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'Virtual Policy Dialogue on Planning for Universal Health Coverage Amidst of Health Transitions'

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**VIRTUAL POLICY DIALOGUE:
Planning for Universal Health Coverage Amidst the 4Ds of Health Transitions**

The infographic features a central circle labeled "4Ds of Health Transitions" surrounded by four quadrants:

- Disease burden shifts:** Includes icons for a virus, a heart with a pulse line, and lungs.
- Demographic change:** Includes icons of a person and a family (two adults and a child).
- Domestic finance shifts:** Includes a bar chart with an upward arrow, a person icon, and a hospital building.
- Donor transitions:** Includes a map of the world with a location pin and a dollar sign.

DATE: 25 AUGUST 2021

**5:30 p.m - 7:00 p.m (SL Time)
8:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m (U.S Time)**

Organised by:

- INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES OF SRI LANKA
- SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
- CENTER FOR POLICY IMPACT IN GLOBAL HEALTH OF THE DUKE UNIVERSITY, U.S.A.



The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Association (SLMA) and the Center for Policy Impact in Global Health of the Duke USA, has organised a Virtual Policy Dialogue on “Planning for Universal Health Coverage Amidst the 4Ds of Health Transitions”. It will be held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021, from 5.30-7.00pm via Zoom. The forum will provide a platform for stakeholders to build on how Sri Lanka can better plan to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) while navigating several local and global health transitions in its pathway.

There are four major, inter-linked transitions in diseases, demography, development and health financing – the “4Ds” of global health transitions that complicate the country’s efforts to achieve UHC. The associated challenges of these transitions have been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pace of these transitions are much faster than the adjustments being made in the health system and current UHC approaches. As a result, the positive narrative that has accompanied Sri Lanka’s health system performance over several decades may become increasingly unsustainable in the years ahead unless reforms are implemented to address the persisting challenges.

This forthcoming Policy Dialogue is part of an ongoing IPS study which aims to understand how government, donors and key country stakeholders in the health sector perceive transition challenges and their impact on the progress towards UHC, where they see the biggest gaps emerging, and what actions can help to address these challenges and details on the event are available at: <https://www.ips.lk/virtual-policy-dialogue-planning-for-universal-health-coverage-amidst-the-4ds-of-health-transitions/>.

Those who wish to participate in this discussion can register at <https://forms.gle/yDq8nzpAkcrB4kHb9> or email: nathasha@ips.lk.

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