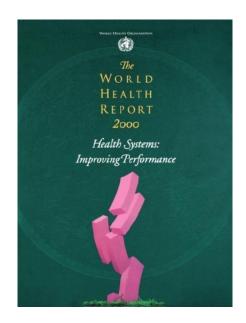
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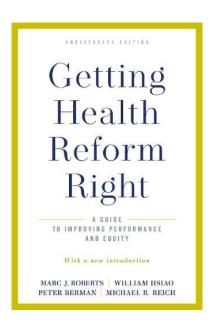
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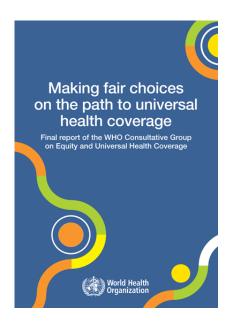
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# **Departure point:** what are the objectives of health systems

- Improving health and its distribution in the population
- Protecting from the financial risks of illness
- Ensuring public satisfaction



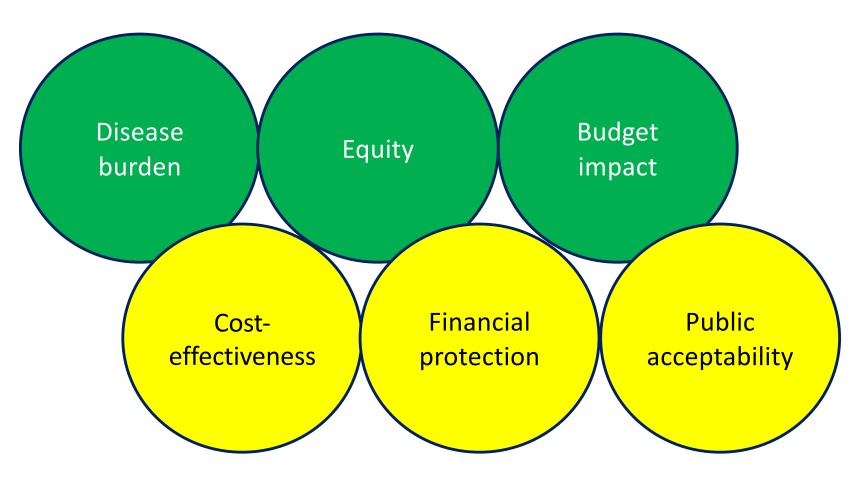




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# Flagship application: Design of an essential health benefits package

Sample of prioritization criteria used



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#### What drives financial risks

- 1. Out-of-pocket (OOP) direct medical costs
  Cost of drugs, physician visits
- 2. OOP direct non-medical costs
  Transport costs
- 3. Indirect costs

Wage and productivity losses due to illness for sick and caregivers

## **Priority setting questions**

**Question 1:** how to reduce health inequalities?



**Question 2:** how to reduce health financial risks?

**Efficiently** or "cost-effectively"

### **Presentations**

- Sara Khor, Stanford University
   "Innovations in Cancer Treatment: A Double-Edged Sword of Survival and Financial Hardship?"
- Boshen Jiao, University of Southern California "Integrating Financial Risk Protection into Economic Evaluation"