



African countries are witnessing increasing policy momentum for improving financial access to health care. The **“financial access community of practice” (FA CoP)** aims to support the development and implementation of these policy initiatives, and to promote constructive sharing of experiences and expertise across countries.

The FA CoP brings together experts working on the various policies and mechanisms being put in place across Africa. The CoP is a forum for gathering and sharing knowledge among its members, and for coordinating initiatives being carried out by different agencies. The FA CoP is one of the communities of practice supported by **‘Harmonization for Health in Africa’** (www.hha-online.org).

The FA CoP, whose activities are organised in French and English, works through a variety of strategies.

- face-to-face meetings (regional workshops, training sessions),
- web-based exchanges (discussion forum, webchats, resource center for studies, documents, and tools)
- professional development opportunities and networking
- studies/analysis/documentation on priority topic areas
- development and support to country-level CoPs on financial access

What can the FA CoP offer your country?

- a pool of expert-practitioners familiar with operational, scientific and policy challenges related to improving financial access to health services
- a network for cross-learning with other countries facing similar challenges
- access to global knowledge on improving financial access
- opportunities for technicians to attend events or training sessions

What can the FA CoP offer you?

- access to an international network in a very dynamic field of knowledge
- opportunities for learning, exchanging and debating
- constant information on new theoretical, operational or empirical developments related to improving financial access
- opportunities for professional growth, through better visibility, capacity building, and access to new job openings

How do I join the FA CoP?

To subscribe to the FA CoP or for more information, please visit:

<http://www.hha-online.org/hso/financing/subpillar/Financial-Access-to-Health-Services>

If you have any questions about the CoP, please email us at cdp.afss@gmail.com

Three “clusters” of the CoP\FA

- **health insurance mechanisms** including national, social, private, and community-based health insurance schemes.
- **means-testing based mechanisms**, including waivers, health equity funds, vouchers and conditional cash transfers, with an emphasis on identifying and covering the poor.
- **categorical targeting mechanisms** based on specific priority health care services (malaria prevention and treatment, maternal and child health services, HIV/AIDS services) and/or specific categories of the population (children under five years of age, pregnant women, the elderly).



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