COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE (CBHI)

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Outline

1. Development of CBHI scheme in Rwanda
2. Implementation of the CBHI scheme
3. Main challenges
4. Future perspectives
Development of CBHI scheme.

1980’s

- Most public health services funded by user fees following adoption of Bamako initiative
- Few form of associations with specific health goals, initiated and managed by FBO to cover their operating costs

1994-1995

- Public health system collapsed (including existing community risks sharing mechanism)
- Most health services were supported or provided by international agencies
- National Health Policy encouraged the development of mutual aid societies
Development of CBHI scheme.

- High burden disease and poor health outcomes
- Decrease in humanitarian assistance
- Reintroduction of user fees in public health facilities
- ↓ health care utilization raising concerns about financial access
- MOH pilots prepayment schemes in 3 health districts with help from DPs which showed successful results
- Membership 7.9% in 2000
Development of CBHI scheme

2000-2005

- Expansion of independent prepayment schemes in more districts across the country
- National CBHI Policy developed in 2004 aimed at consolidating schemes into one national CBHI scheme but not fully implemented until 2006
- Creation of CTAMS/MOH in 2005
- Membership increased from 7% in 2003 to 44% in 2005
- Premiums, copayments, and packages differ
Milestones in the development of CBHI scheme

2006-2007

- Family membership made compulsory
- Pooling system established at the district and national level
- Standardization of premiums (shared between members and government) and copayments
- Premiums for the vulnerable people are paid from GF grant
- Membership reached 75% in 2007
Milestones in the development of CBHI scheme

- Health insurance mandatory by law
- New law governing CBHI establishing organization, functions and management and describing membership rules, benefits, provider payment options and financing mechanism
- Membership reached 91% of the target population
- Recognition of some equity challenges
Milestones in the development of CBHI scheme

2011-2015

- New graduated premiums based on income (higher for middle and upper income groups – free for poor)
- Introduction of patient roaming
- Decrease in membership from 91% in 2012 to 76% in 2015
- Financial sustainability issues
- Move of CBHI from MOH to RSSB by July 2015
CBHI IMPLEMENTATION

- 30 administrative Districts
- 130+ Health Posts
- 499 Health centers
- 36 District Hospitals
- 4 Provincial Hospitals
- 8 Referral Hospitals
- 45,516 CHW

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CBHI stakeholders

- **MINECOFIN**:  
  - Funds mobilization,
  - Overall supervision of RSSB as line Ministry

- **MINISANTE**:  
  - Payment of subsidies provided by the law (13% of the MoH budget)
  - Designing the Health policy (Medical acts & service package, prices, coding.....)
MINALOC:
- Mass mobilization & sensitization,
- Ubudehe and NIDA databases management,
- To issue Ubudehe certificate for those who are not in the database

RSSB: Full management of CBHI scheme
- Collection of contributions
- Registration & membership management
- Benefits provision
- Payment of service providers

BNR: regulator
Collection of premiums

- Category I: GOR sponsored through National Budget or Common basket
- Category II and III: entire contribution at once or in installments
- Category IV
  - Waiting period: 1 month
  - Payment for all household members

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CBHI Source of funding

- CBHI members contributions: 63%
- Global Fund: 9%
- MINECOFIN: 8%
- MoH: 9%
- Private & Public health insurance schemes contributions: 8%
- Interest on current accounts: 1%
- Sale of forms (cards & patient form): 2%
Collection of premiums

- SACCOs (Saving and Credits Cooperatives)
- Commercial banks
- Mobile payment Agents across the country: Equity Bank (1.100), Mobicash
- Payments thru Cooperatives: Tontines (Ibimina)

* All revenues (contributions & subsidies): pooled into RSSB accounts
Coverage rate 2016-2017 = 84.2%
## Benefits provision

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- All Public health facilities
- Private health facilities: King Faisal Hospital & health posts
- Respect of referral system from HC to DH, DH to PH & RH
- Patient roaming (access, regardless of the place of residence)
Health services utilization

Distribution of visits at the three levels of care

Distribution of visits at primary level

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Payment of service providers

- All facility payments are centrally made from RSSB Head Office
- Direct payment by RSSB to health facilities’ accounts
- Co-payment by patients to health facilities: 200 Rwf & 10%
- Invoices from health facilities to section or district branches
- Verification system process before any payment
Key changes in CBHI

- Legal personality: from 30 to 1 autonomous CBHI
- Information system for collection of premiums manual – automated
- Benefit provision: easy patient roaming
- Financial: centralized management
  - 1 pool for all contributions – not at section level
  - payment from RSSB Head Office – not by the District
- Co-payment: paid directly to the health facility, not to CBHI agent
- Timely payment to service providers – availability of quality services & medicines
Challenges

- Reaching the “lost to coverage”: ± 9%
- Premium level increase
- CBHI System automation
- Review of Provider payment mechanism
- Alternative financing mechanisms

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Technology-based management:

- Registration processes to be automated: membership management and collection of contributions
- Interface with key national services: NIDA, LODA (updates), ..
- Unique identifier: from birth to retirement
- Interface with Health facilities: EMR (Electronic Medical Records)
- Claims management
- Benefits package coverage: NCDs!