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# Leave No One's Health Behind: Invest in health systems for all.

Everyone, everywhere deserves access to quality essential health services without suffering financial hardship. Universal Health Coverage Day is the annual rallying point for advocates to raise their voices and share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, call on leaders to make smarter investments in health and remind the world about the imperative of universal health coverage (UHC).

The COVID-19 pandemic has been an ongoing reckoning for health systems around the world. We've seen time and again that health is foundational to progress across all of the Sustainable Development Goals, from gender equality to education to poverty alleviation. The case for UHC has never been stronger.

If we are to prevent future pandemics and achieve health and well-being for all by 2030, we must prioritize equity – investing more in health and allocating resources efficiently and equitably according to need.

No matter where you are in the world, you can join UHC Day 2021 to demand change and call on leaders to invest in strong, equitable systems that leave no one's health behind. UHC is vital for an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic and an equitable global recovery, so we can all get better faster, together.

On 12 December, join us to demand action on universal health coverage and call on leaders to invest in health systems for all that leave no one behind. Our lives, livelihoods and futures depend on it.