**Considering Human Rights Principles in Universal Health Coverage**

**The Case of Jordan**

Jordan is devoted to safeguarding the fundamentals of human rights in all facets of its development strategies, including its initiatives to achieve Universal Health Coverage. Jordan conceptualizes, designs, implements, oversees, and evaluates UHC using human rights concepts in the following ways:

1. **Non-discrimination:**

Jordan considers everyone's access to health services to be a fundamental human right, and it prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or any other status. Jordan has taken measures to guarantee that marginalized populations, such as refugees, women, children, and individuals with disabilities, have access to health services. Despite of its limited resources, at the start of the Syrian crisis, Jordan guaranteed providing those refugees with the healthcare services they need in the public facilities without fearing of bearing any financial hardship.

1. **Participation:**

Jordan supports the involvement of all stakeholders in the planning, execution, and assessment of UHC policies, initiatives, and designing the priority benefit package (essential benefit package). This comprises groups from civil society, localities, and people who are impacted by health policies.

1. **Accountability:**

Jordan is dedicated to making sure that health services and policies are answerable to the people they are intended to serve. This includes the currently developing of medical accountability system, as well as assuring transparency and information provision.

1. **Equity:**

Jordan understands that in order to achieve UHC, equity must be a priority, especially in ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to healthcare. Jordan has put in place number of programs, such as those that focus on maternity and child health and those that address non-communicable diseases, to make sure that those who are most in need get the care they need.

1. **Quality:**

Jordan has put in place a number of steps to raise the standard of healthcare services since it understands that UHC calls for a focus on it. They include creating standards of care, enhancing the education of healthcare professionals, and putting money into health information systems to enhance data gathering and analysis.

Generally, Jordan bases its UHC policies and initiatives on human rights principles to make sure that they are responsive to the needs of all of its residents, especially the most vulnerable.

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