



Zambia is deeply committed to implementing strategies that accelerate progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and ensuring that no one is left behind. To realize this goal, we are focused on strengthening primary healthcare services. These efforts are being executed in collaboration with our development partners and local communities, with a special emphasis on reaching vulnerable populations and improving financing mechanisms, financial protection, policy reforms, and progress monitoring.

To achieve universal health coverage, it is imperative to prioritize the most marginalized and vulnerable communities. This includes prioritizing those who are furthest behind, such as rural communities, women and children, those living in poverty, and individuals facing social or geographical barriers to accessing healthcare services. Achieving this goal is essential not only for improving access to healthcare services but also for reducing inequities, promoting better health outcomes, providing financial protection for individuals, strengthening health systems, and enhancing pandemic preparedness.

Financial risk protection is a crucial aspect of Universal Health Coverage. It helps individuals and families avoid significant healthcare expenses that could lead to poverty. We believe that with concerted effort and collaboration, we can make significant strides towards achieving Universal Health Coverage in Zambia and the World beyond, ensuring that all our people have access to the healthcare services they need without suffering financial hardship. To this end, Zambia supports the executive boards decision EB154(6).

I thank you