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Synopsis

The goals of universal coverage and protection against the financial risks of ill-health, together with the recognition of the critical role of public funding in providing this protection, are shared by countries of all income levels. At the same time, there are increasing concerns about efficiency and sustainability of health systems, particularly during a period of global economic downturn, as well as about their accountability and responsiveness to clients. More than ever, pressures are mounting for health systems to use existing resources to best effect in terms of improving population health and satisfaction. For the poorest countries, there is interest in mobilizing additional funding to expand dramatically service coverage, in order to meet global development targets such as the Millennium Development Goals. These new funding streams and the hope that has come with them are likely, however, to be seriously tested by the current economic crisis.

In their efforts to meet their health system goals and objectives, countries are adopting a variety of policies and approaches to their health care financing

challenges. These efforts are increasingly accompanied by conceptual and applied research which is contributing to the development of good practice. In spite of the vast difference among countries and the variety of issues they face, the emerging evidence takes in all elements of health care financing: resource collection, resource pooling and allocation, provider payment, and demand-side interventions. This research is assembled and synthesized in this volume for the benefit of health system researchers, policy makers and high level administrators in developing and transitional economies.



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