



Universal Health Coverage: Enhancing Access and Quality

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement on the Universal Health Coverage: Enhancing Access and Quality.

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director General for his report under agenda item 11.1

Kuwait's commitment to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) aims to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities by ensuring comprehensive health service access for all citizens and residents at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. The public sector, responsible for over 80% of healthcare spending, has seen significant growth through the National Development Plan, leading to substantial expansions in healthcare facilities. This includes an increase in beds, operating rooms, and outpatient clinics, along with broadened insurance coverage supported programs.

Continual improvements in healthcare quality are being made, with new legislation to enhance the regulatory framework and workforce training. Kuwait's UHC service coverage index has steadily



risen, reflecting enhancements in service availability and access. The use of technological advancements focuses on implementing electronic medical record systems across public hospitals to streamline operations and enhance patient care management.

Moreover, Kuwait is fortifying its UHC framework through robust public-private partnerships and international collaborations. These partnerships are essential for enhancing healthcare services and ensuring compliance with global health objectives. Overall, these efforts showcase Kuwait's proactive approach to developing a sustainable, efficient, and inclusive healthcare system. By expanding infrastructure, advancing technological integration, and fostering collaborative engagements, Kuwait is dedicated to achieving UHC and enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Thank you, Chair.