



IAP statement for the UN HLM on UHC, 23 September 2019

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The UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel for Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent (IAP-EWEC) welcomes the High-level Meeting Declaration on Universal Health Coverage. It calls for accountable and transparent institutions to ensure social justice, rule of law, good governance and ending corruption. This is an accountability agenda for a healthier, more secure world.

The IAP-EWEC, the only independent SDG accountability mechanism so far, recommends that governments and stakeholders:

- 1. Ensure an independent accountability mechanism for UHC, building on the IAP-EWEC, based on:**
 - resources, rights and results
 - monitoring, independent review, remedy and action
 - holistic, people-centred and life course approaches
 - evidence, inclusiveness and transparency
 - equity, ethics, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 2. Make UHC the umbrella for health accountability**

Sociopolitical accountability for UHC would cover non-communicable and communicable diseases, emergencies and other health priorities.
- 3. Prioritize the health of women, children and adolescents, and others left furthest behind**

They are hardest hit by ill-health, inequities, financial and environmental challenges.
- 4. Focus on country needs, mechanisms and impact**

Effective UHC accountability – with governments, UN and international development agencies, multisectoral and multistakeholder partners including UHC 2030 and PMNCH – should align with established national review mechanisms for health, rights and SDG impact.