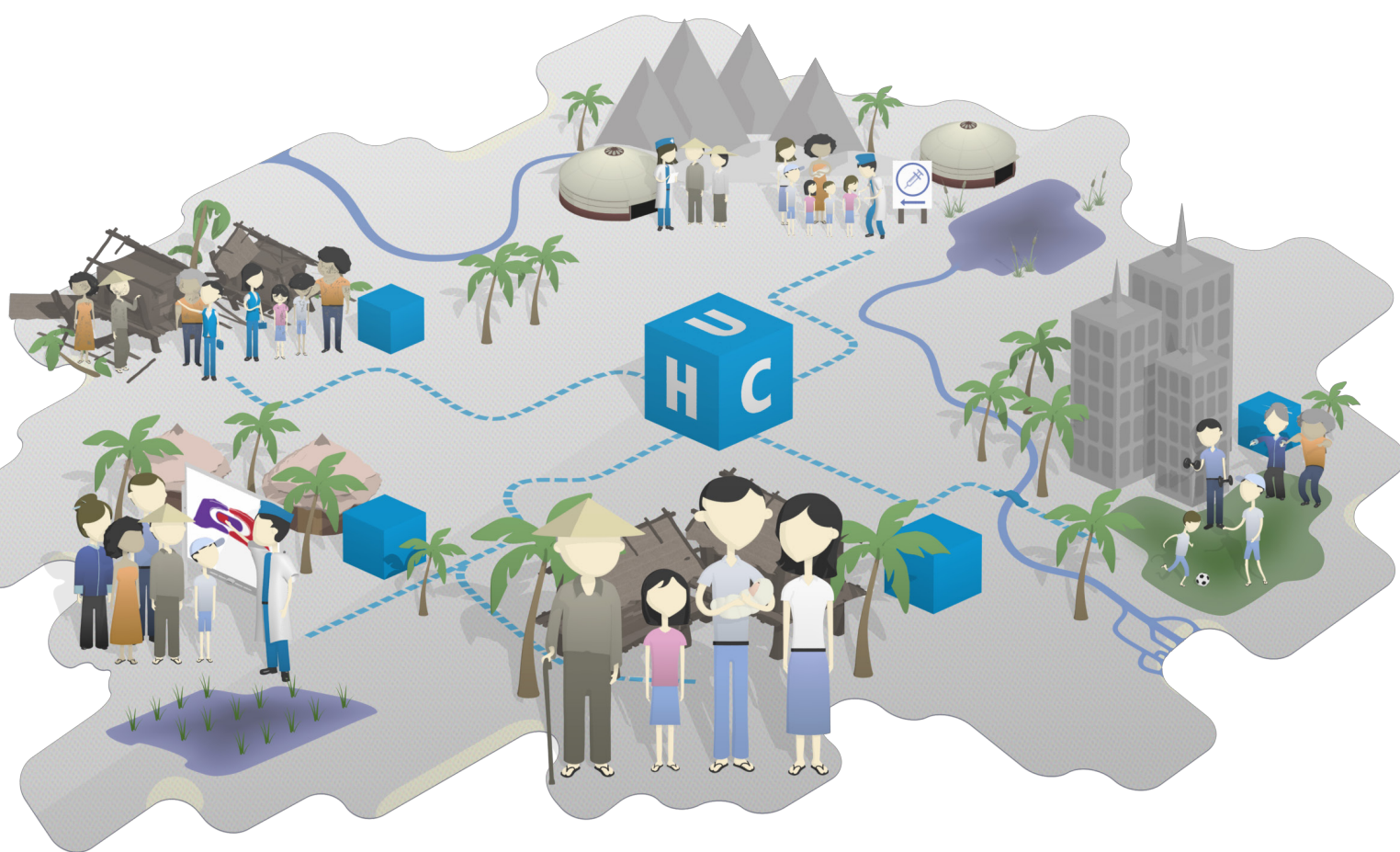


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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
CHIPS	Country Health Information Profiles (Western Pacific Region)
DHIS2	District Health Information System version 2
DRGs	diagnosis-related groups
FFS	fee for service
HIIP	Health Information and Intelligence Platform
HMIS	Health Management Information Systems
ICT	information and communications technology
IHP+	International Health Partnership
IHR	International Health Regulations (2005)
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
m-health	mobile health
NCD	noncommunicable disease
SARS	severe acute respiratory syndrome
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SFFC	spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit
STI	sexually transmitted infection
TB	tuberculosis
UHC	universal health coverage
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
WHO	World Health Organization

FOREWORD

Over the past decade, Member States in the WHO Western Pacific Region have made significant health gains with increased commitments to advance Universal Health Coverage (UHC). UHC is a vision of all people obtaining quality health services without suffering financial hardship. As a goal of health sector development, UHC is one of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UHC also serves as the foundation for the health SDGs while contributing to other SDGs as a pathway to equitable and sustainable health outcomes and resilient health systems.

While working to maintain health gains in the Region, we are constantly faced with new challenges. These challenges are increasingly complex, often spurred by changing demographic and epidemiological profiles, emerging diseases, economic volatility and reduced external funding, among other factors.

At the same time, many Member States are experiencing rapid socioeconomic development, with a corresponding rise in people's expectations and demands for more and higher-quality health services.

At the sixty-sixth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, Member States adopted a resolution on UHC (WPR/RC66.R2) and endorsed *Universal Health Coverage: Moving towards Better Health* — an action framework that provides guidance for Member States to accelerate progress towards UHC and some SDGs.

There is no one-size-fits-all plan to achieve UHC. However, the framework calls on Member States to realize the vision of better health by taking a comprehensive, whole-of-system approach.

The framework supports Member States to develop their own UHC road maps by tailoring a group of interconnected actions as part of their national health policy and planning processes. To that end, the framework identifies 15 action domains under five interrelated attributes of a high-performing health system: quality, efficiency, equity, accountability, and sustainability and resilience.

Member States are not meant to adopt all of the actions at the same time. They are encouraged to select a combination of actions based on their unique context to address their health needs over time according to their ability.

In developing its own road map, each Member State should assess its progress towards UHC, identify gaps, select entry points and opportunities for change, cultivate an enabling environment and intersectoral collaboration across government

and for stakeholder engagement, ensure financial sustainability, and continue to monitor and evaluate progress.

Member States at all levels of development can take steps to advance UHC. WHO is committed to facilitate Member States' actions to make UHC a reality.

Working together, we can help the Region's 1.8 billion people access good-quality and affordable health services and enjoy the highest attainable standard of health as a basic human right for all.



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