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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to inform them that WHO is consulting with its Member States to review individual country estimates for indicators of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

To improve harmonization, WHO works closely with the World Bank Group to prepare estimates of UHC indicators. Indicators for two main areas have been prepared: (1) a **health service coverage index**, which combines 16 health service coverage indicators for reproductive, maternal and child health, infectious diseases, noncommunicable diseases, and service capacity and access into a single summary metric, and (2) indicators of **lack of financial protection coverage against the cost of health services**, which focus on how much people spend on health relative to total household consumption and how that spending may push households below the poverty line. These indicators are expected to be part of the Sustainable Development Goals monitoring framework.

Following the country consultation, WHO will release the estimates of these indicators on its website between March and May 2017, and will also produce papers and reports that refer to the indicators.

As with many other health estimates prepared by WHO, this consultation will be conducted via email with designated persons as focal points. For this consultation, WHO suggests that Member States designate 1 to 2 focal points. For example, one focal point to lead the review of the indicator on health service coverage, and a second focal point to lead the review of the indicators on financial protection. For the health service coverage indicator, it is recommended that the focal point has a broad view of population-based health surveys and administrative data sources that provide information on the coverage of health services. For the financial protection indicators, it is recommended that the focal point be involved with monitoring and evaluation of health financing policy in the country, including experience with data from household expenditure surveys.

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To ensure accurate and timely estimates, the designation of focal point(s), along with contact details (official title, affiliation, email address and telephone), should be sent as soon as possible to the Department of Information, Evidence and Research and the Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing via email: [uhc\\_stats@who.int](mailto:uhc_stats@who.int).

Documentation of methods, data sources, and preliminary estimates where available will then be emailed to the focal point(s) in December 2016. The country consultation process **will be closed end of February 2017**. Any submissions received after this date may not be considered in the final publication of country estimates.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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