

UHC and NHDR Questions

1. What is the Role of NHDR in UHC?

The role of the National Health Data Repository (NHDR) in Universal Health Care (UHC) is to serve as the **single point of submission** and **authoritative repository** of the country's health and health-related data. It is intended to be the **single source of truth for health**. The NHDR is mandated to ensure that quality data are available for **evidence-informed sectoral policy and planning** for UHC, enabling a national **interoperable digital health ecosystem**. The operationalization of the NHDR is a key milestone in the progression toward UHC realization.

2. Can UHC be effective even without NHDR?

No, effective UHC implementation is severely compromised and cannot be fully realized without the NHDR. The Health Information System (HIS), centralized by the NHDR, is considered the **"essential infrastructure of trust that allows UHC to function at all"**. The NHDR is required by the UHC Act specifically to address the long-standing issues of **fragmented health systems** and **poor quality and timeliness of health data generation and reporting**, which are functions critical for governance and planning.