

# Health Financing Equity and Universal Coverage in Cambodia: Progress and Challenges

The Cambodian health care system has seen significant improvements in the last two decades. Health outcomes have improved substantially with life expectancy at birth rising from 58 years in 2000 to 68 in 2014. Other health indicators, including maternal and infant mortality, have markedly improved. Despite these achievements access to quality health care remains problematic, particularly for poor rural Cambodians. To address these challenges, the government has committed to universal health coverage and is reforming the health financing system to align with this goal. The extent to which the reforms have impacted the poor is not always clear. This study employs a benefit incidence analysis (BIA) to assess the distributional impact of government health care spending in Cambodia.

## About Dr Augustine Asante

Dr Augustine Asante (Kojo) is a health economist and senior lecturer at the SPHCM. He has over 10 years research experience focusing on evaluating health financing equity and system interventions in low and middle income countries. He currently leads the implementation of a 4-year UK Medical Research Council funded project on health financing and universal health coverage in Indonesia. He has implemented similar projects in Timor-Leste, Fiji and Cambodia. Dr Asante has served as a consultant health economist for the World Bank and currently coordinates a health financing project for the African Economic Research Consortium.

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# Seminar Invitation

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Room 305 Samuels Building



Light refreshment is provided

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