

Research Actions for Marginalized Communities: Research for Peoples' Health

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Universal Health Care

- The Aquino Health Agenda 2010 – 2016

Universal Social Health Insurance by End of 2013

Universal Health Care for All Filipinos by end of June 2016

Corollary Agenda

Reproductive Health Law

Sin Tax Law – Collections earmarked for Universal Health Care

Increase of DOH Budget from P24 billion in 2010 to P84 billion in 2014 and PhilHealth benefits from P25 million to P60 million by 2014

The Goal of UHC

- The implementation of Universal Health Care shall be directed towards
 - ensuring the achievement of the health system goals of better health outcomes,
 - sustained health financing and
 - responsive health system by ensuring that all Filipinos, especially the disadvantaged group in the spirit of solidarity, have equitable access to affordable health care.

The Objectives of UHC

- Universal Health Care is an approach that seeks to improve, streamline, and scale up the reform strategies in HSRA and FI in order
- To address inequities in health outcomes by ensuring that all Filipinos, especially those belonging to the lowest two income quintiles, have equitable access to quality health care.
- This approach shall strengthen the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) as the prime mover in improving financial risk protection, generating resources to modernize and sustain health facilities, and
- Improve the provision of public health services to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The Definition of UHC

- Universal Health Care - a focused approach to health reform implementation, ensuring that all Filipinos especially the poor receive the benefits of health reform.
- This is a deliberate focus on the poor to ensure that they are given financial risk protection through enrollment to PhilHealth and
- That they are able to access affordable and quality health care and services in times of needs.

The 3 Most Marginalized Communities in the Philippines

- Indigenous Peoples
- People with Disabilities
- People living in GIDA areas
(Geographically Isolated
Disadvantaged Areas)

Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines

- Total IP in the Philippines:
11, 320, 476
Highest at Region XI (1, 882, 622)

Total identified ethnolinguistic groups:
110 (Abelling / Aborlin to Umayamon)

Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

- Total Population (2010):
1, 443, 000 (1.57% of 92.1
million household population)

People Living in GIDA

(Geographically Isolated Disadvantaged Areas)

- Estimated 10% of the population of the Philippines (around 9 million of the total population)
- 4,720 GIDA barangays as of 2013

Research Actions for Indigenous Peoples

- Review and Compilation of Related Literature (Published and Grey literature) on the Health Beliefs and Practices of all Indigenous Peoples
- New research on health beliefs and practices (especially gaps in the RRL)
- Inventory of traditional healers among all Indigenous Peoples
- Inventory of conventional health professionals belonging to Indigenous Peoples
- Why Universal Social Health Insurance and Universal Health Care do not reach Indigenous Peoples?

Research Actions for Persons with Disabilities

- Essential health needs of people with disabilities
- Why Universal Social Health Insurance and Universal Health Care do not reach people with disabilities?
- Essential health service package from PhilHealth for people with disabilities (especially for children)
- The cost of financing Universal Health Care for people with disabilities

Research Actions for Population Living in GIDA

- Essential health needs of people living in GIDA
- Why Universal Social Health Care and Universal Health Care do not reach people living in GIDA?
- Health professionals in GIDA areas
- Essential health service package for people living in GIDA
- How health services made available and accessible to people living in GIDA?

Challenges to the Research Community of the Philippines

- Are we ready to invest in health research for marginalized communities and peoples' health?
- Are we ready to be in solidarity and unity with marginalized communities?
- Can we have our researches translated into actions and policies for marginalized communities?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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Maraming salamat po!