Sustainable Universal Health Coverage: two decades of lessons learnt

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- **1975**: Low Income Scheme introduced
- **1980**: CSMBS introduced
- **1983**: CBHI introduced
- **1990**: SHI introduced

Yearly GNI/capita figures are shown to reflect economic progression and healthcare coverage improvements.
Five lessons learnt – ‘G-R-A-S-P’

Good Governance (political power)

Political Commitment & Ownership (soul/spirit)

Health System Research & Regulatory Capacity (Brain)

Adequate and Equitable Health Systems (Body)

Champions

S-A-F-E financing (energy)
G- GOOD GOVERNANCE

• Transparency – all information on web, live webcast of board meeting - ‘it’s very difficult to be selfish in front of the public’

• Accountability – responsiveness and auditing systems

• Participatory – members of the board, subcom, annual public hearing

• Rules by law – clear legal frameworks

• Fair – to both providers and patients

• Efficiency – best value for money
R – HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND REGULATION CAPACITY

Established

– Health Systems Research Institute in 1992
– Health Care Reform project in 1994
– International Health Policy Program in 2000
– National Health Security Office in 2002
– Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program in 2007

Based on in-country research and regulation capacity
– built under the INNE model.
• Strong political will to reallocate resources to build up good rural infrastructure in 1980s

• Extensive production of rural community health workers and health professionals

• Measures to retain and motivate/incentivized health professionals
S - SAFE financing systems

- **Sustainable** – long term affordability by the people (OOP<14%), the Government (TGHE<20%), and the country (GDP on Health<5%)

- **Adequate** – TGHE>17%

- **Fair** – Fair and progressive financial contribution based mainly on Tax

- **Efficient** – measures to ensure ‘more health for money'
P- POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND OWNERSHIP

• Make it a popular political issue – ownership by the people – best timing is linked to election!!

• People’s Act - 50,000+ citizens proposed UHC bill in 2001 – Sat in the commission to shape the bill in detail – board composition, annual public hearing

• Gone thru 7 PMs, two main parties, two military governments – everyone commit with increasing budget
Opportunities favor prepared mind – Champions ‘GRASP’ any political, economic and social opportunities

- **G** Good Governance
- **R** HPHS Research n Regulation Capacity
- **A** Adequate & Equitable Health Systems.
- **S** SAFE Financing
- **P** Political Commitment