Reframing UHC and SDGs

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Outline of presentation

• SDGs and UHC – the same or different?

• SDG contributes to UHC?

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• The Political Economy of SDGs and UHC
1.1 SDGs is equivalent to UHC - broad

- The definition of ‘Health”
  - Health means ‘well-being’ in at least three, not just absence of diseases and infirmity

- The goal of SDGs – ‘Well-Being for All’, UHC - Universal ‘well-being’

We should move from ‘Health’ to ‘Well-Being’ Sector, and from WHO, MoH to WWO, MoW!!
1.2 UHC is part of SDGs - narrow

- Definition of UHC “Universal Access to Essential, Quality, and Comprehensive Health Services and Technologies, including Health Promotion, Disease Prevention, Treatment, Rehabilitation and Care, without Financial Barrier’

- UHC is an important element of SDGs
2. SDGs contributes to UHC

- They are the same ‘Well-being for All’ – broad def
- In the narrower definition of UHC:
  - Less poor, economic growth, education – more demand and investment on UHC
  - Reduce ‘inequality’ – advocacy for UHC
  - Innovation – Genomics, AI, Digital Health – improved access – real meaning of ‘Digital Health’
  - Peace – bring wealth and safe service access
  - Partnership – good governance of UHC

There is no such things as ‘Health Related SDGs’!!
3. UHC contributes to SDGs – few examples

• SDG 1 – reduce ‘Medical Poverty’

• SDG 5,10 – reduce ‘inequality’ - universality

• SDG 8 – decent jobs and economic growth – big return on UHC investment **not expense**

• SDG 9 – opportunity for health innovation and industry
How the Thai UHC contributes to the SDGs?

SDG 1

Prevented 100,000 households from medical poverty annually.
Economic return, income redistribution and health industry

Return on UHC investment

Income redistribution by UHC
Public Investment on Health in Thailand

% government budget on Health

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UHC

Infrastructures Development
4. The Political Economy of SDGs and UHC


- Limited resources but many needs – prioritization based on equity (horizontal, vertical) and efficiency – **Role of Economic**

- Get social scientists, anthropologist, and political scientists involve in the science of SDGs and UHC – not just health specialists
Strategies to reframe and rethink SDGs and UHC

“Triangle that move the mountain”

- Knowledge generation & management
- Social movement
- Political/Policy linkages
- Champions

Prawase Wasi

“Tipping point”

- Three groups of people (Champions)
- Conductive Environment
- Stickiness of the issue

Malcolm Gladwell