



# ZAMBIA



The Government of the Republic of Zambia prioritizes the health sector as a significant contributor to the wellbeing of the people of Zambia and is committed to the provision of quality health services to its population



## ZAMBIA NATIONAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN, 2017-2021

<p><b>16 591 390</b></p> <p>TOTAL POPULATION, (2016)</p>	<p><b>61 YEARS</b></p> <p>LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH, (2015)</p>	<p><b>195\$</b></p> <p>TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA, (2014)</p>	<p><b>62%</b></p> <p>TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT COVERAGE, (2016)</p>
<p><b>30%</b></p> <p>OUT OF POCKET EXPENDITURE AS % OF TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE, (2014)</p>	<p><b>11%</b></p> <p>GENERAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH EXPENDITURE AS % OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, (2014)</p>	<p><b>38%</b></p> <p>EXTERNAL AID AS % OF TOTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE, (2014)</p>	<p><b>56%</b></p> <p>ANTENATAL CARE COVERAGE, (2013-2014)</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>HOSPITAL BEDS PER 10 000 POPULATION, (2010)</p>	<p><b>36%</b></p> <p>RURAL POPULATION WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES, (2015)</p>	<p><b>91%</b></p> <p>DTP3 IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE AMONG 1-YEAR-OLDS, (2016)</p>	<p><b>63%</b></p> <p>BIRTHS ATTENDED BY SKILLED HEALTH PERSONNEL, (2013)</p>

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## CURRENT PRIORITIES

Vision 2030 set by the Government prioritizes the health sector as a significant contributor to the wellbeing of the people of Zambia. The Government is committed to the provision of quality health services and continued investment in the health sector since a healthy population is critical to improved production and productivity. Since 2010, progress has been recorded in most of the key areas of health service delivery and health support systems. Despite these achievements, the health sector still faces challenges. The NHSP 2011-2016 includes collaborating with relevant stakeholders to speed up the implementation of the National Decentralization Policy, in order to facilitate improved service delivery.

## LINKAGE TO UHC

Access by the population to quality social and health services has been an area of concern for successful Zambian Governance since independence in 1964. Moreover, the concept of *"equity of access to assure quality, cost-effective and affordable health services, as close to the family as possible"* is at the heart of the 1992 National Health Policies and Strategies which is guiding policy reforms since its enactment. Public health infrastructures have been progressively brought closer to the population, while decentralization policies were aimed at giving them ownership on their health services. Different health financing systems have been tested, resulting today in an increasing tendency towards the provision of free or highly subsidized health services. Today, the National Health Policy explicitly spells out ways for advancing UHC, and UHC is part of the broader national efforts to deal with extreme poverty, social exclusion and gender inequity. However, with at least 68% of the population living in poverty, access to health services is still compromised in terms of access and affordability.

# WHO SUPPORT TO DATE

- Development of the National Health Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021
- Capacity building of key MOH health financing officials on health financing for UHC
- Institutionalization and development of National Health Accounts (NHA)
- Technical and financial support to the M&E Unit to prepare and conduct Joint Annual Review in 2017

## Remaining gap: Unclear roles and responsibilities between Ministries

↳ **Recommendation: Redefine roles and responsibilities.**

## Remaining gap: Inadequate funding to the sector

↳ **Recommendation : Advocate for improved funding to health sector.**

## Remaining gap: Inadequate sharing and use of health information

↳ **Recommendation : Tailored capacity-building measures at decentralized levels.**

## Stories from the field:

**First steps into the Partnership : the use of a tailored roadmap supporting the current needs of Zambia**



The Republic of Zambia is one of the countries newly joining the UHC Partnership in Phase III. Once a country gains membership in the UHC Partnership, an inception mission is organized by WHO staff. During this mission, the Zambia Ministry of Health (MOH) convened - with WHO support - key health stakeholders to align on a country road map with activities which support the current needs of the country in areas linked to policy dialogue on national plans, health financing and/or effective development cooperation. In drawing up the country-specific roadmap, particular attention was paid not only to input and output, but also to outcome indicators. The activities included in the roadmap will guide the implementation and expenditures decisions over the two years period of the UHC Partnership with the MoH Zambia.



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