

# SESSION 2: OVERVIEW OF HEALTH FINANCING

ATTAINING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR  
FAMILY PLANNING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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## SESSION 2.1 Joint understanding of:

1. *Why health financing matters: for individuals and systems*
2. *What is health financing: narrow and broad concepts*
3. *What are health financing means and ends: choices and implications*



# *I. WHY HEALTH FINANCING MATTERS:*

## FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SYSTEMS



# EXERCISE #1: HEALTH FINANCING MATTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS

**Akwaaba!**

Today, we are all Ghanaians:

*Men and women*

*Young and old*

*Rich and poor*

*Healthy and sick*

*Do and do not want family planning services*

**Volunteers:**

- Read your identity card and name yourself
- Tell us if you want access to family planning services, and why health financing matters to the Ghanaian “you”

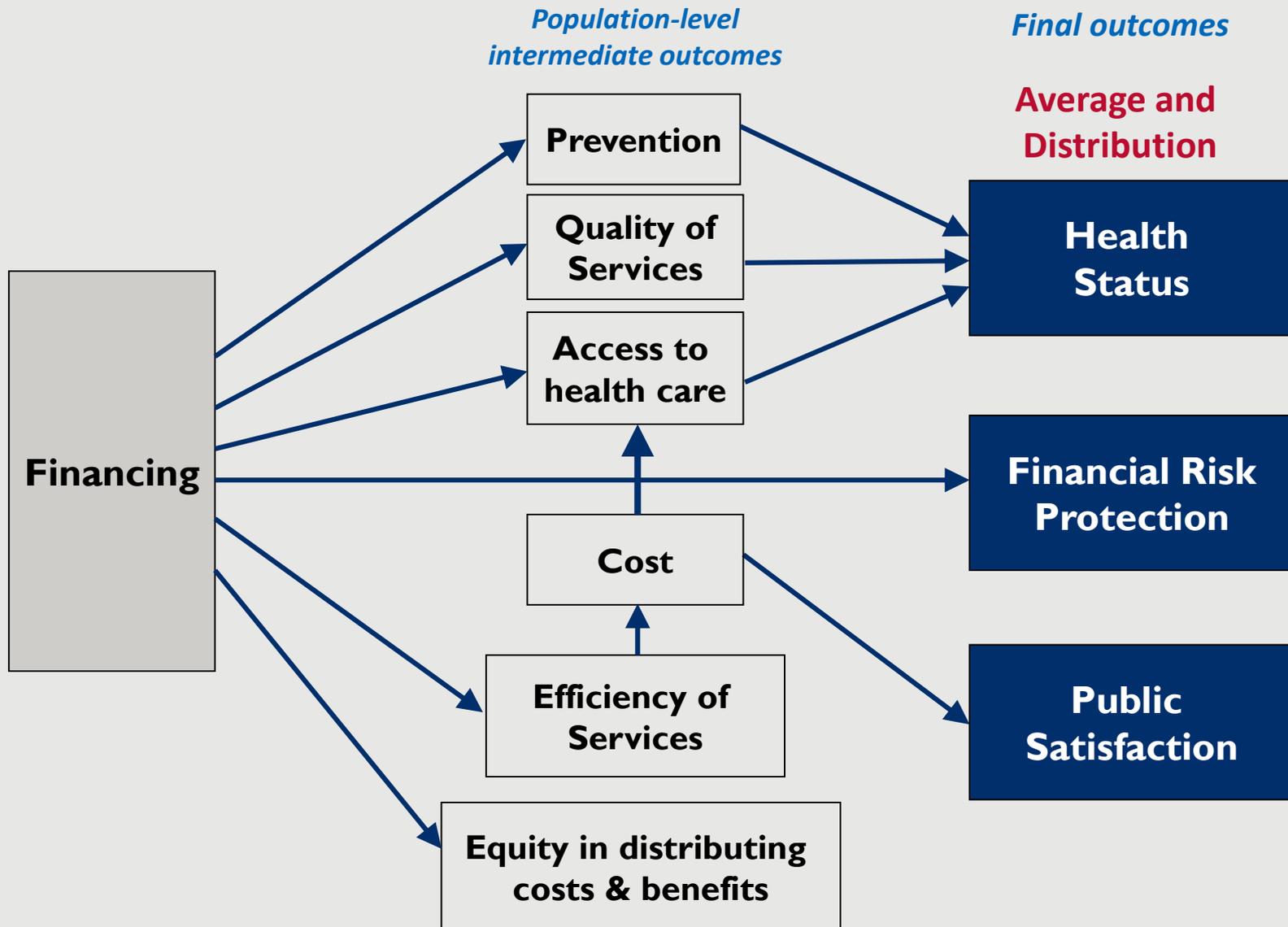


# EXERCISE #1: HEALTH FINANCING MATTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS (con't)

- **Sources of funding:** Do I have to contribute, do I benefit?
- **Pooling:** Is my risk of need pooled with others' risks, and others' wealth?
- **Benefit packages:** Are the services I need covered?
- **Risk rating or “affordability” rating:** Do I pay based on my risk, or my ability to afford?
- **Loss/denial of coverage:** Can my coverage be taken away?



# HOW DOES FINANCING AFFECT SYSTEM & FP GOALS?



# HEALTH FINANCING POLICY IS VITAL BECAUSE IT DETERMINES:

How much is available for health and health care?

Who controls the funds and how they are allocated?

Who manages how efficiently and effectively funds are used?

What financial incentives are given to patients and providers?



Who has access to health care, including FP?

How many people fall into poverty?

Will health care cost inflation be controlled?

## *2. WHAT IS HEALTH FINANCING?*

### NARROW AND BROAD CONCEPTS



# NARROW CONCEPT:

FINANCING DEFINED AS MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES

How much?



Where from?

Who controls?

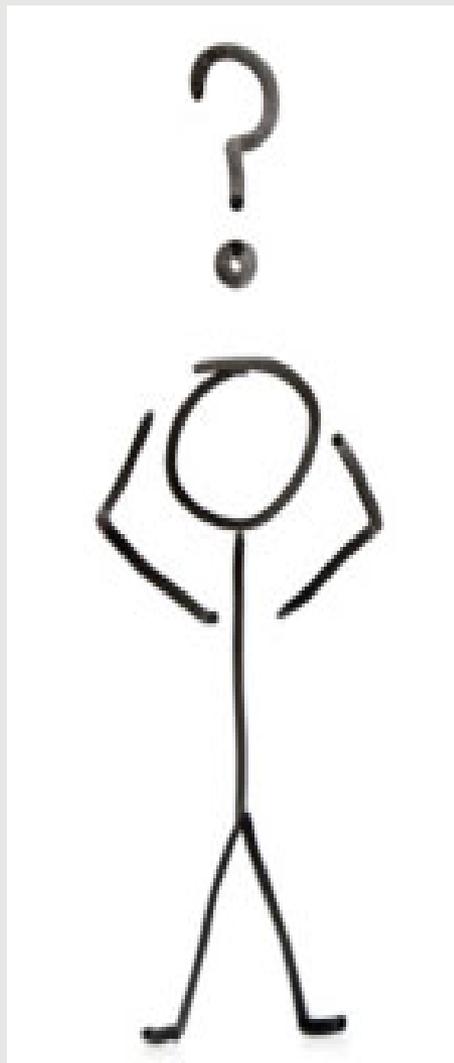
# QUESTION: HOW MUCH SHOULD A COUNTRY SPEND ON UHC?

2001 Commission on Macroeconomics and Health:  
US\$34 per capita

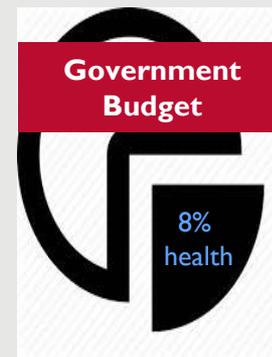
2011 Taskforce on Innovative Financing:  
US\$52 per capita



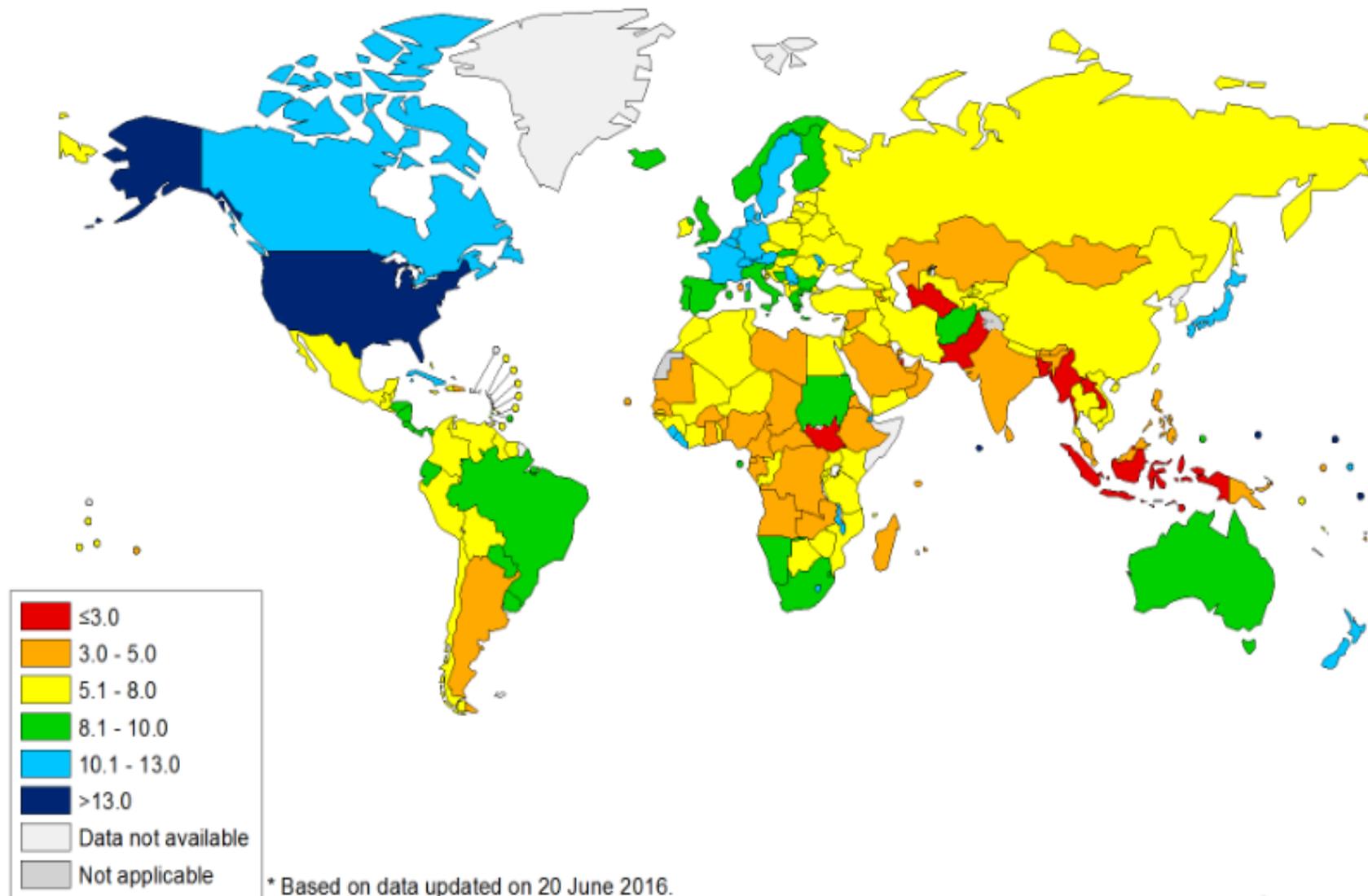
International Labor Office:  
~US\$250



WHO Eastern Mediterranean Office



## Total expenditure on health as a percentage of the gross domestic product, 2014 \*



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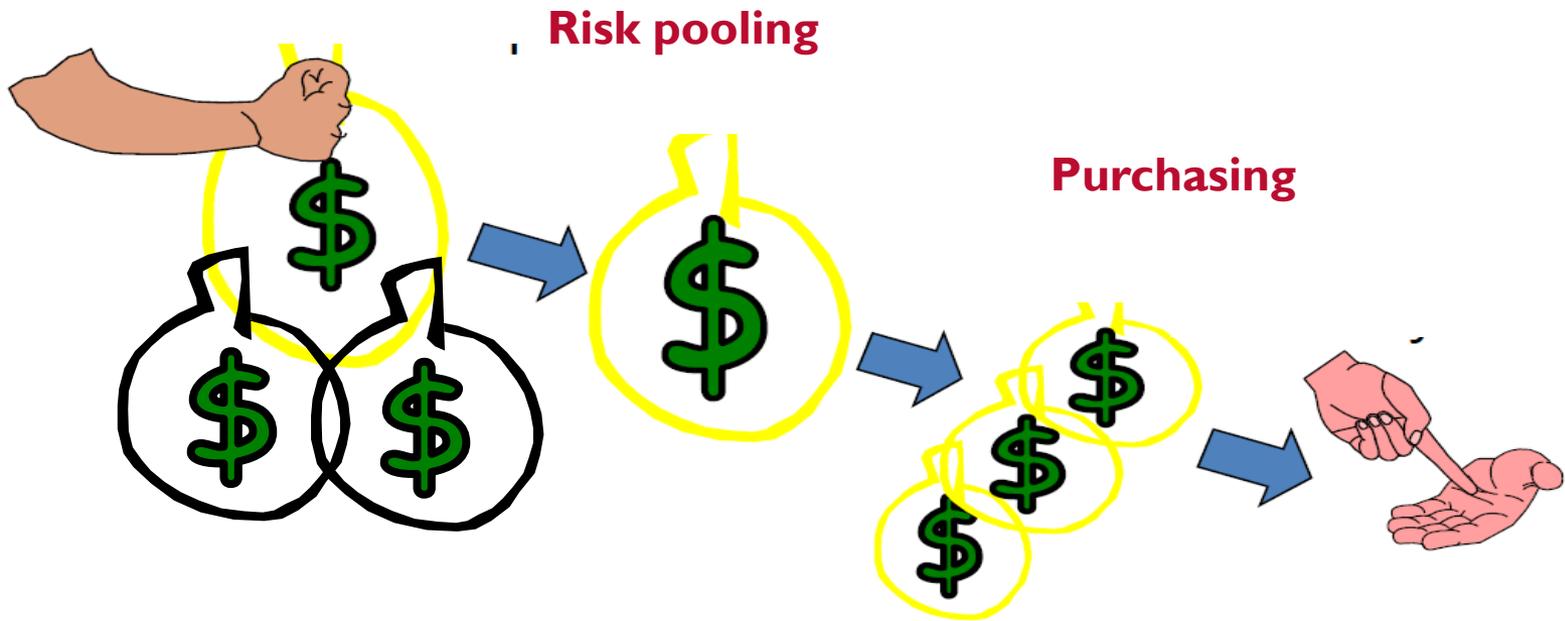
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# TOTAL & OOP HEALTH EXPENDITURES (2014)

	<b>THE per capita, PPP</b> (constant 2011 int'l \$)	<b>Out-of-pocket health expenditure</b> (% of THE)
<b>Benin</b>	86	39 %
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	82	39 %
<b>DRC</b>	32	39 %
<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	187	51 %
<b>Ghana</b>	145	27 %
<b>Kenya</b>	169	26 %
<b>Madagascar</b>	44	41 %
<b>Malawi</b>	93	11%
<b>Mali</b>	108	48 %
<b>Mauritania</b>	148	44 %
<b>Niger</b>	54	34 %
<b>Senegal</b>	107	37 %
<b>Tanzania</b>	137	23 %
<b>Uganda</b>	133	41 %

# BROAD CONCEPT OF HEALTH FINANCING

## Resource mobilization

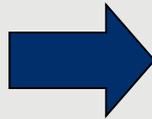


# BROAD CONCEPT: FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES

## Functions

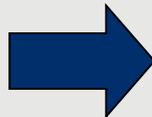
## Objectives

**Resource  
Mobilization**



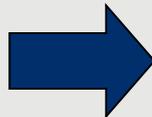
*Raise sufficient and sustainable resources in an efficient and equitable manner*

**Risk Pooling**



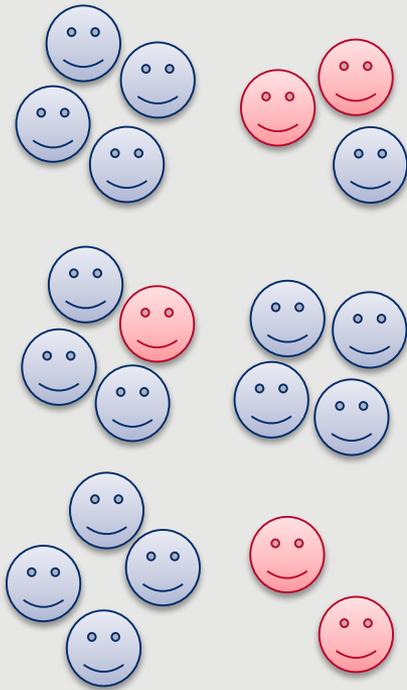
*Pool health risks equitably and efficiently*

**Purchasing**

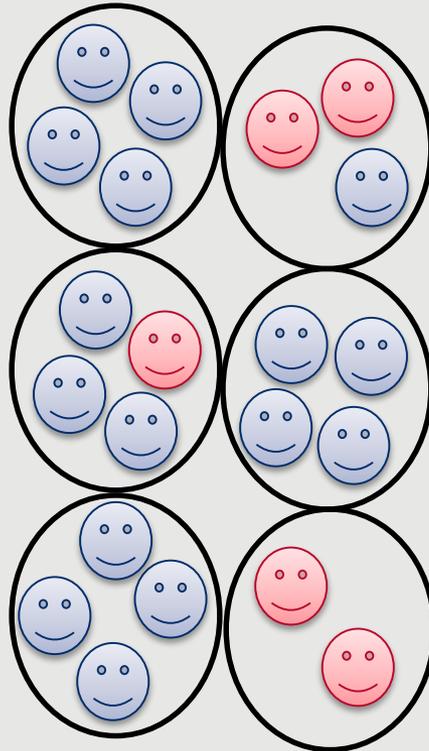


*Allocate funds efficiently to provide individuals with a package of essential services to improve health status and to protect against impoverishment against unpredictable financial losses*

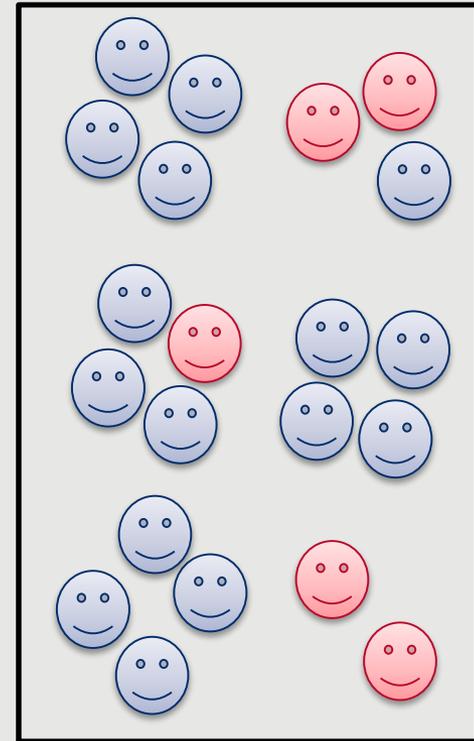
# HEALTH FINANCING FUNCTIONS – POOLING



No risk pools



Fragmented risk pools



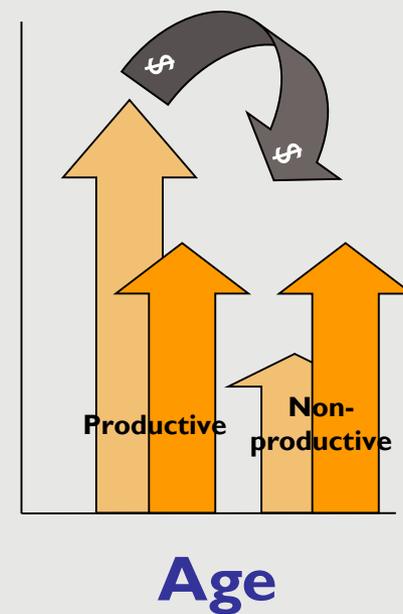
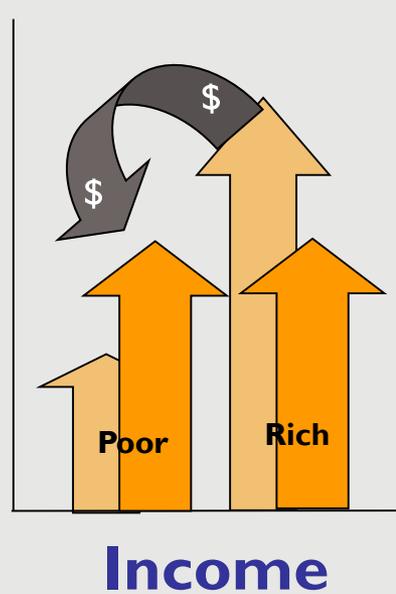
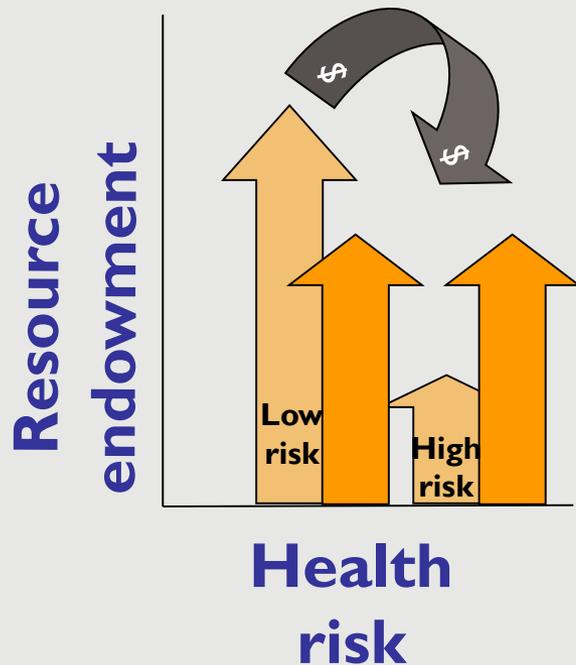
Unitary risk pool

# POOLING ALLOWS CROSS-SUBSIDIZATION FROM...

...low-risk to high-risk

...rich to poor

...productive to non-productive ages



# HEALTH FINANCING FUNCTIONS – PURCHASING AND PROVIDER PAYMENT

## Four key questions for purchasing:

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. <i>For whom?</i>            | Population coverage         |
| 2. <i>What (and what not)?</i> | Benefits package            |
| 3. <i>From whom?</i>           | Health providers            |
| 4. <i>How to pay/price?</i>    | Provider payment mechanisms |

Purchasers buy health services for groups ranging in size from one (out-of-pocket payments) to an entire population (single-payer)

# PASSIVE VS. STRATEGIC PURCHASING

**Purchasing:** buying health services on behalf of the covered population

- **Packages of Services:** *what* services are purchased
- **Pricing:** *how much* are services purchased for
- **Contracting and PPMs:** *how* are services purchased

**Strategic Purchasing:** **active, evidence-based** engagement in defining these components in order to maximize societal objectives.

- The “right” payment mechanism this year probably won’t be right next year

# PURCHASING MECHANISMS

	Supply Side	Demand Side
Input based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budgets</li><li>• Contractual allocations</li><li>• Capitation-based payments</li></ul>	
Output based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fee-For Service</li><li>• Case-based Payment</li><li>• Diagnosis-Related Group payments</li><li>• Pay-for-Performance/RBF</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vouchers</li><li>• Conditional Cash Transfers</li></ul>

# 3. HEALTH FINANCING

## MEANS, ENDS, AND EXAMPLES

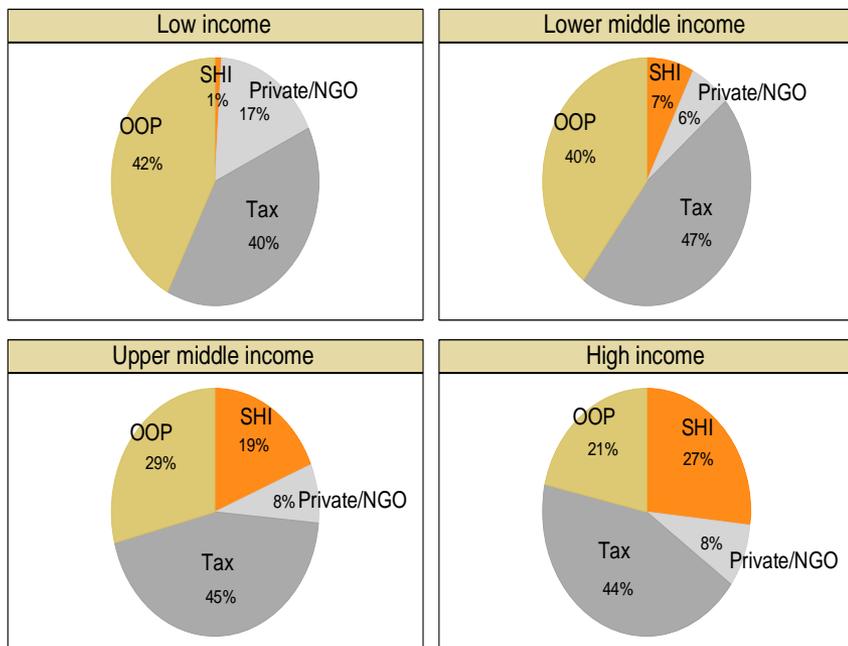


# OPTIONS FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. Out-of-pocket
2. General government revenues
3. Externally financed
4. Insurance:
  - Social insurance: Compulsory; Public or private management
  - Private: Voluntary
  - Community-based health insurance

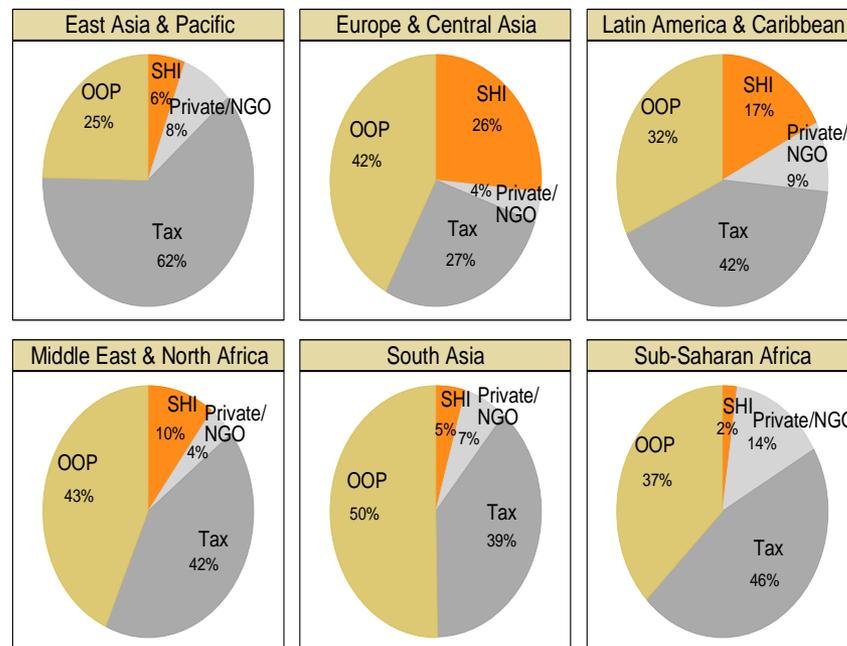
# NO COUNTRY USES ONE “PURE” MODEL OF HEALTH FINANCING...

Total health expenditure by source, 2013



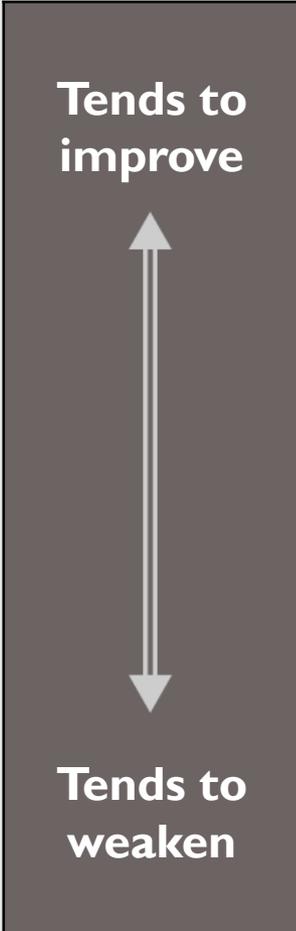
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# SUMMARY IMPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT REVENUE SOURCES

 <p>Tends to improve</p> <p>Tends to weaken</p>	Equity	Risk Pooling	Reduce Risk Selection	Efficiency*
	General Rev	General Rev	General Rev	User Fee ( <i>Sometimes hard to collect</i> )
	Social Ins	Social Ins	Social Ins	Social Ins
	CBHI	CBHI	CBHI	CBHI
	Private Ins	User Fees	Private Ins	Private Ins ( <i>High Administrative Cost</i> )
	User Fee	User Fee	-----	Many general rev/ direct public provision plans are <i>inefficient</i>

\*Efficiency factors include technical efficiency and administrative costs.

# POP QUIZ: FINANCING BASICS

1. What are the three main health financing functions?
2. What is the difference between passive and strategic purchasing?
3. Which health financing function enables the wealthy to subsidize the poor, and the healthy to subsidize the sick?
4. BONUS: What's all this have to do with family planning?

# TAKE HOME MESSAGES ON HEALTH FINANCING

1. Incredibly consequential policy issue (for individuals, health system, and family planning goals)
2. Many policy decisions, some much more difficult (sources, pooling, allocation and payment)
3. Ideological approaches likely to fail (pragmatism is key, but major gov't funding hard to avoid for UHC)
4. Tradeoffs on objectives of reform (with no clear “right” answer)

# THANK YOU!



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