

Making
“Universal Essential Health Care”
Operational

Goal and Strategy

- **Wide agreement that the goal should be towards attainment of universal health coverage as envisaged by the HLEG.**
- Strategy of the 12th Plan is to put in a system to achieve the goal and translate the conceptual framework to an operational framework.

Consensus -

**Strong Public Health
Systems for health
promotion, disease
prevention and
healthcare delivery**



GOAL

**Need to build up and strengthen the
system developed under NRHM further**

Strategies to augment Human Resources

- Major Constraint is availability of Human Resources.
- Central Government to support setting up of more medical and other colleges specially in backward districts.
- Focus on increased availability of Nurses, ANMs and Paramedical staff.
- Creation of mid-level health practitioners – BRHC.
- Develop capacity through quality training & supportive supervision.

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Focus areas

- Focus on strengthening primary health care based on availability of more health personnel.
- Priority to be accorded to remote and inaccessible areas.
- Districts should be the focal point for improving the health services.
- Strengthening the district level hospitals to provide advanced secondary level health care.
- Create a district level knowledge institute to provide quality training.
- Strengthening of the health system in the States.
- Developing institutional backup to provide support to the State Governments.

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Focus areas

- Provide greater community oversight and strong grievances redressal mechanism.
- Creation of new authorities – better to convert existing institutions to perform the designated role.
- Focus on disability and differential abilities.
 - Early screening of children for timely detection of disability and treatment.
 - Provide support and care at community level.
 - Improve access to health through communication / awareness and disabled friendly design of health facilities.

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Focus areas

- Focus on Geriatric care.
- Strong emphasis on determinants of health like Nutrition, Water supply and sanitation.
- Addressing the health needs of urban poor through National Urban Health Mission.
- Converge with the National Rural Health Mission as an integrated Health Mission.
- Providing strong community oversight and involvement of Panchayat Functionaries.

National Health Entitlement Package and Universal Health Card

- Introduction of Health Entitlement Card in specific PHCs/CHCs on pilot basis.
 - Prepare database of all families and each family could be attached to a particular doctor in the PHC/CHC.
 - Could begin with Public Providers and through strengthening PHCs.
- Minimum package of health care including diagnostics and drugs to be provided at designated health facilities in designated districts.
- This can be the stepping stone to develop a national health entitlement package and universal health card.

Providing access to medicine

- Through a quick win, need strong procurement and distribution system, close monitoring and quality checks.
- Standard treatment guidelines must be put in place and enforced along with system of prescription audit.
- Review existing health insurance programmes to examine if they are aligned to the objectives of universal health care and whether their expansion will result in a mismatch between health expenditure and national health goals.

Focus areas

- Continued focus on reproductive and child health to achieve MDGs, communicable diseases and the growing non communicable diseases.
- Require strong commitment of functionaries at all levels and strong political support.

Thank you.