

# Accelerating progress towards Universal Health Coverage in Africa



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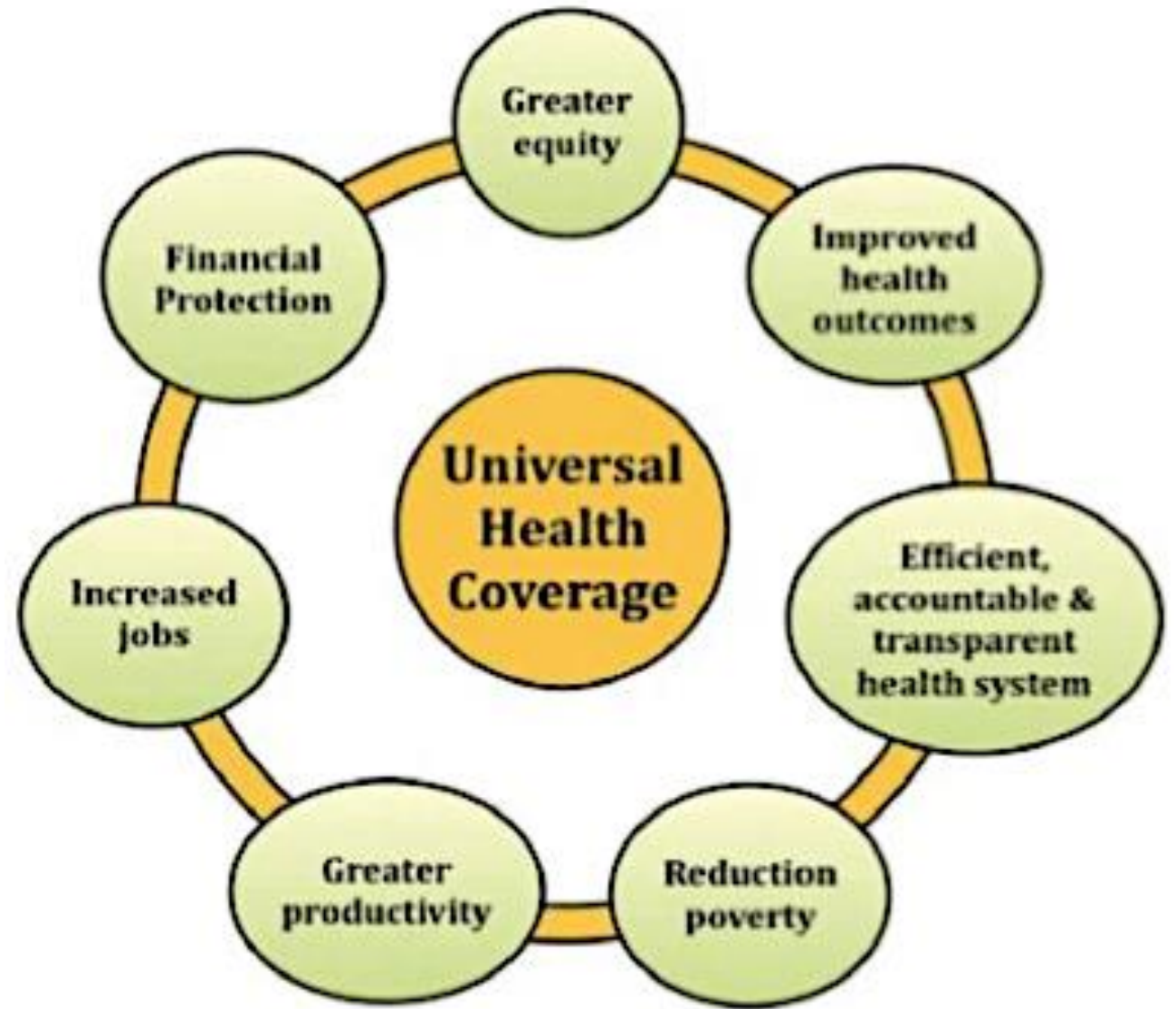
# Health and Human Capital



- People are more productive when they are healthier.
- Investments in human capital and better access to quality health services is fundamental.
- Investments in human capital contribute to poverty reduction and improving the income generating potential of Africa.

# Universal Health Coverage

All people have access to effective and high-quality health services without facing financial hardship.





# Barriers to Universal Health Coverage in Africa

- Long distances to health facilities.
- Shortage of medical equipment and drugs.
- Sub-optimal hospital bed density.
- Uneven distribution of skilled health workers
- Underfunding of the health sector and high out-of-pocket expenditure.





# **No single pathway to Universal Health Coverage**





# Key shifts and investments



Stimulating government investments in health



Investing in health infrastructure to ensure access to quality health services



Leveraging the resources of the private sector



Expanding coverage of pre-paid contributory schemes



Investing in quality human resources for health



Building local pharmaceutical production on the continent

# The Bank's Strategy for Quality Health Infrastructure in Africa



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- Increased access to quality health infrastructure including diagnostics and IT connectivity.
- Expansion of social health protection schemes particularly targeting the most vulnerable.
- Build capacity for public-private partnerships.