



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**STATEMENT BY HON. JANE RUTH ACENG, MINISTER OF
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LEVEL MEETING ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE.**

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**Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government,
Distinguished participants
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

To demonstrate the commitment of the Government of Uganda to achieving Universal Health Coverage, the Government has developed a Universal Health Coverage Roadmap 2020 to 2030, which lays out the main policy actions for quick wins and setting the course for sustainable and faster progress for the UHC aspirations.

The Government of Uganda commits to implement the following priority policy actions:

- 1) Expand the community level health promotion and prevention programs to reduce the preventable disease burden. Leaders at all levels shall be retooled and resourced to effectively mobilize and steer community level programs.

- 2) Design and operationalize workable multi-sectoral programs to address social determinants of health at all levels. Mainstreaming health in all policies, health impact assessment and effective stakeholder coordination and accountability are essential actions here.
- 3) Address the major gaps in quality of health services as a way to boost public confidence in the health services. Community awareness about what constitutes good quality care and effective services shall be strengthened as an approach to cultivate effective demand, feedback and responsibility from the communities.
- 4) Enhance specialized medical care services to address population needs especially for non-communicable diseases. Building expertise in the workforce and acquiring the modern technologies available.
- 5) Finally, addressing financial risk protection by ensuring the affordability and sustainability of quality health care services through legislation and aiding the institutionalization of a National Health Insurance Scheme.

Your Excellencies and distinguished participants,

It is essential that we strengthen international solidarity, cooperation and action to achieve UHC at the national, regional and international level. In this regard, Uganda, adds its voice in calling on all leaders to make bigger and smarter investments in health to help move the world to UHC by 2030.

I thank you for your attention.