

# Universal Health Coverage that Leaves No One Behind in Japan's Global Health Strategy

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# In this presentation

- Introduction of SCDI;
- UHC that leaves no one behind;
- Roles of civil society & community;
- Perceived role of Japan.



SCDI's mission: Working towards an inclusive society in a sustainable planet.  
Our priority populations: the most marginalized, the most vulnerable.  
Our approaches: empowerment, enabling environment, & partnership.

# THANK YOU JAPAN FOR YOUR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ON UHC!

## The UHC of SDG-era

- Every country in the world become richer, but inequality & inequity getting bigger.
- Ill-health & health care cost maintain the circle of poverty & slow down the progress of other SDGs.
- Dr. Takao Toda of JICA: “Japan adopted UHC policy because we were poor”.

1. Reaffirm the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;
2. Reaffirm General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, stressing the need for a comprehensive and people-centred approach, with a view to **leaving no one behind, reaching the furthest behind first**, and the importance of health

74/2. Political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage



# UHC, PHC, pandemic

- New terminology “Covid migrants”. Millions & millions of people ran away: China, India, Vietnam...
- Health system overwhelmed;
- Primary health care was not mobilized as the first line of response;
- UHC has not covered prevention & unconventional health needs.
- Consequences are huge in all aspects.



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# Common target: “the furthest behind”

- Climate change is due to human activities – the poorest are the most affected;
- Zoonotic diseases such as Covid-19 transmitted to human due to human behaviors – the poorest are the most affected;
- The poor has little to none resilience to ill-health or cost of health care;

→ VULNERABILITY

# It all starts with people, ends with people

- People know what works best for them;
- People can be mobilized & organized to respond;
- Civil society are best placed to reach and facilitate the participation of the furthest behind.



We hope Japan share this recognition and reflect it in your global health strategy.

Thank you!