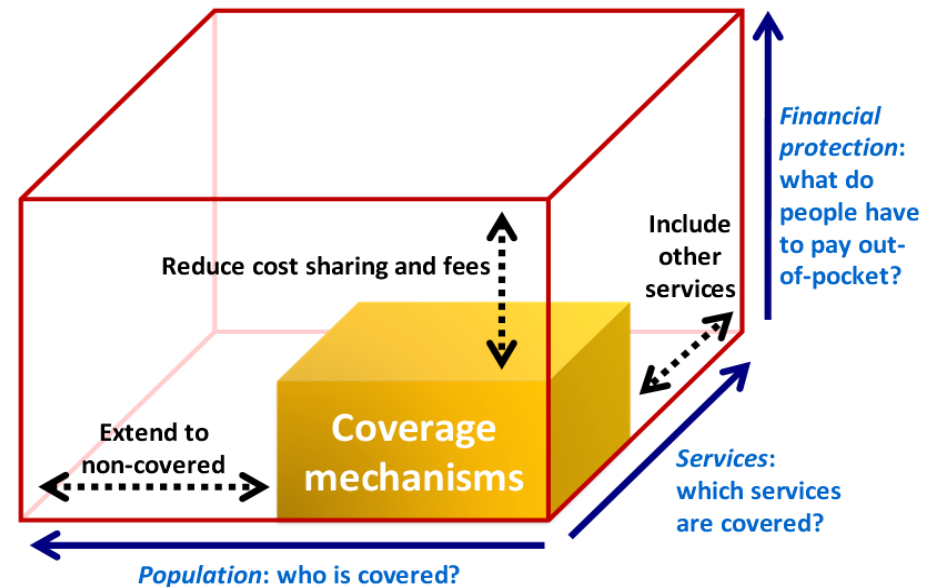
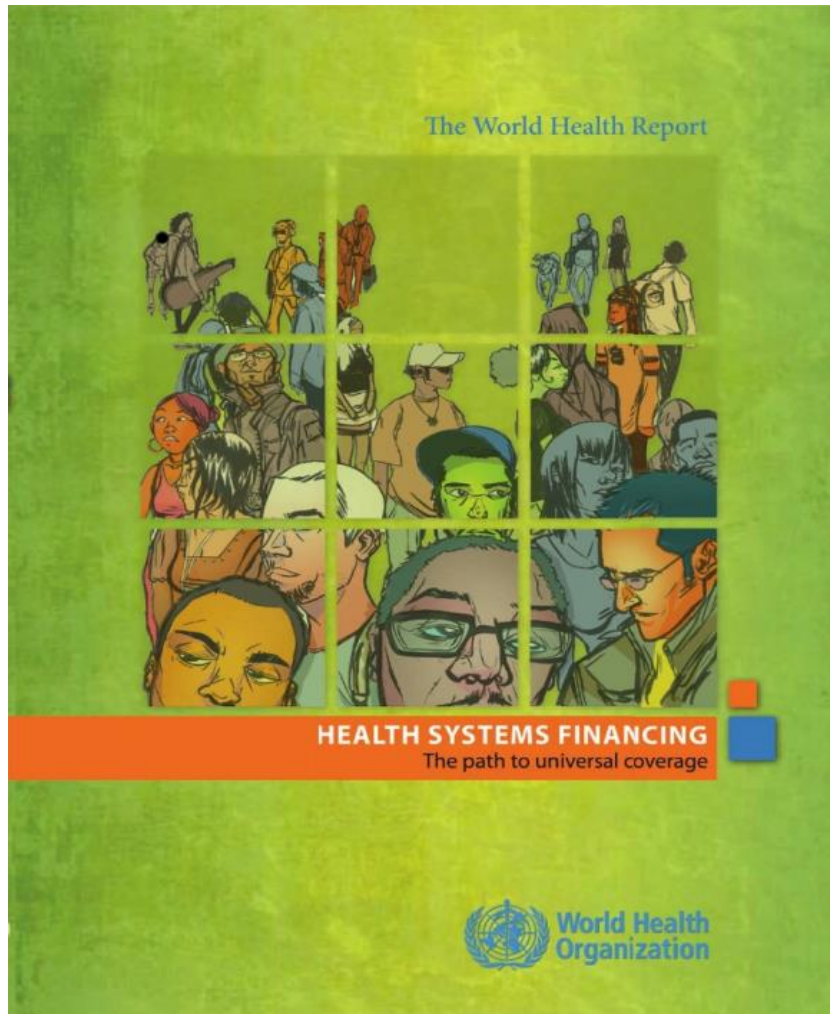
(As opposed to private financing mechanisms i.e. where people pay voluntarily)

STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

Ensure *international health architecture* builds resilience and strengthens country health systems



WHR 2010: Health financing for UHC



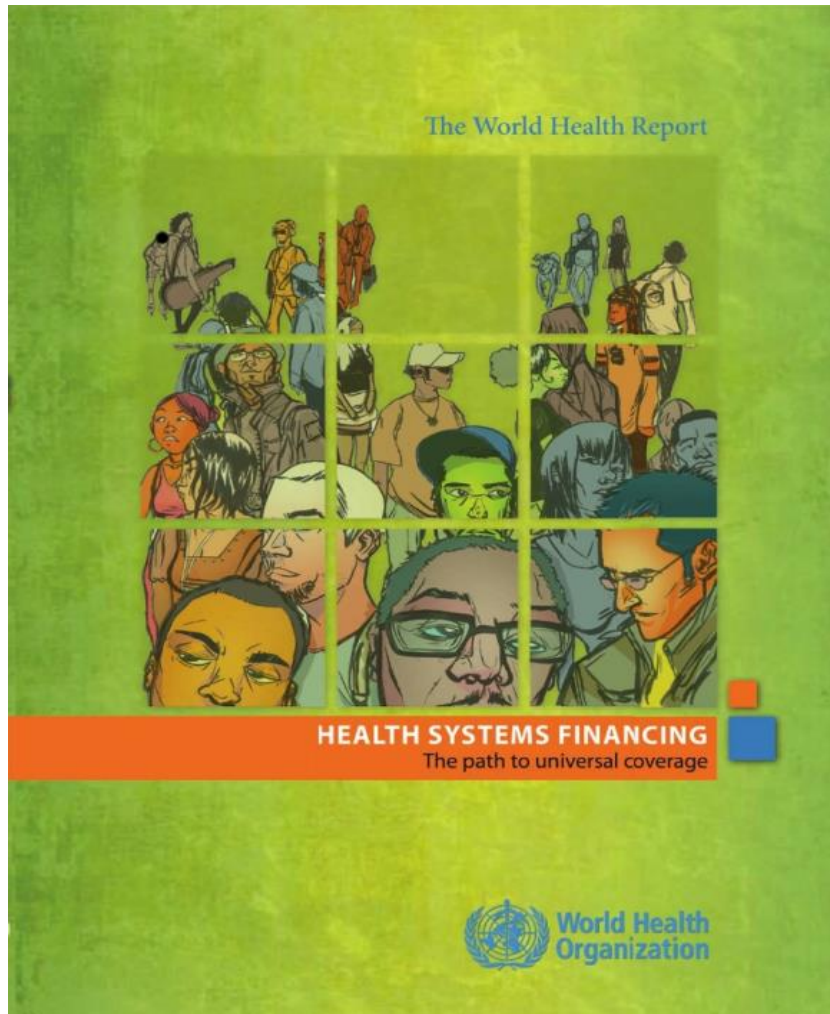
Unmet
need



Financial
protection



What needs to happen?



“More money for health”
In particular public

“More health for the money”
Efficiency

Reduce private, direct, user fees, out-of-pocket, cash payments



Credit: WHO/Pierre Albouy

“....universal coverage cannot be achieved through private market-based systems of user fees and private insurance, or through voluntary community-based schemes.”

Negative effect
on financial
coverage

Negative effect
on demand /
utilization / need

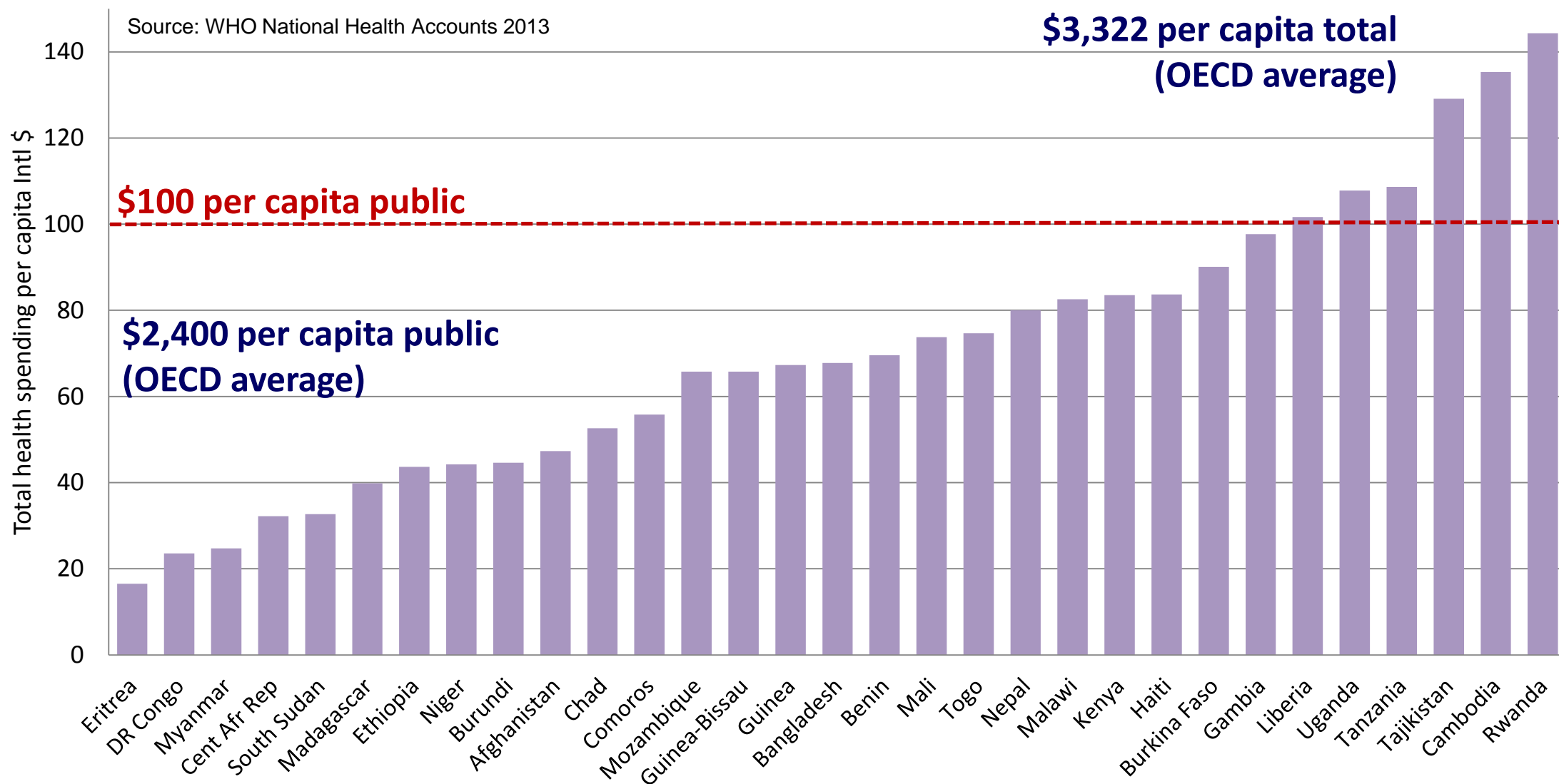


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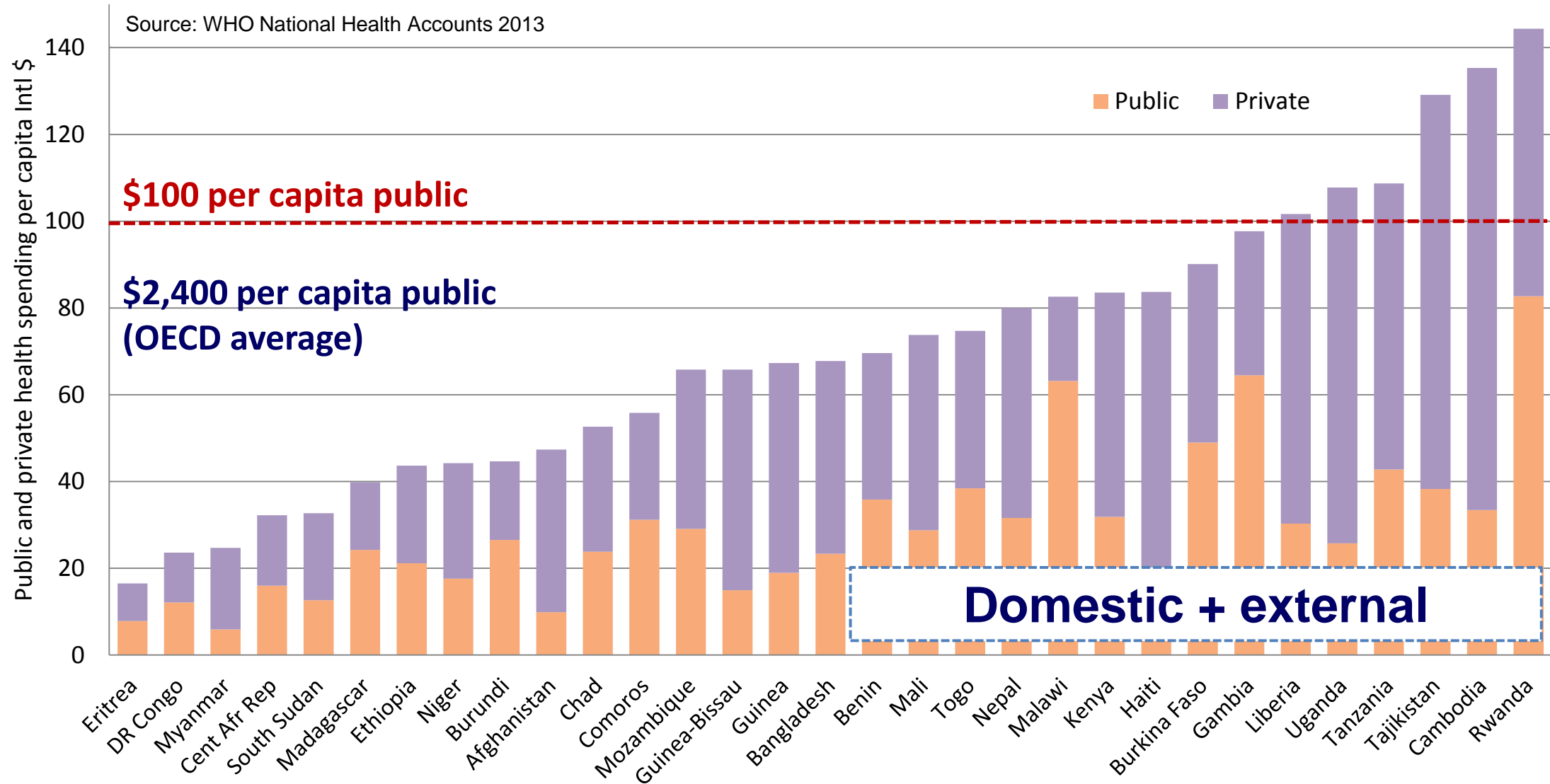
“...even tiny out-of-pocket charges can drastically reduce their (*the poor's*) use of needed services. This is both unjust and unnecessary.”

Often damages
fairness,
transparency

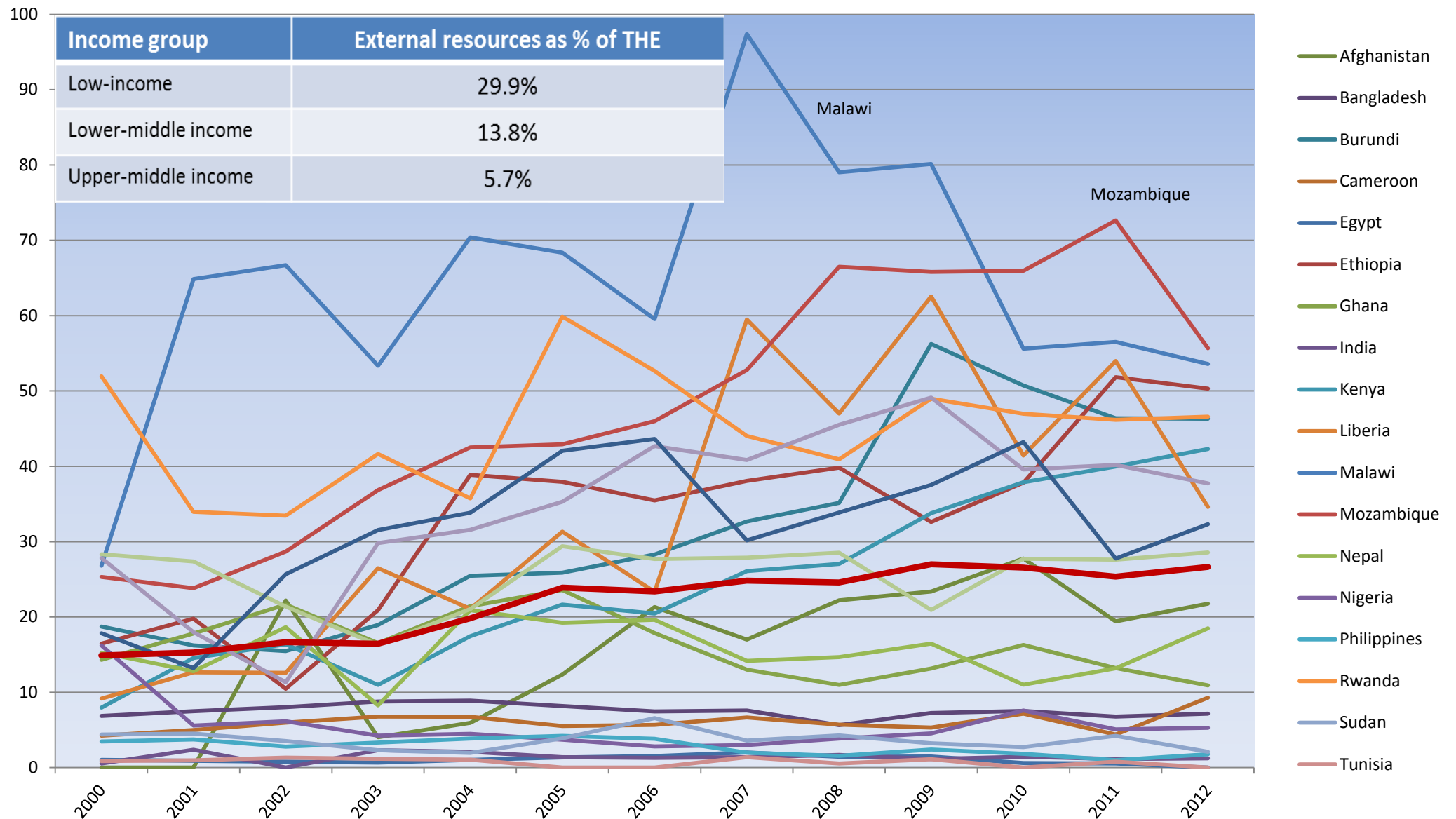
What do low-income countries currently spend?



And how much is public?



External funding is critical in many countries

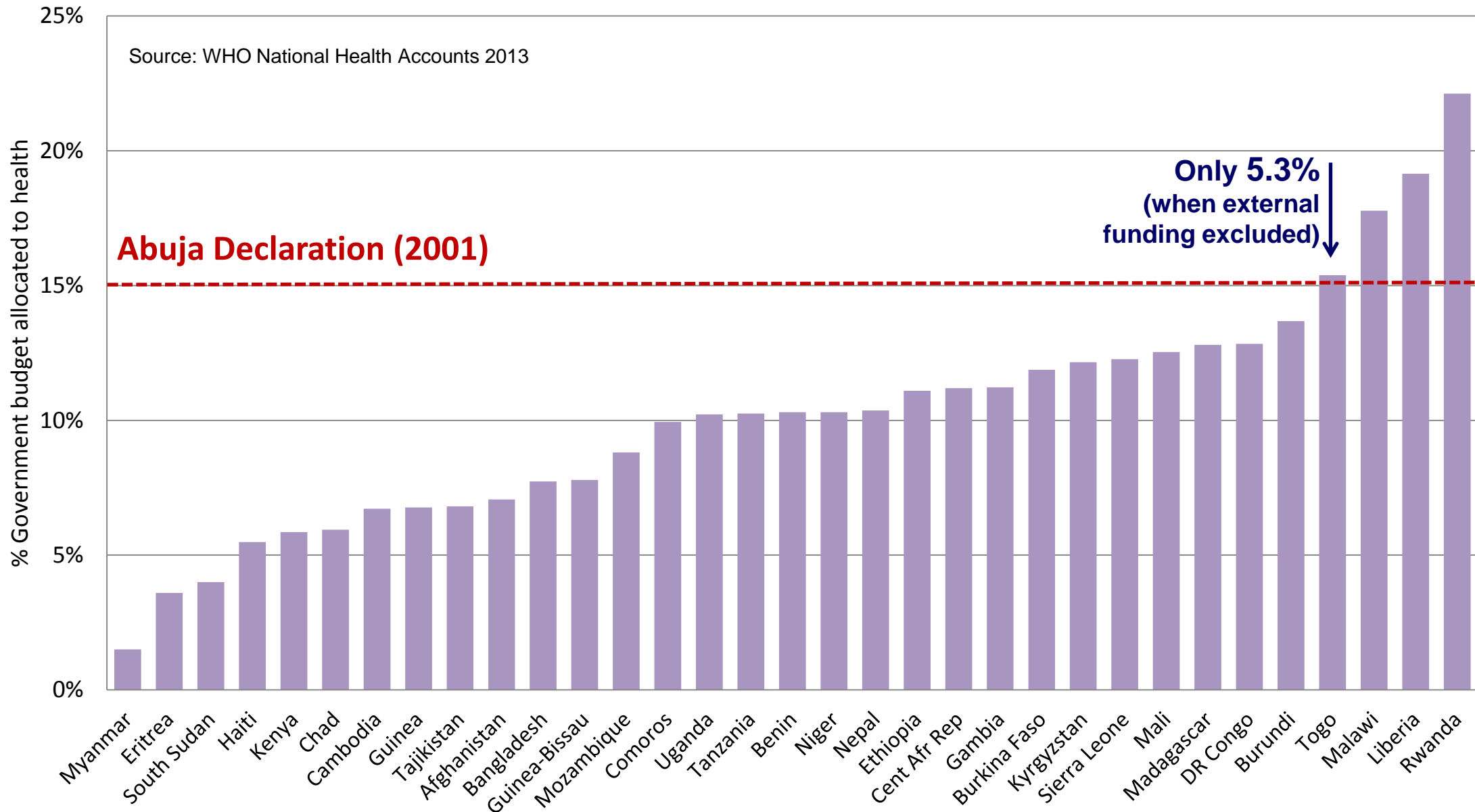


New public revenue sources?



- Useful additional income assuming “health sector” benefits
- Health benefits (alcohol & tobacco)
- Broader fiscal and institutional factors the key in long-run

Many governments need to allocate more to health

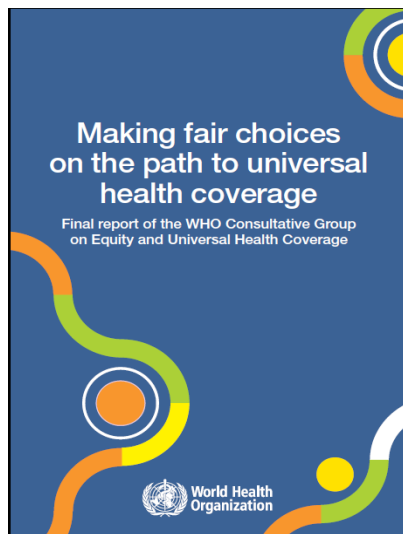


And spend existing funds more efficiently

Declarations of entitlements do not automatically translate into effective coverage.



Chile and Moldova
have both established universal service guarantees; greater focus



STEP 1

Prioritize health services e.g. high need, cost-effective intervention available, provides financial protection

STEP 2

Expand access to priority services to the entire population. Remove cash payments.

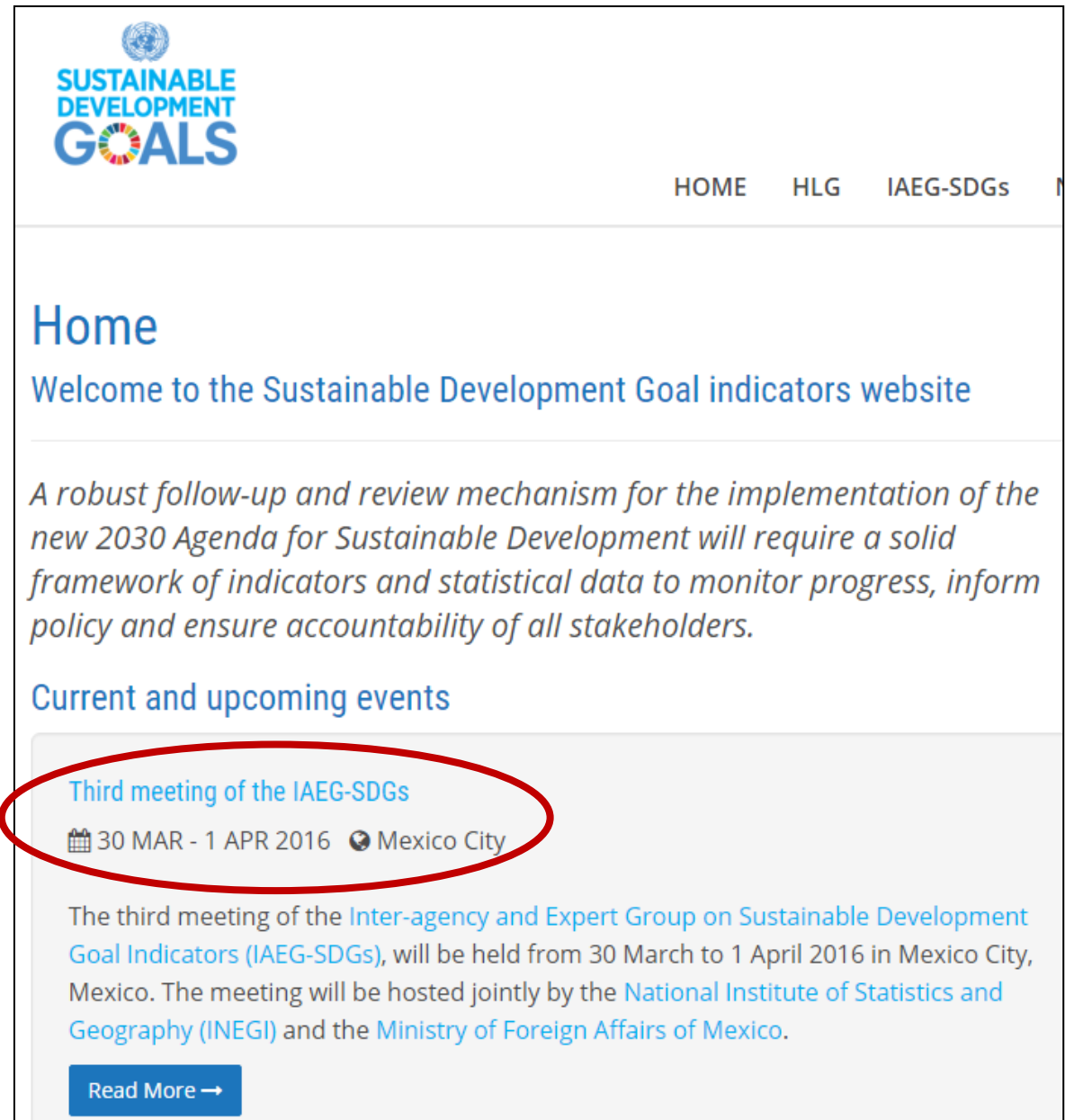
STEP 3

Ensure poor & disadvantaged groups actually access – range of supply and demand side barriers

Monitoring progress on SDG 3

Ongoing discussions

- Currently an issue with respect to the proposed monitoring indicator 3.8.2 for financial protection under SDG3 (UHC).
- Current proposed indicator: *“Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1000 population”*
- New proposal: *“Household health expenditure as % total household income/ expenditure”*



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators website. At the top, there is a header with the 'Sustainable Development Goals' logo and navigation links for 'HOME', 'HLG', and 'IAEG-SDGs'. Below the header, the main content area starts with a 'Home' section, followed by a welcome message. A paragraph discusses the need for a robust follow-up and review mechanism for the 2030 Agenda. The 'Current and upcoming events' section features a highlighted announcement for the 'Third meeting of the IAEG-SDGs', scheduled for 30 March to 1 April 2016 in Mexico City. The announcement text describes the meeting's purpose and hosts. A 'Read More' button is located at the bottom of the event announcement.

Sustainable Development Goals

HOME HLG IAEG-SDGs

Home

Welcome to the Sustainable Development Goal indicators website

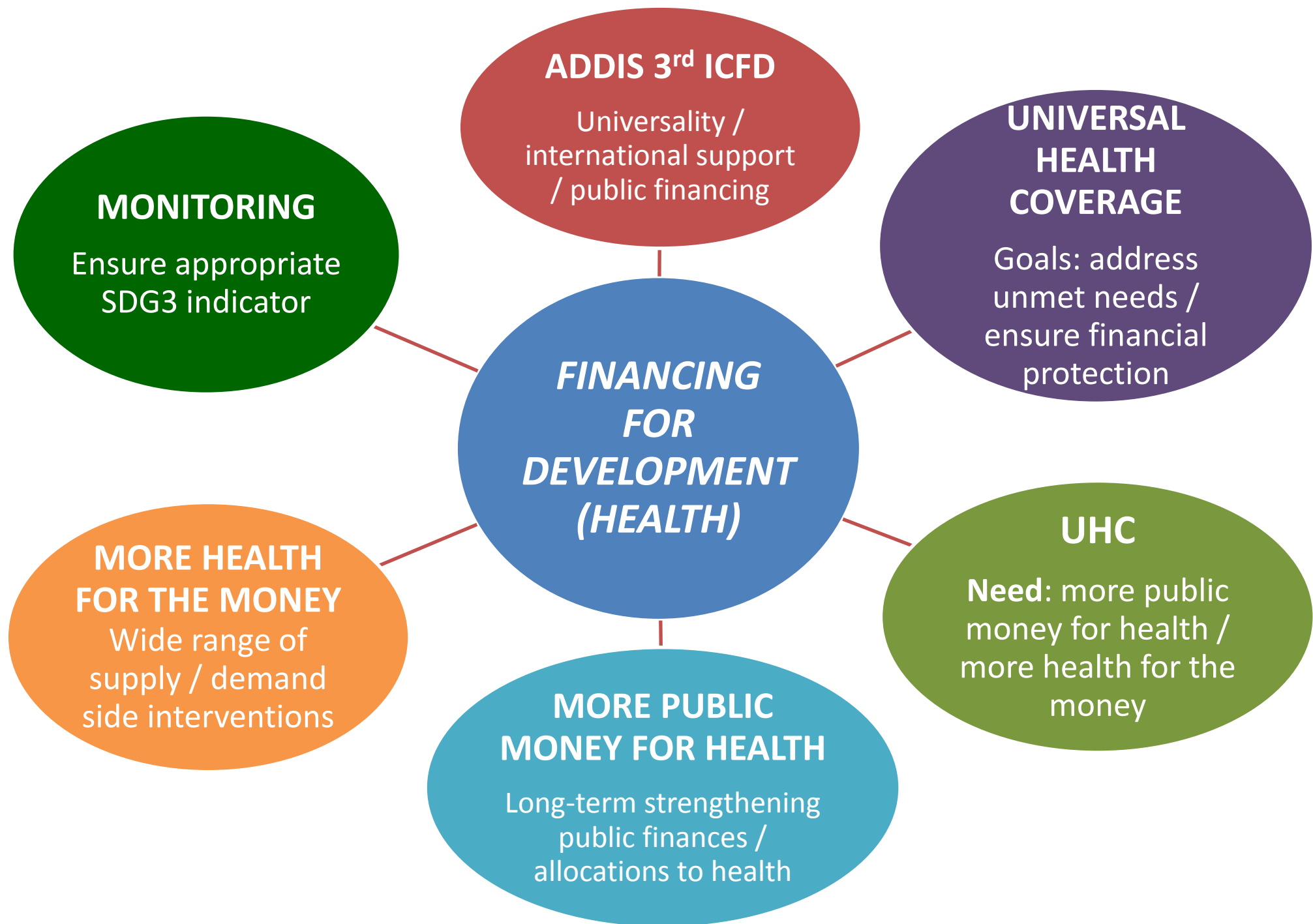
A robust follow-up and review mechanism for the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require a solid framework of indicators and statistical data to monitor progress, inform policy and ensure accountability of all stakeholders.

Current and upcoming events

Third meeting of the IAEG-SDGs
📅 30 MAR - 1 APR 2016 🌐 Mexico City

The third meeting of the [Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators \(IAEG-SDGs\)](#), will be held from 30 March to 1 April 2016 in Mexico City, Mexico. The meeting will be hosted jointly by the [National Institute of Statistics and Geography \(INEGI\)](#) and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico](#).

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