

EU-AFD Research Facility on Inequalities

Health Spending in Malawi: Has Equality in Spending Increased as a Result of UHC Policies?

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Webinar

The University of Malawi College of Medicine and its partners at the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health and at the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) are delighted to invite you to the dissemination event "*Health Spending in Malawi: Has Equality in Spending Increased as a Result of UHC Policies?*"

This dissemination event is part of the [EU-AFD Research Facility on inequalities](#), a three-year program (2018-2020) developed through the financial support from the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission and coordination of the French Development Agency (AFD).

The objective of the Research Facility is to enhance the knowledge and understanding of economic and social inequalities in developing and emerging countries, their drivers and underlying factors at different spatial levels, as well as the most effective policies and approaches to address and reduce them.

The study assessed [how the distributional incidence of both public and overall spending on health changed over time](#). We aimed at understanding if and how equality in health spending has evolved in relation to the implementation of Universal Health Coverage reforms, such as user fee removal policies and performance-based financing. Furthermore, we explored sources of heterogeneity between urban and rural settings and across provinces. While our study assessed equality in health spending in three different African countries, the webinar today will focus specifically on the analyses and findings from Malawi.

The webinar will take place on the **24th September 2020 at 9:30AM (GMT+2)**. By bringing together experts from national authorities, academia and civil society, the event will provide a forum for debating on country-specific needs in terms of policies for fighting inequality.

Kindly confirm your attendance by Sept 20th to:

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Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93298796359?pwd=UC90MjI5MIBZbXB6NWFQMVN0V1ZZdz09>

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AGENDA

9h30 – 9h45	Fanuel Lapmiao, Dean, Postgraduate Studies and Research, College of Medicine <i>Introductory remarks</i>
9h45 – 10h45	Adamson S. Muula – College of Medicine <i>Brief introduction to the project and its objectives</i> Manuela De Allegri & Martin Rudasingwa – Heidelberg Institute of Global Health <i>Findings from Benefit Incidence Analysis of Public & Overall Health Expenditure in Burkina Faso</i>
10h45 – 11h20	Question & Answer Session moderated by Adamson Muula
11h20 – 11h30	Cecilia Poggi – AFD <i>Closing remarks</i>

The study research outputs (articles and policy briefs) are available at the following [link of the EU-AFD Research Facility webpage](#).

Webinar guidelines

Joining the event:

- You can join via a smartphone, but the quality of the presentation might be lower and the interactions limited. Thus, we advise you to use a computer instead.
- Please log on to the event a few minutes early.
- The webinar will begin once the research team has launched it.
- In the meantime, a waiting screen will appear.

During the webinar:

- The moderator and the panellists are the only one to appear on stage.
- A Q&A feature will be open throughout the event. The panellists will respond to the questions after their presentation. Please, be aware that the questions are public and that everyone can see them (panellists and attendees included).

To ask a question:

- You will be able to ask questions using the Chat function of the program.
- The moderator will collect questions and the panellists will answer them either in the text box or at the end of the presentation

INSTITUTIONS & TEAM MEMBERS

School of Public Health and Family Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Malawi

The School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Malawi College of Medicine is the largest postgraduate programme in Malawi. The School offer several masters and Phd programmes related to Public Health and Epidemiology and has the largest number of professors within the University. Programmes offers include: MSc Epidemiology, MSc Public Health, MPhil and PhDs.

Adamson Muula is currently Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology. He earned a medical degree from the University of Malawi (after studying at the Flinders University of South Australia and University of Malawi), a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University (California) and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prof Muula conducts health services research, adolescent sexual and reproductive health research and key populations (HIV) research).

Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, Heidelberg University Hospital and Medical Faculty, Germany

Located within Heidelberg University Hospital, the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH), previously known as Heidelberg Institute of Public Health was founded in 1962 and has a long tradition in contributing to the improvement of population health through research and teaching, both in low- and middle-income countries and in Europe. Multiple disciplines co-exist within the Institute, including: epidemiology, public health policy and practice, health systems research, psychology, medical anthropology, and health economics. Within HIGH, the Research Unit in Health Economics and Health Financing aims at being at the forefront of health economics and health financing research and teaching at the global level. The Group applies economic methods to investigate themes pertinent to the achievement of Universal Health Coverage. The HEHF group is committed to conducting applied and implementation research, with the explicit intention of informing health policy and practice.

Manuela De Allegri has a diverse academic training in Sociology, Health Economics, and Global Health. She joined HIGH in 2002 and was appointed Leader of the Research Unit in Health Economics and Health Financing in 2011. Her areas of expertise include impact, process, and economic evaluation, with specific application to complex health interventions in low- and middle-income countries. Her diverse academic training is reflected in her research, which is characterized by a mixed and multi-method approach.

Martin Rudasingwa is a Postdoc Research Associate at the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH), in the Research Unit Health Economics and Health Financing. His research interests include health financing, health systems and health economic evaluation. He holds a PhD in Health Economics.

Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France

The French National Research Institute for Development (IRD; <http://en.ird.fr/the-ird/presentation>), an internationally recognized multidisciplinary organization working primarily in partnership with Mediterranean and inter-tropical countries, is a French public establishment under the joint authority of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. Via its network and presence in fifty or so countries, it takes an original approach to research, expertise, training and knowledge-sharing, to the benefit of countries and regions that make science and innovation key drivers in their development.

Valéry Ridde is Director of Research at CEPED (<http://www.ceped.org>), a Joint Research Unit involving the University of Paris and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD). He was Associate Professor at the School of Public Health at the University of Montreal. He is currently hosting the Institute of Health and Development at the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (Senegal). His research work focuses on universal health coverage, health service financing, program evaluation, public health policies and health promotion.

Emmanuel Bonnet is a health geographer, a researcher at IRD (French National Institute for Sustainable Development) with international experience in spatial surveillance, GIS methodologies and spatial analysis. He is an expert in assessment of vulnerable populations especially in Africa. He is currently involved in several research intervention project in Burkina Faso with an international team. He proposes an assessment of intervention with a spatial focus using geographical methodologies.

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