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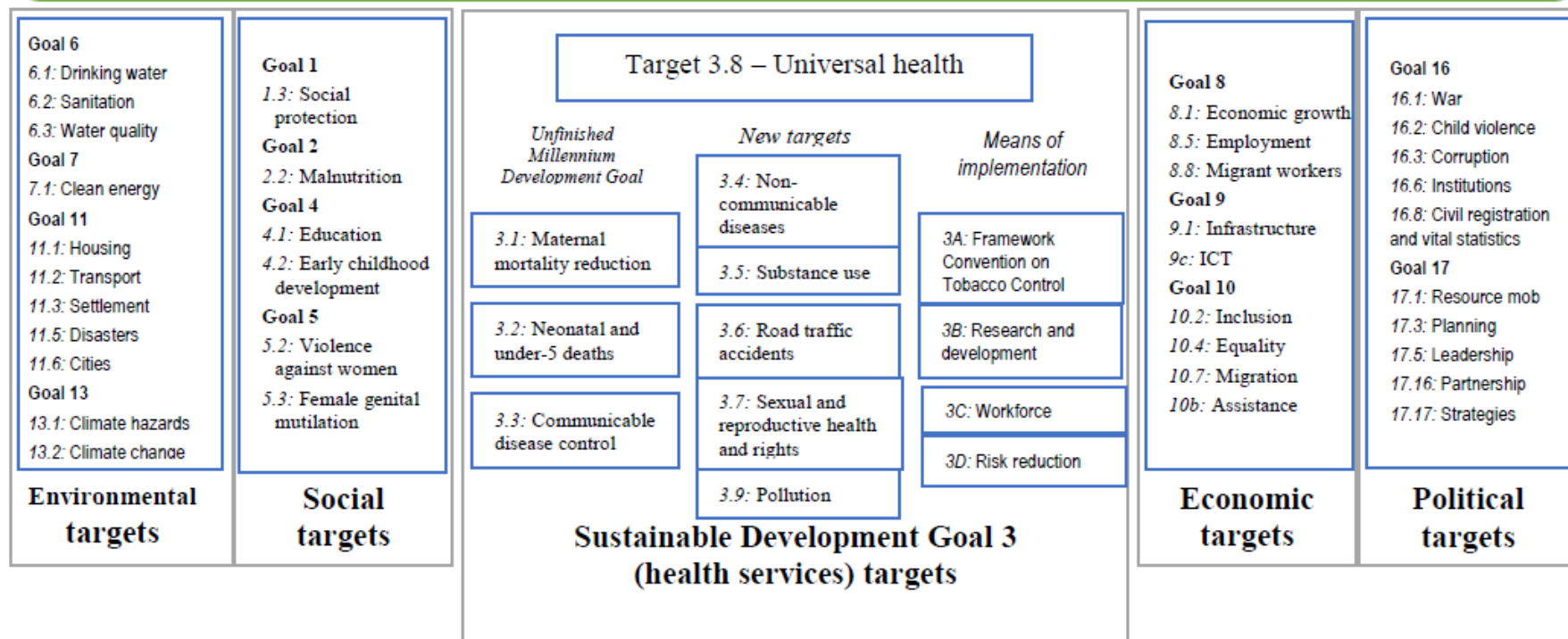
# SDG3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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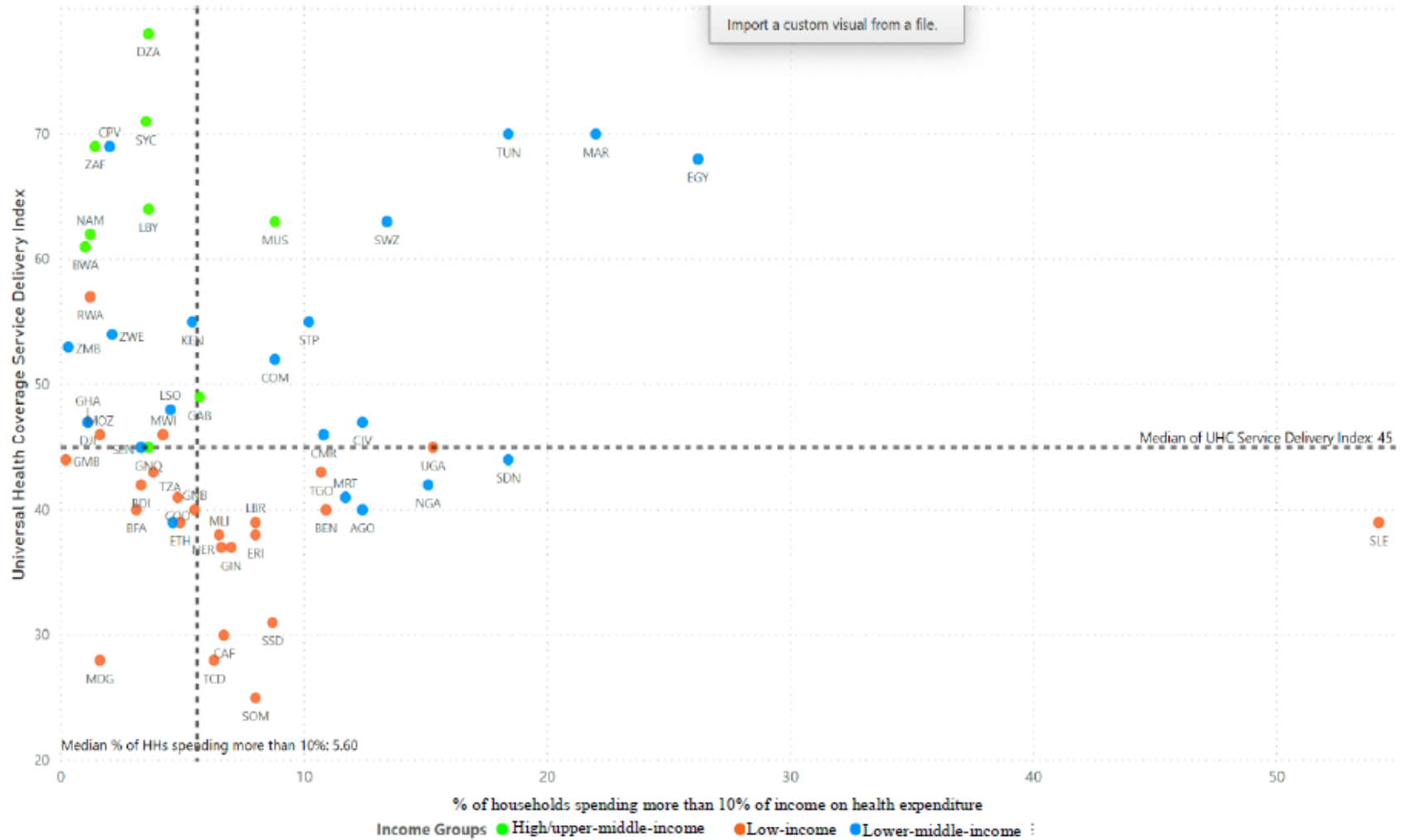


## Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



- Healthy Life Expectancy has increased from 47.6 (2000) to 56.04 (2019)
  - Growing almost twice as fast in low-income countries than high/upper middle income
- However – COVID-19 pandemic to impact this improving trend
  - Death and ill health from COVID-19
  - Provision of other health services
  - Socioeconomic impact
- Universal Health Coverage – encompasses full range of health services from promotion, prevention to treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care
- Significant differences across the region
  - SDG 3.8.1 – UHC service coverage index
  - SDG 3.8.1 – households experiencing catastrophic health expenditure (>10% of household income)

## Comparison of country status with UHC indicators



- Unfinished MDGs – still lagging behind global averages due to persistent low service coverage
  - MMR, U5M, HIV and other communicable diseases
- Limited resources for addressing NCDs
  - Diabetes, CVD, mental health, substance abuse, road traffic accidents
- Sexual and reproductive health suffering as a result of COVID-19 pandemic
  - Severe disruption to access to services
- Insufficient health workforce
  - COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more capacity building/skills sharing

- **SDG social targets**
  - Countries struggling to invest in social protection initiatives to protect populations from destitution
- **SDG environmental targets**
  - Water, Hygiene, Sanitation investment is critical to improve health outcomes
  - COVID-19 pandemic – highlighted this importance
  - Further investment needed in clean energy, urban planning
  - Climate change significantly impacting Africa (droughts, locusts, floods, etc.)
- **SDG economic targets**
  - Sustained high level of growth stymied by pandemic – impact highest at personal level due to high levels of labour informality
  - Growth in infrastructure and ICT provides a great opportunity to access services
- **SDG political targets**
  - Strengthen political and technical partnerships – SDG3 Global Action Plan

- Strong political commitment exists – time to implement
- Primary Care Approach the basis in move towards UHC
- Intersectoral approach vital at highest level of government
- Innovative financing for boosting domestic resources capacities to alleviate hardship
- Climate-resilient health systems across all contexts must be able to maintain critical services during any emergencies
- COVID-19 pandemic exposed vast inequalities in health access, digital access, information access, etc.



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