

Health Financing Challenges Towards Accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goals

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Abstract

Health financing has increasingly become a much-debated concept when it comes to ensuring a healthy nation in recent years. Surprisingly, health financing towards attaining sustainable development has been given scant attention in the development discourse. As such, this calls for extending our understanding of health financing in the context of African countries, especially in the unique context of Zimbabwe. Given this information, this chapter focuses on the health financing challenges. Six health financing challenges were ascertained, that is, fragile economy; corruption; unanticipated health shocks; budget constraints; poor political commitment towards public health; and high-out-of-pocket payments. In order to deal with these serious health financing challenges, a plethora of recommendations were offered herein. The research outcomes of this study could help policymakers and practitioners.