

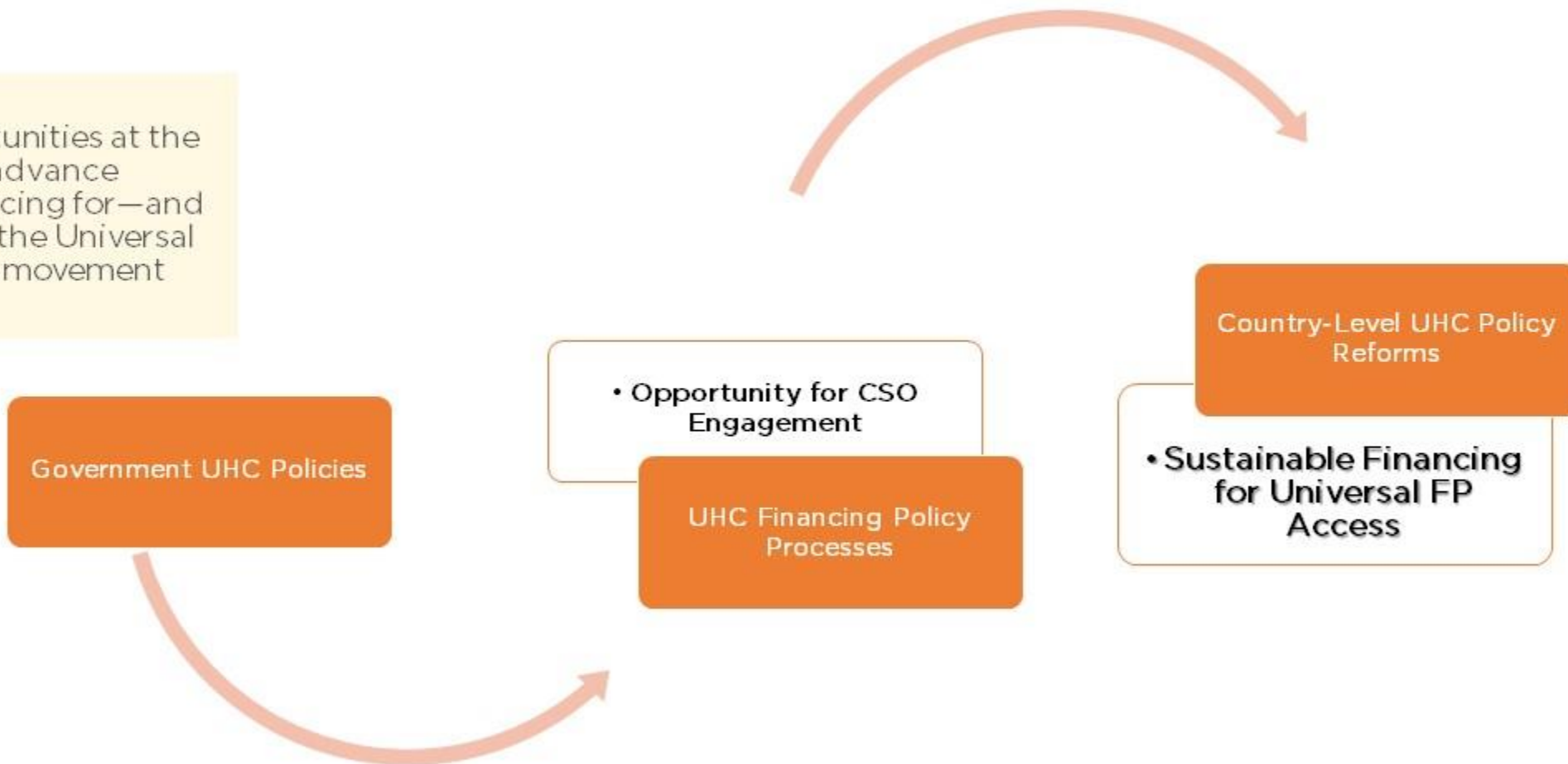
UHC, Health Financing and FP

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FP and UHC

There are opportunities at the country level to advance sustainable financing for—and access to—FP in the Universal Health Coverage movement



Why Should We Care About Financing for UHC?



UHC national-level policy reforms are moving quickly (sub-Saharan Africa, India)



Massive health financing reforms for domestic resource mobilization



Policy and programmatic decisions implicate rights-based access, availability, affordability, equity, quality of FP and SRH services



Pressure on CSOs to hold governments accountable in UHC initiatives

Financial Protection

Protecting people from out-of-pocket expenditure that is impoverishing or catastrophic

Out-of-pocket payments for health can lead to catastrophic expenditures, which can push people into poverty

The key to protecting people is to **ensure prepayment and pooling of resources** for health rather than at point of use

Financial Protection and Health Insurance

How To Do It



Pre-Payment

- Health insurance

Pooling

- Basket of funds in advance reduces/eliminates point-of-care out-of-pocket expenditure and likelihood of catastrophic expenditures

Insurance Models

- Tax-based, social health and community-based

Health Financing Policy Reforms for UHC

- To address financial protection, health financing policy reforms being introduced rapidly
- Overarching policy frameworks – growth and development plans, health sector strategic plans outline reforms, objectives
- Many countries in sub-Saharan African embarking on reforms



HEALTH FINANCING STRATEGY 2011-2017
Towards Universal Health Coverage in Kenya



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Transforming Health: Accelerating Attainment of Universal Health Coverage

**KENYA HEALTH SECTOR
STRATEGIC AND
INVESTMENT PLAN (KHSSPI)**

JULY 2013-JUNE 2017



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

**Health Sector Strategic Plan II
2017-2022**

Towards Universal Health Coverage

Health Financing Policy Process



Current Health Financing Decision-Making Processes



CSOs often not actively consulted



Health financing discussions in separate circles



Highly technical



Decision-making based on cost-effectiveness analysis

Opportunities for FP Advocacy



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