



Economic and health for all

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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 Economic and Health for all.

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director General for
his report under agenda item 15 and acknowledges the
vital interdependence between economic development
and health. The report highlights the importance of a
multisectoral Health in All Policies approach to
maximize the public value of health investments while
counterbalancing commercial influences that are
misaligned with the goal of health for all. Kuwait
reaffirms its commitment to enhancing the health and
well-being of its citizens through strategic
investments in health, ensuring that economic growth
and health advancements go hand in hand for a
sustainable future.

The Health Economics and Financing Department
established by the Ministry of Health of Kuwait aims
to stimulate demand for health economics and
financing research and policy analysis to inform
health financing policies, strategies, and programs. Its
vision is to routinely apply these principles to develop



health system strategies, resource allocation, and financing arrangements aligned with national development policies that support progress towards universal health coverage.

The strategic objectives aim to enhance the quality and quantity of health economics and financing evidence by producing timely analyses that inform policymaking, planning, and budgeting, with a focus on practical actions and tangible results. They seek to build capacity among policymakers, mid-level management, and technical staff to utilize this evidence effectively, translating national health policies into realistic plans supported by sustainable resource mobilization and allocation mechanisms that promote value for money in the health sector.

Additionally, these objectives strive to develop a cadre of competent health economists and financing practitioners through the creation and support of training curricula, capacity-building activities, and international learning opportunities. Moreover, they support learning and knowledge sharing by providing a platform for dialogue and disseminating national evidence and international best practices, thereby enhancing accountability and supporting progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).



Kuwait started to carry out a health financing review to identify gaps and opportunities, develop an evidence-informed national health financing strategy, and review budgeting and public financial management practices to ensure transparency and increase efficiency of resource use. Plans include conducting cost-effectiveness analyses (CEA), building capacity for Health Technology Assessment (HTA) of new technologies, procedures, and medicines to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, and value for money of goods and services in the health benefit package, as well as developing a monitoring and evaluation framework to measure policy contributions to coverage and financial protection.

The State of Kuwait analyzes health expenditure patterns, track catastrophic expenditures and impoverishment, design capacity-building activities, maintain an inventory of training opportunities, contribute to curriculum development, and share guidance and best practices on health economics policy analysis and health financing with internal and external stakeholders.

Thank you, Chair.