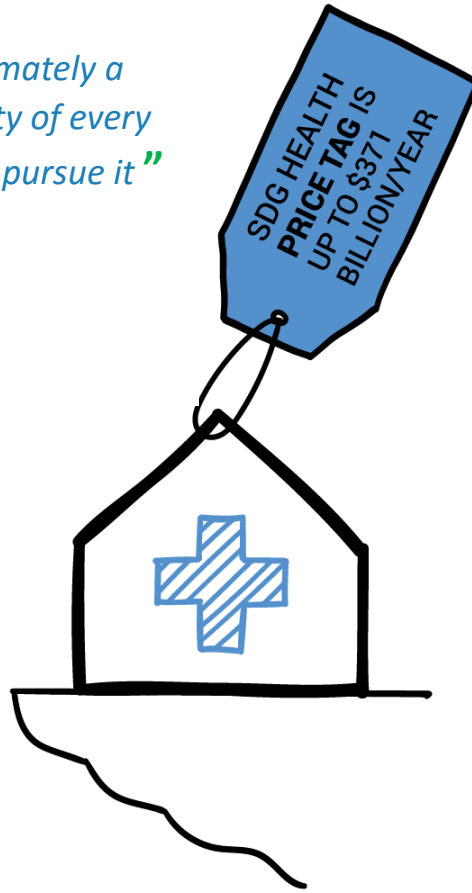
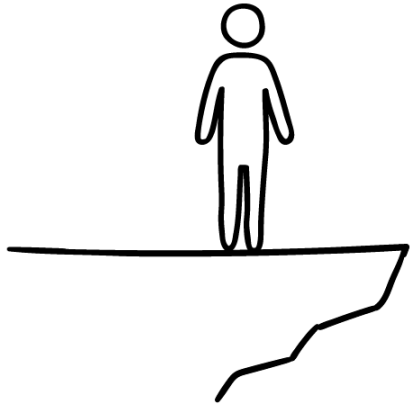


*“Universal health coverage is ultimately a political choice. It is the responsibility of every country and national government to pursue it”*

Dr Tedros,  
WHO Director-General



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# Universal Health Coverage Science, Money and Politics

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# Today's Topics

- Why does UHC matter for sustainable development?
- What has been global progress to date?
- What are major challenges in moving toward UHC?
- How we can do better to move toward UHC?

# Health services are an engine of growth

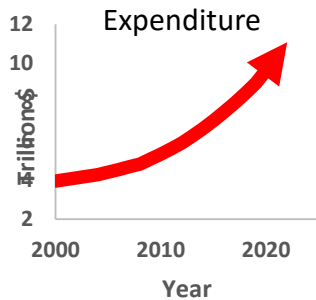
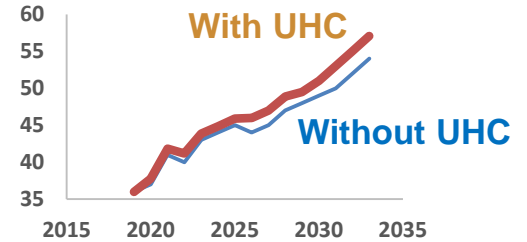
10% of  
Global  
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Growing at  
6% per  
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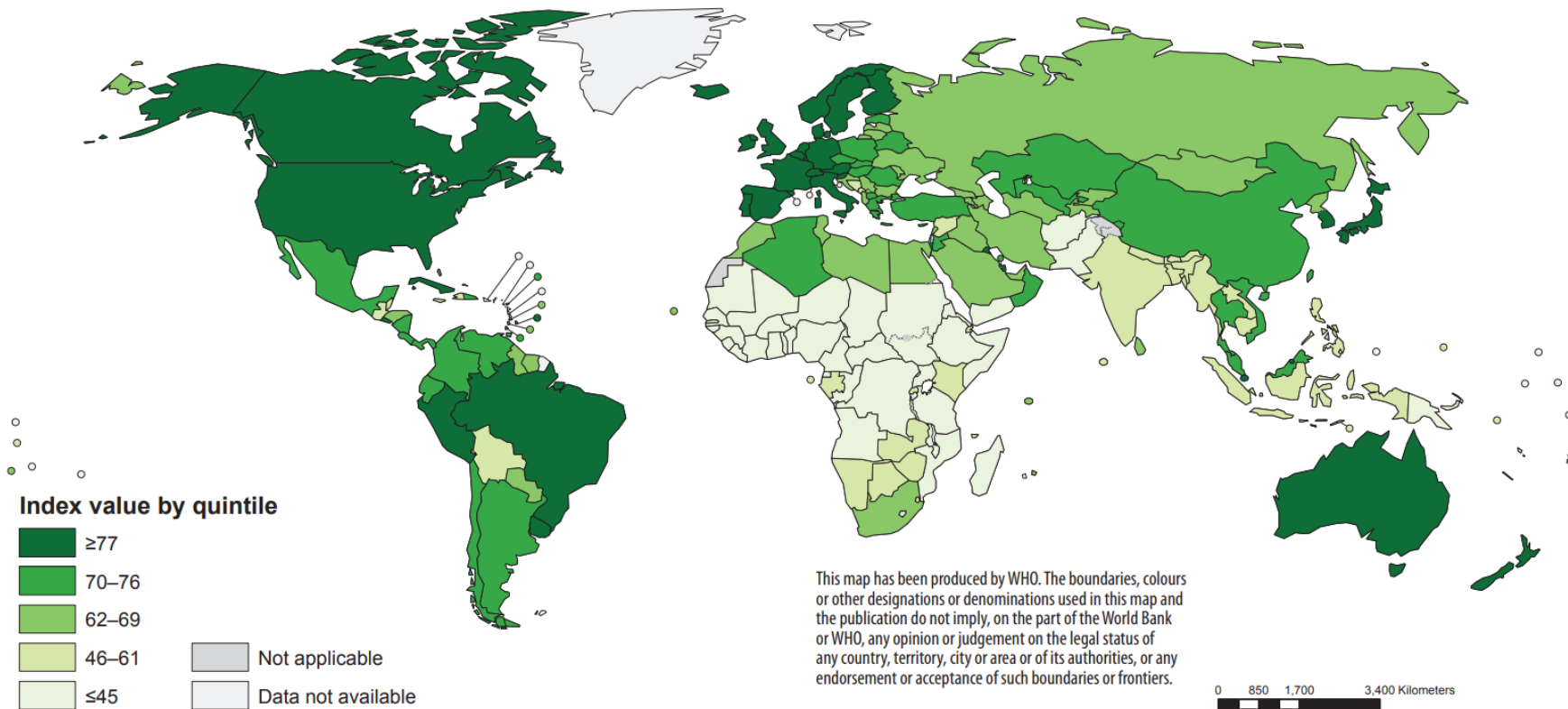


larger gains in GDP

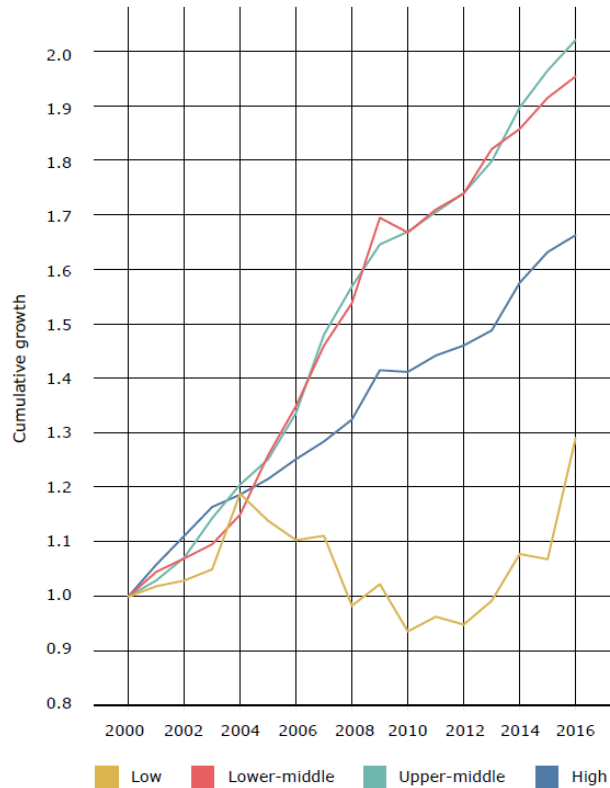


GDP +2–4%  
in Low &  
Middle  
Income  
Countries

# UHC service coverage index by country 2015



Globally, government spending on health increased as country income grew, except in low income countries.

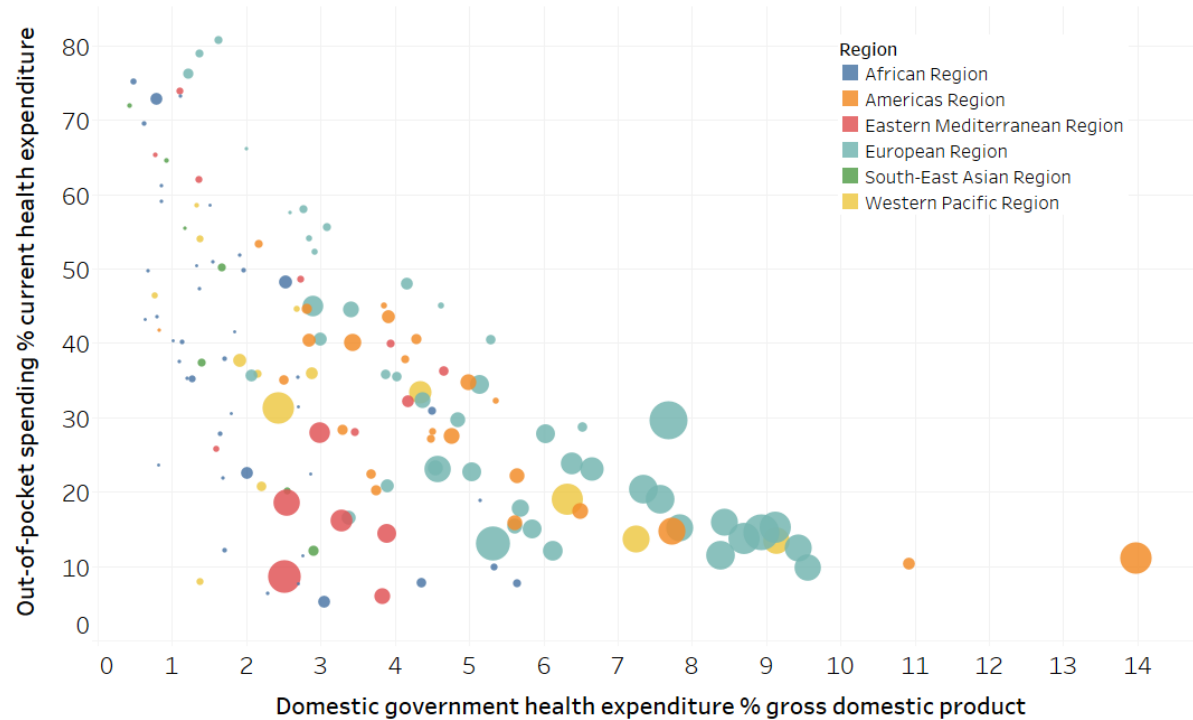


- High income countries increased government spending on health, even after the economic crisis of 2008–2009.
- In middle income countries, average per capita has doubled since 2000,
- but low income countries are lagging behind.

# UHC for safety net



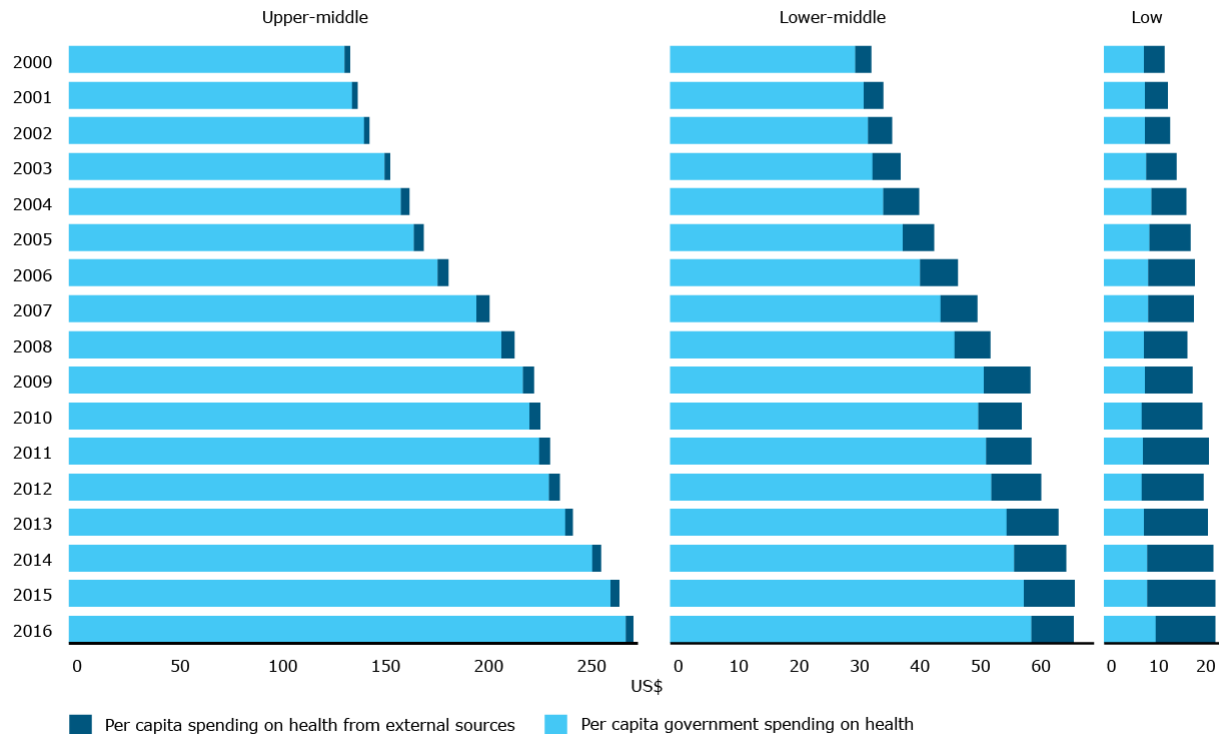
Public spending provides financial protection: UHC is an effective safety net



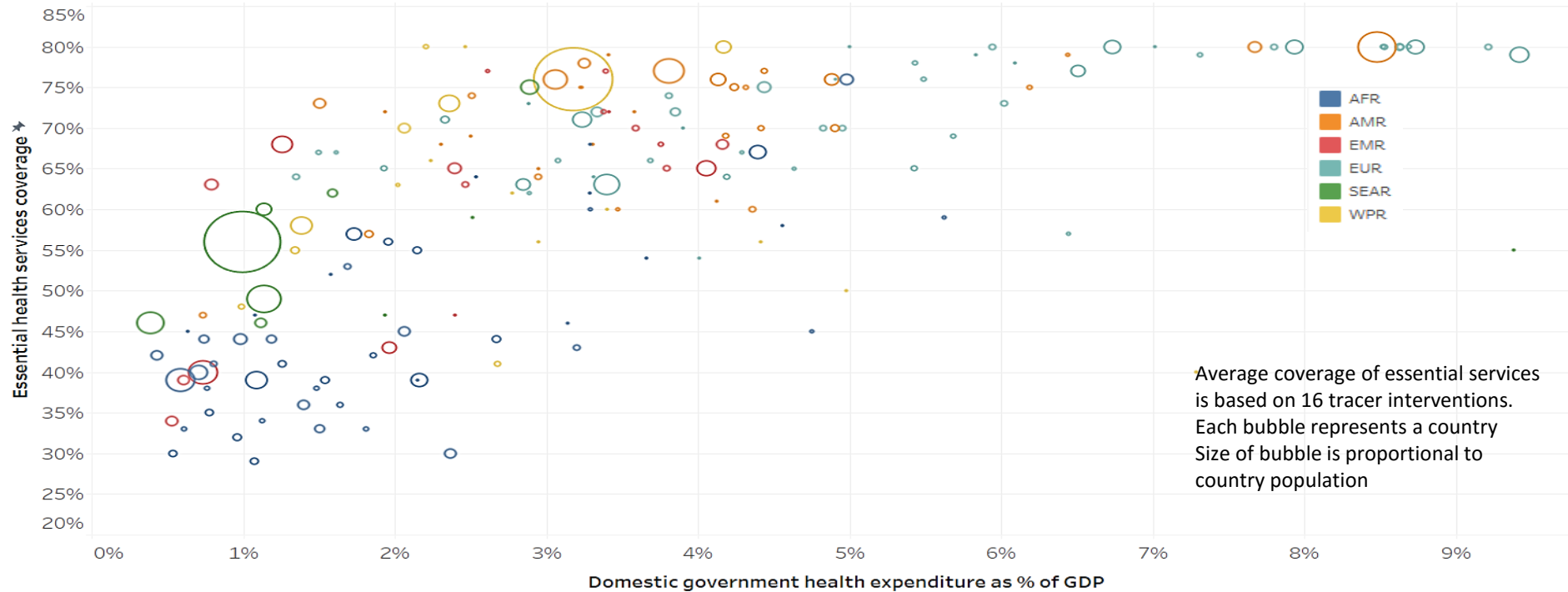
Note: Bubble size reflects gross domestic product per capita in US\$.

# Middle income countries are rapidly transitioning to domestic funding of health

Per capita domestic and external spending in middle-income and low- income countries, 2000-2016



# More government money : better services coverage but Efficiency is the matter ( and Equity as well)





# Do better toward UHC

- Rapidly emerging challenges : new diseases (climate change), new technologies, aging etc
- Spending public money to high cost care and need to improve efficiency
- Need capacity of health sector and central/ local Govern't
- Fragmented support for LIC



- Global partnership to prepare
- Rebalance expenditures towards PHC / health promotion + health tax
- Prioritize budget allocations to institutions of system intelligence: **big data, health technology assessment, strategic purchasing**
- Donor coordination for HSS