The missing link in Kenya’s Universal Health Coverage experiment:
A preventive and promotive approach to SRHR

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The Legal Framework

• Kenya has a robust framework of laws and policies that relate to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) from the Constitution to health policies and strategic frameworks. Though not perfect they exist.

• Moreover, Kenya is a state party to various international and regional instruments that guarantee SRHR.

• We also have a number of judicial decisions that speak to the right to health & access to SRHR services including safe abortions.
The +VE aspects of the UHC experiment

- Political will: The UHC initiative is part of the President’s “Big Four Agenda”.
- A slight focus on SRHR through the Linda Mama programme.
- Task-force formed to design an inclusive Universal Health Coverage (UHC) package for the country.
The challenges

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What next for UHC & SRHR

- Reforms in all aspects of the health system as the architecture of health financing plays a central role in the larger health system
- Ensure reduced corruption wastage and leakage of public & development partners resources
- Let the UHC programmes fit within the devolved systems of governance
- Improved access to information, transparency, accountability & respect of rule of law
- Greater focus on the preventive & promotive aspects of health including SRHR in UHC healthcare packages
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