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**

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.
  – 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.