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The Political Economy of financing PHC

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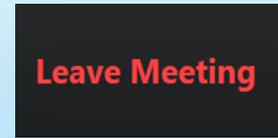
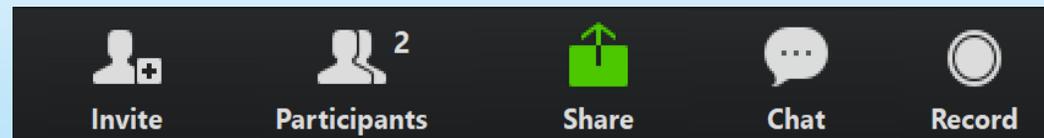
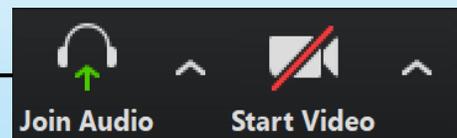


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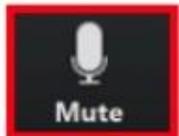
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Side Event 5

The Political Economy of Financing PHC



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Key findings - The political economy of financing PHC

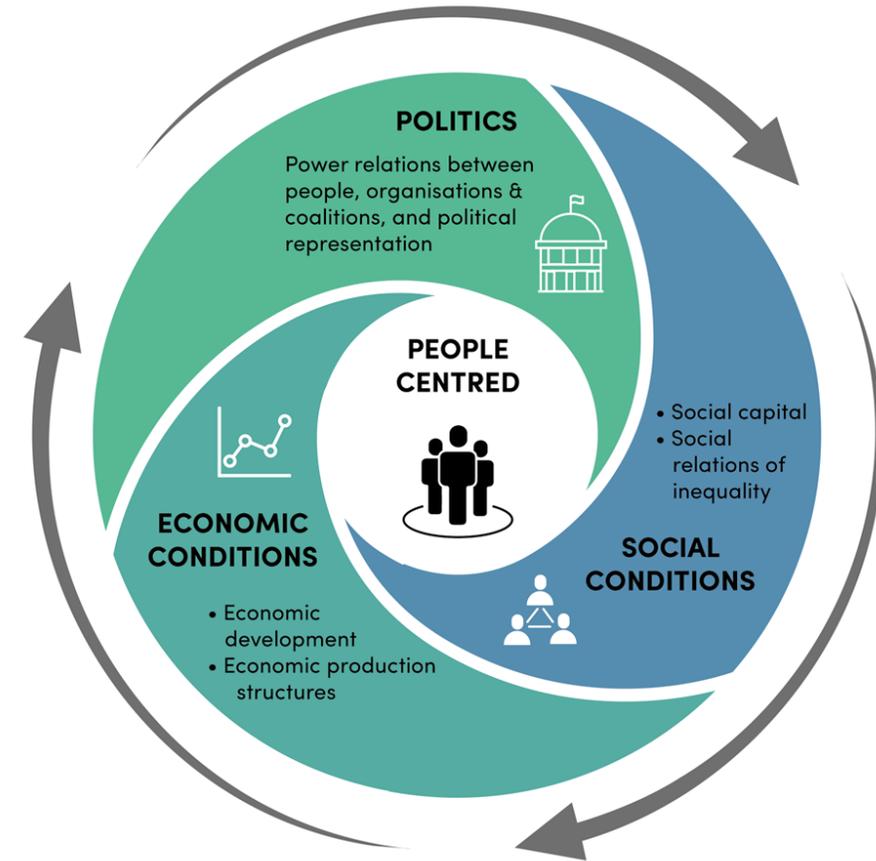
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What does PE mean in practice? Why does the commission put so much emphasis on it?

- PE brings together systematic explorations of politics and economics and power dynamics between stakeholder groups in relation to the distribution of resources. It affects every sphere of society, incl health financing
- The Commission argues that effective and equitable financing of PHC requires explicitly considering the constantly evolving social, political and economic conditions in a context —or the political economy of a country, in conjunction with technical factors.
- Transforming financing to support efficient and equitable PHC is often approached as a technical problem. Political and socioeconomic factors affecting financing reforms are frequently described as bottlenecks.
- PE helps us identify the **limits of what technical solutions** can do and the opportunities and **emerging entry points**

Our PEA framing – why does political economy matter?

- Our Political Economy Analysis (PEA) framework includes three interdependent domains that influence financing for PHC : the politics, the social conditions, and the economy of a country.
- The structures and processes are dynamic and can evolve over time or change rapidly during crises.



Questions addressed

- How does politics shape financing for PHC?
- How can these diverse political actors to work together?
- How do you deal with change and political dynamism?
- How do economic conditions (global and national) shape financing for PHC?
- How do social conditions shape financing for PHC?

How do we harness the political economy of PHC financing?

Taking a pragmatic approach – map the terrain

Designing politically informed strategies for people centred PHC financing policies starts by asking the right questions to navigate the complex PE context – at all steps of the policy cycle

- **What is the problem to be addressed?** What ideas exist for changing PHC financing? What technical strategy/strategies would achieve this – over time?
- **Who are the stakeholders with an influence over the problem?** What are their positions on the topic, and what is relative power?
- **What could help to shift incentives to promote the changes pursued?**
- **What social and economic conditions that underpin the political process could present opportunities or constraints** for the proposed change?
- **What are the most likely pathways for change?** What are possible entry points to move the reform forwards? How can a window of opportunity be used to generate/ sustain political momentum?
- **How to sequence the strategies?**

Taking a pragmatic approach – build capacity and act

2. Building capacity for PEA intertwined with managing financing:

- **Investing in building capacity** within the health system including at sub-national level
- Also drawing on capacity of those based **outside the health system**

3. PEA can be used to inform **proactive or responsive strategies** for managing the interests of different actors and strategies that fit the social and economic conditions in support of health financing reforms.

Further, the flexibility to anticipate problems, challenges and opportunities **should be an integral part of health financing for PHC** – again, this is linked to vision.

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