



Universal Health Coverage in Sub-Saharan Africa: Progress, Challenges, and Prospects

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- Progress towards universal health coverage;
- Challenges towards universal health coverage; and
- Prospects towards universal health coverage by 2030.





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