

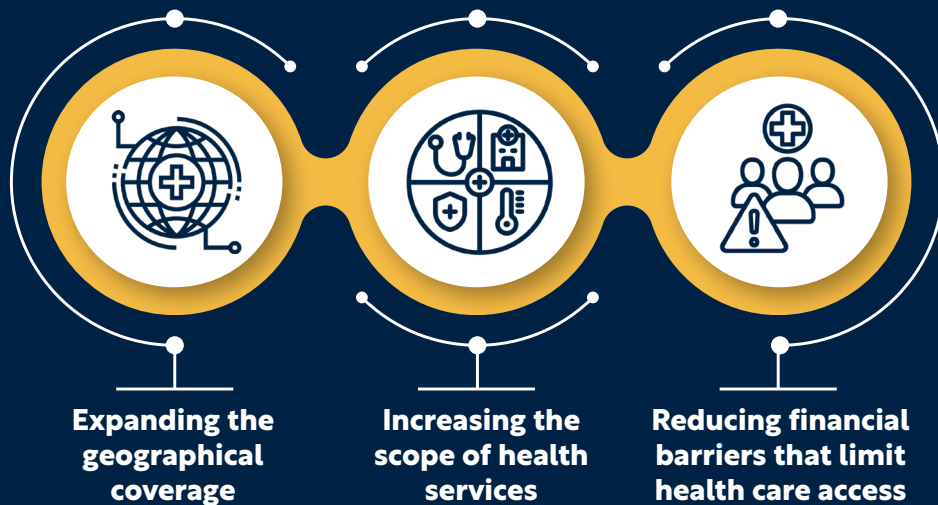
EXPANDING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL

HEALTH INVESTMENTS UNLOCK GREATER HUMAN AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

THE WORLD BANK IS STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE

The World Bank Group will help countries reach

1.5 BILLION PEOPLE WITH MORE AND BETTER HEALTH SERVICES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS



Health challenges worldwide are mounting...

- Over half the world's population – **about 4.5 billion people** – lack access to essential health services
- More than **2 billion people face severe financial hardship** paying out-of-pocket for those services.

... as health investments decline

- Financing for health **is an investment, not an expense**. It unlocks future human capital and economic progress.
- But the the share of what many countries are spending on health **is lower today than it was in 2019** – before the COVID-19 pandemic.

If current health trends persist



Climate change may push an additional **132 million** people, into extreme poverty by 2030, about **one-third** of them because of climate-related health risks.



At least **21 million** more lives could be lost due to climate-induced infectious diseases, poor nutrition, and heat-related illnesses.



There is a good likelihood of another respiratory pandemic claiming at least **10 million lives** within the next decade.



Rapidly **aging populations** around the globe are driving a rise in non-communicable diseases and, with them, a surge in health care costs.



Projections predict a shortfall of **10 million healthcare workers** by 2030, with the largest gap in the poorest countries.

OUR RESOURCES WILL HELP COUNTRIES:



Build services

that respond to demographic and epidemiological changes – such as women’s and children’s health, approaches to non-communicable diseases, and long-term care for aging people.



Improve protections

against existential threats – such as climate change and pandemics – through better tools, medicines, and upskilled health workers.



Target people

most in need and enhance financial protection for them.

HOW WE WORK:

Increase Financing

- **Support countries to prioritize and increase health spending** in national budgets, and improve health spending through better public financial management, payment systems, data, and transparency.
- **Increase health investments through an ambitious IDA21 replenishment**, as well as through concessional grant financing.
- **Work with private sector partners** on investments to deliver health services to all, especially those with the least access (through the International Finance Corporation).



Reshape Knowledge and Learning

- **Offer learning programs for developing countries** with latest knowledge and trends.
- **Facilitate cross-country learning opportunities** through the Joint Learning Network.



Expand Partnerships

- **Diversify partnerships at country level** and build local capacity for health emergencies; accelerate digitalization and improve food and nutrition security.
- **Engage with the global health community, philanthropists, the private sector, civil society, and academics** to align health investments for greater impact.

