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# Universal Health Coverage—for a Globally Accessible and Affordable Health Care Service

# Message from the Guest Editor

One of the current challenges worldwide is the SDG 3 -Healthy lives and well-being for all. One way that contributes to the achievement of this goal is the development of health systems sustaining the principle Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for the population. Investing and providing UHC implies producing health services (preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative) in the quantity and quality for people in an equitable ground, protecting them from financial hardship. After the COVID-19 pandemic, it became clear that strengthening health systems towards sustainability and resilience was key to promote and move towards UHC. This Special Issue of International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH) focuses on all these different systems and factors that contribute to the achievement of UHC and health for all. The topics covered in this special include health systems, health insurance, pharmaceutical systems, innovation, and financing, among other topics related with the development of UHC worldwide.

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