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## Capabilities

Health financing; Fiscal space for health;

Health sector efficiency

# In summary

## Achieving universal health coverage



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**About Oxford  
Policy Management's  
*In summary series***

Our *In summary* publications aim to give an introduction to a key area of our expertise and the capabilities we offer in supporting governments, funders, practitioners, and partners in achieving lasting, positive change through policy reform.

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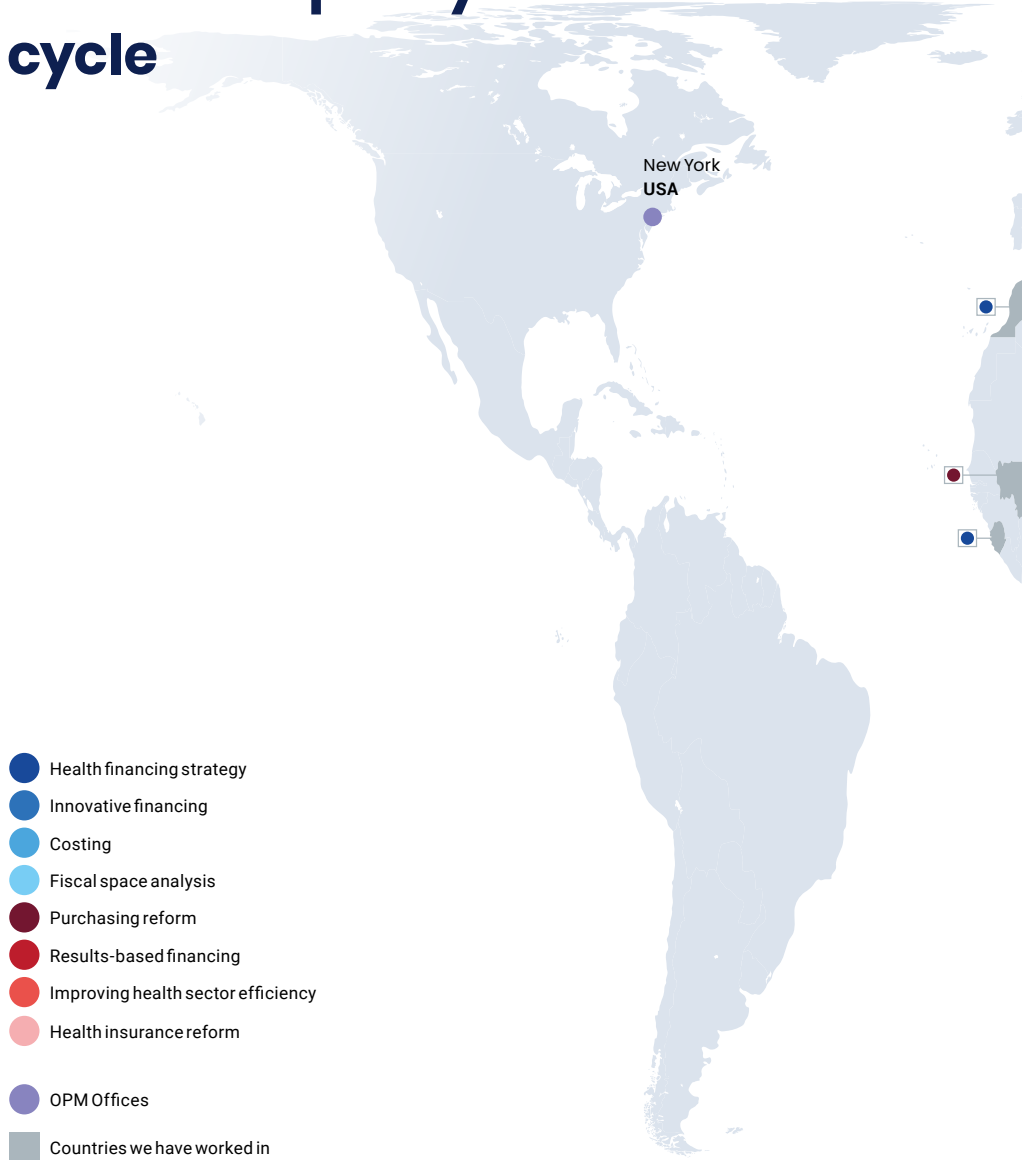
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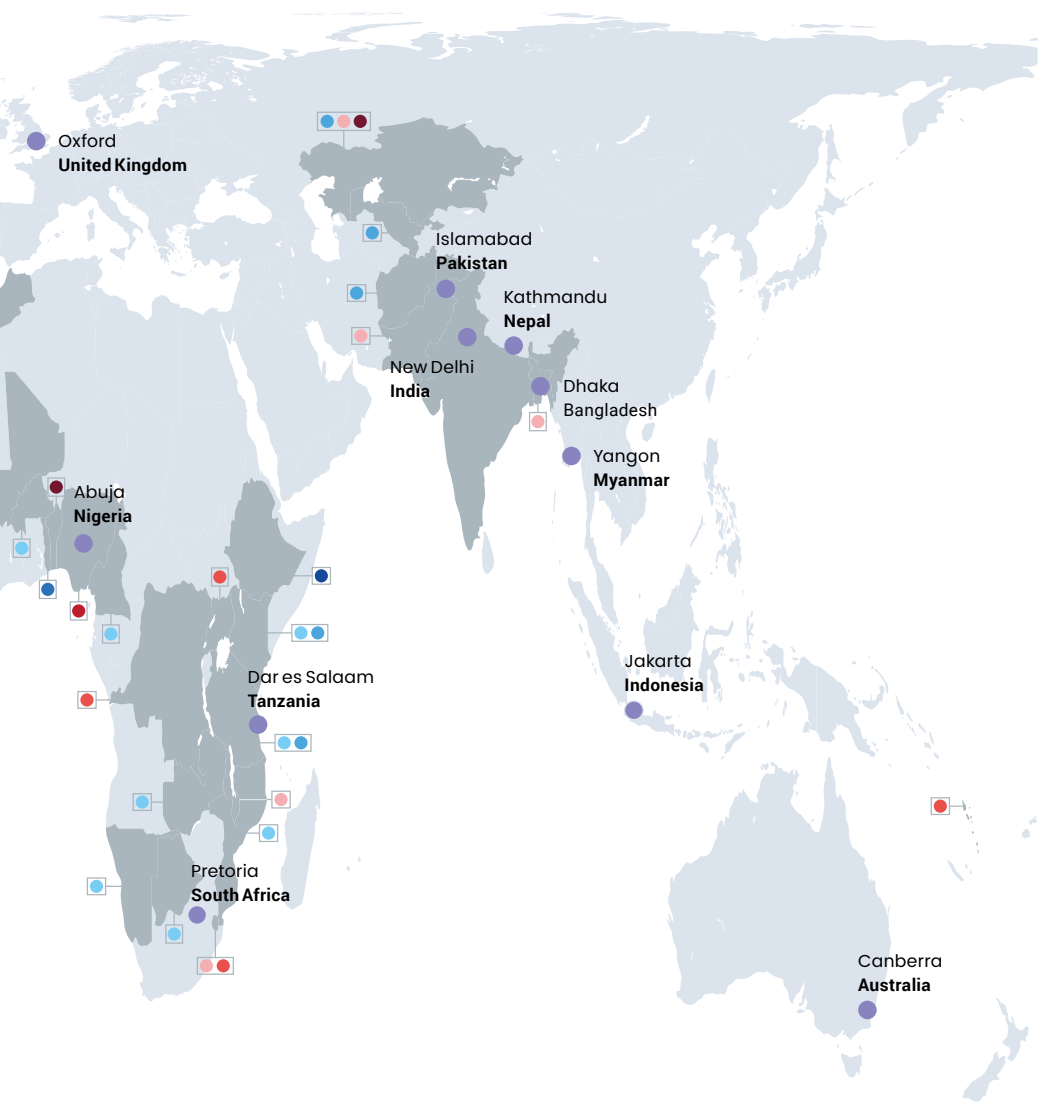
**Achieving universal health coverage (UHC) is now a leading global priority, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. We work across the policy cycle and across health financing functions to help governments transform this ambition into reality.**

We specialise in providing complex technical assistance: conducting diagnostic analyses, formulating policy options, and supporting stakeholders throughout the design, implementation, and evaluation of **health financing reforms**. In doing so, we tackle fundamental issues, such as ensuring that UHC equity principles are embedded in revenue collection mechanisms, pooling arrangements maximise administrative efficiency and cross-subsidisation, and the appropriate types of benefit packages are purchased efficiently.

Our in-house experts and internationally renowned associates build on the most recent evidence and country experience to help make UHC more realisable in different country contexts across the world.

# We work globally across the policy cycle





Map above is based on a Gall-Peters projection



## **Increasing fiscal space for health**

Many countries face increasing budgetary pressures to deliver the UHC ideal. There are four main ways to increase funding for health – borrowing more funds, increasing the share of government spending, increasing funds from development assistance, and improving efficiency of expenditure. We use a customised shape of the fiscal space diamond, supported by a bespoke and customizable modelling framework, to analyse the available budgetary room by mapping and reflecting the current and projected sources of revenue. We frame the analytical findings in a multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify the most appropriate avenues to make more resources available for investing in health.

## **Improving health sector efficiency**

For many countries, a combination of ambitious health coverage targets, an increase of both communicable and non-communicable diseases, and (in some instances) a reduction in global support towards the health sector has enhanced the need to improve value for money in the health sector. We work with governments and ministries of health to identify and prioritise inefficiency areas, mobilise key stakeholders, and devise and implement actionable strategies for improving health spending performance. We are careful to situate spending efficiency within the realistically available resource envelope to increase service coverage, improve health outcomes, and advance financial protection.

# Areas we work in

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## Revenue raising mechanisms

Fiscal space analysis

Design and implementation of innovative financing mechanisms

Debt sustainability analysis

Donor mapping and transition strategies

Actuarial analysis

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## Pooling

Analysis of pooling mechanisms and recommendations for maximising cross subsidisation

Feasibility studies

Development and implementation of national health insurance reforms

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## Resource allocation

Results-based budgeting

Resource allocation models

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## Purchasing

Definition, revision, and costing of benefit packages for UHC

Technical and allocative efficiency analyses at system, sub-system, and program level

Design, evaluation, and revision of payment mechanisms for primary care and hospital providers

Performance-based contracting and organisational design

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## Other

Public expenditure reviews and tracking surveys

Micro-costing studies using bespoke models and programme/system-wide costing studies (particular expertise using Spectrum Suite)

Benefit incidence analysis

## About Oxford Policy Management

Oxford Policy Management is committed to helping low- and middle-income countries achieve growth and reduce poverty and disadvantage through public policy reform. We seek to bring about lasting positive change using analytical and practical policy expertise. Through our global network of offices, we work in partnership with national decision makers to research, design, implement, and evaluate impactful public policy. We work in all areas of social and economic policy and governance, including health, finance, education, climate change, and public sector management. We draw on our local and international sector experts to provide the very best evidence-based support.

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