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- Royal Institute of International Affairs founded 1920
- Centre for Universal Health specialises in the political economy of health and health reforms
- Unique expertise in the politics of health financing for UHC
- Advising political leaders in countries of all income levels
- Long engagement in Nigeria: Health Policy Summits (with PH Africa Policy Forum), ministerial briefings, country visits, LAFIYA partner

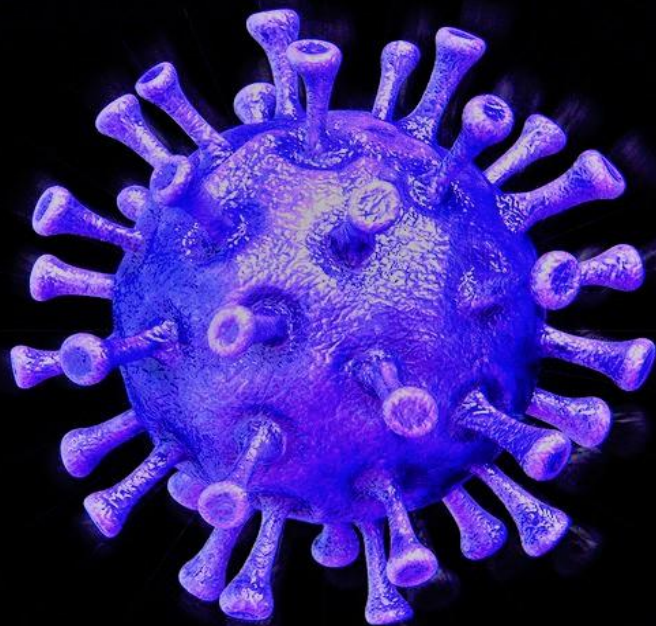
Plan for today – 3 Topics

- Evidence of the impact of democracies on life and deaths (health outcomes)
- Translating evidence into action – how CH works with nations towards UHC
- Looking forward to UHC in Nigeria – a collaborative approach

Impact of Democracy on Citizen's Health: What do we know? An Overview

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from Global Solidarity



to COVID-19 Vaccine Inequity



Indicators: freedom of expression, freedom of association, suffrage, free & fair elections, elected officials etc.

Aggregate - Liberal Democracy Index (LDI)

Indicators: Infant & Child Mortality, Maternal Mortality
Cause-specific mortality (CVD, Cancer TB etc)

Aggregate - Life Expectancy (LE)

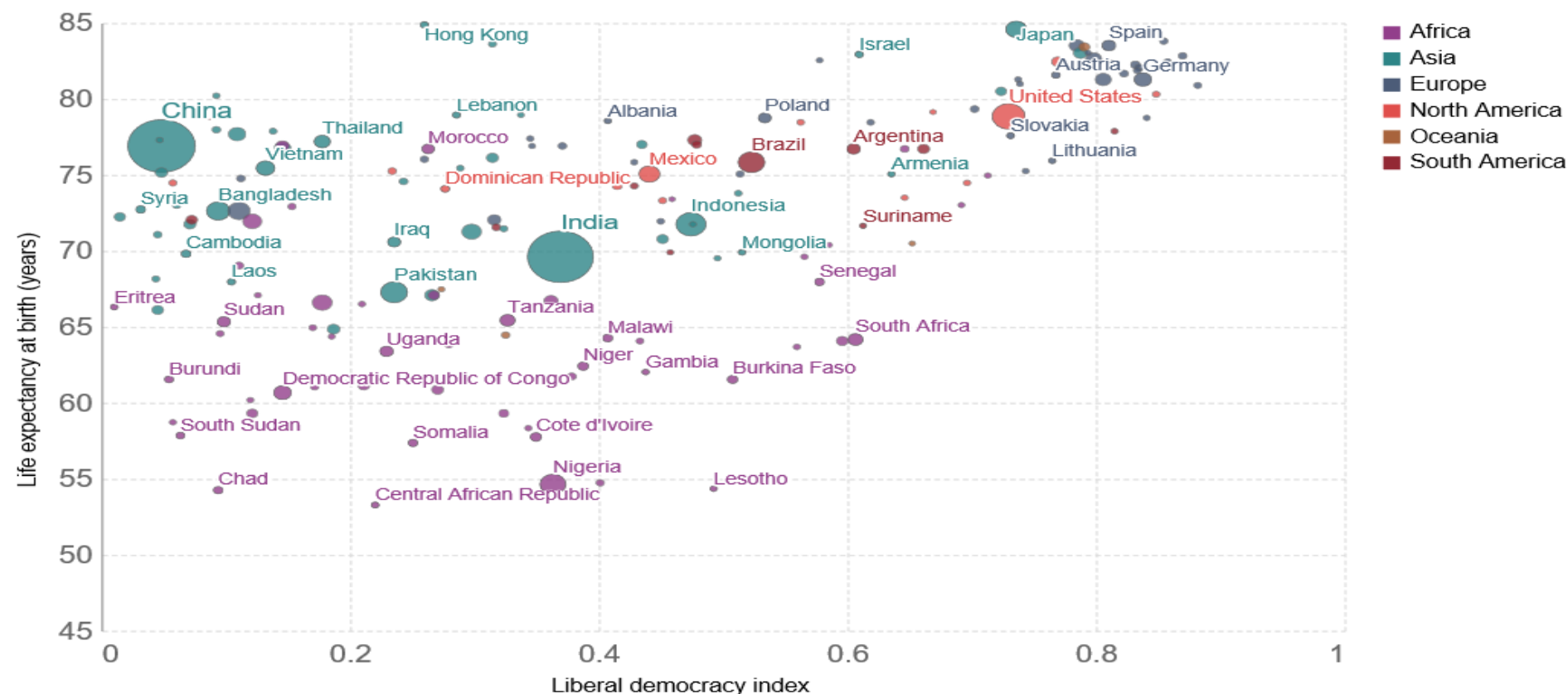
Evidence

- Increasing. Focus on key findings on most recent

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Life expectancy vs. Liberal Democracy Index, 2019

Shown is each country's life expectancy at birth (years) plotted against its Liberal Democracy Index (0 to 1, higher = better).

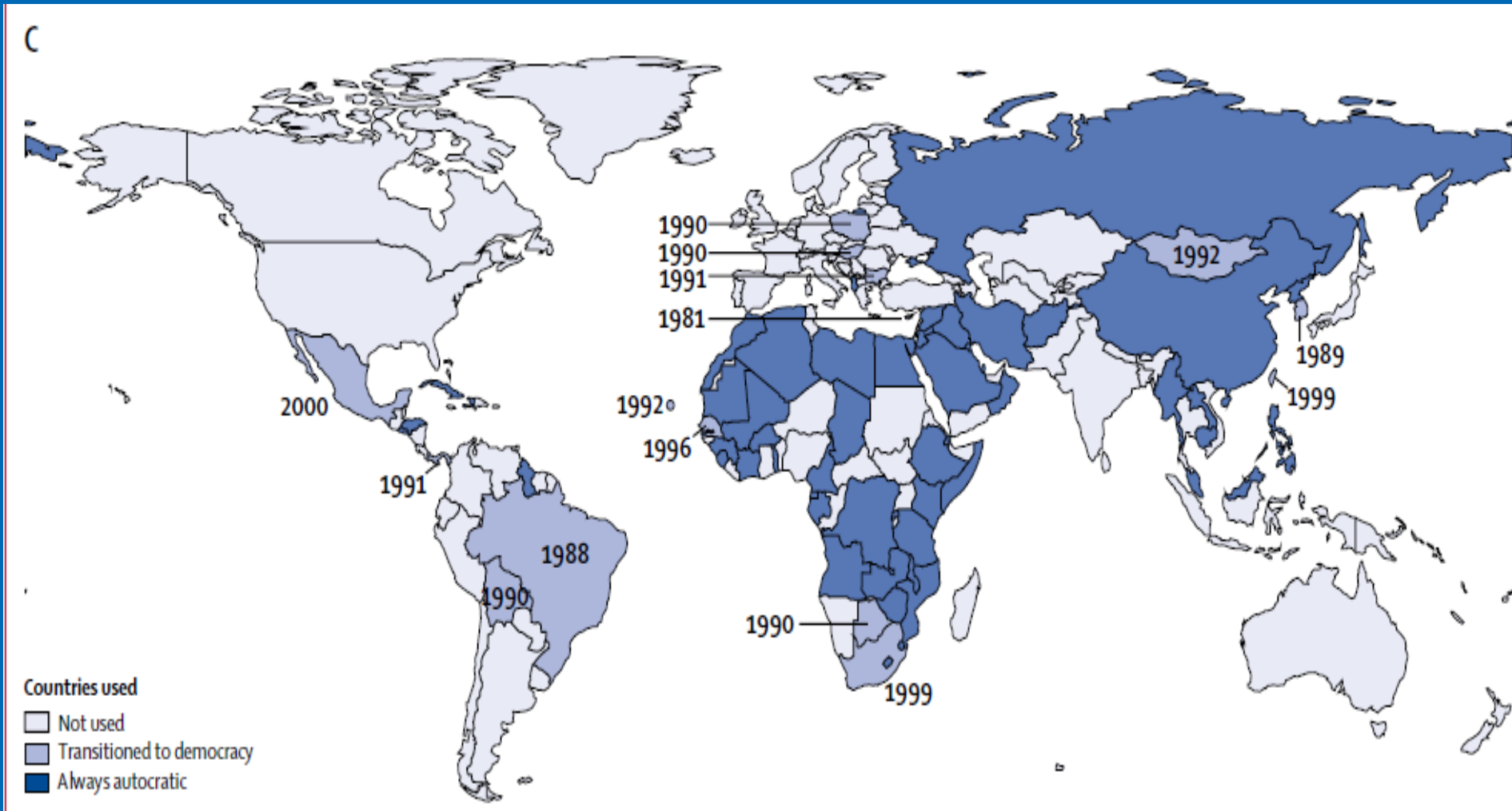


Source: Riley (2005), Clio Infra (2015), UN Population Division (2019), V-Dem Dataset (2021)

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- *Good democracy is correlated with your Citizen's Living Longer*

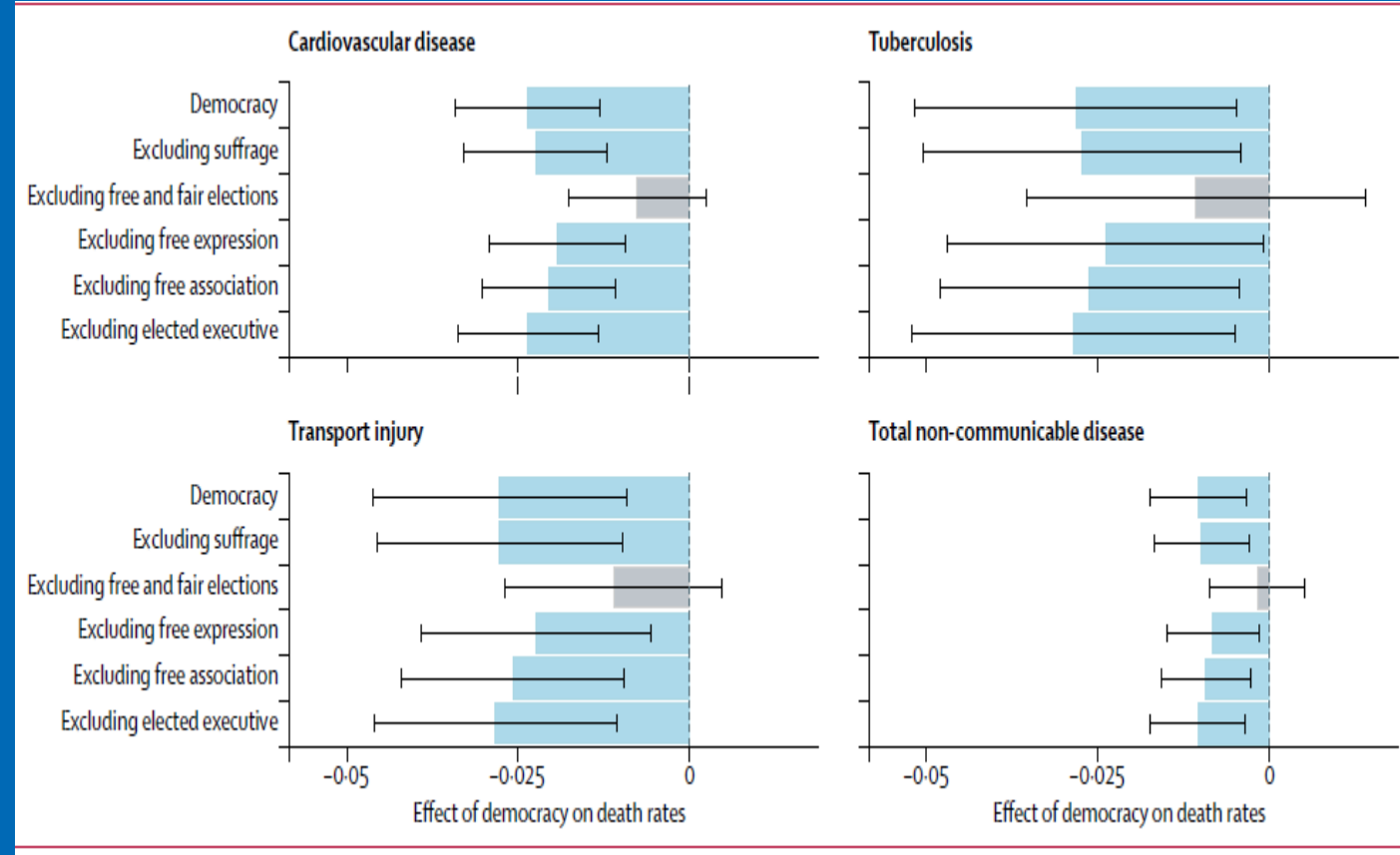
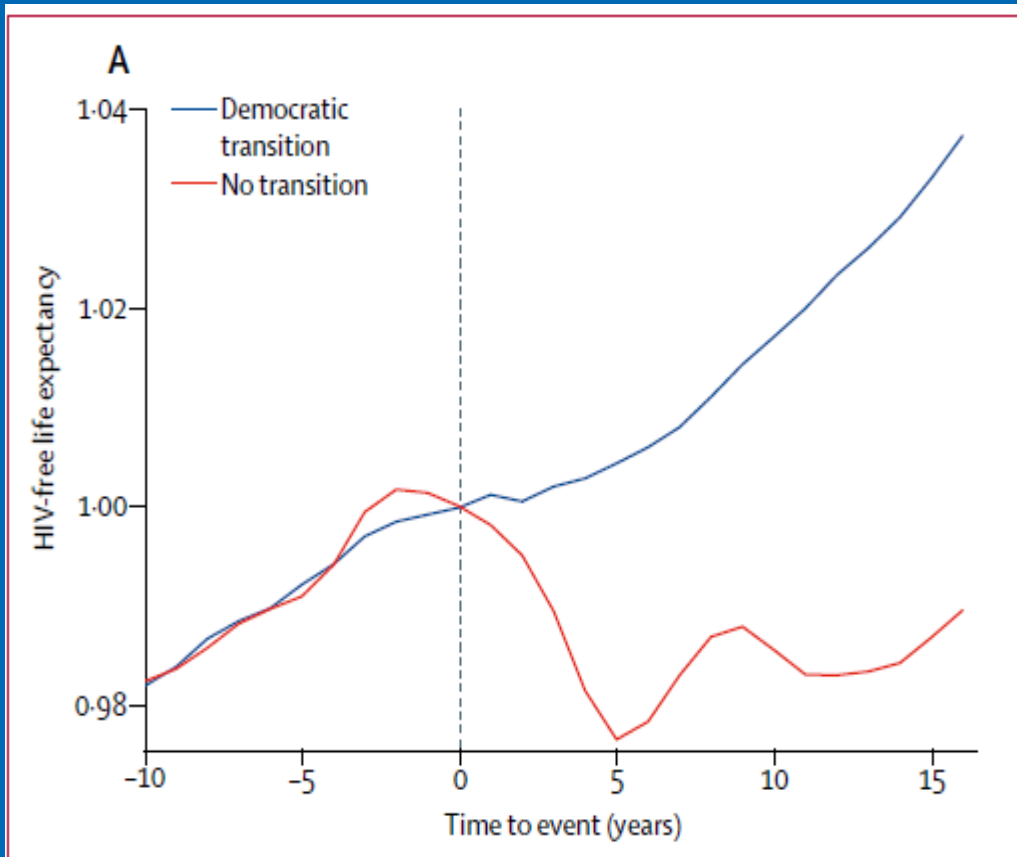
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Bolliky et al 2019, Lancet

- data from 170 countries and over 45 years (1970-2015)
- aggregate and cause-specific indicators
- many transitional countries
- ?? Nigeria

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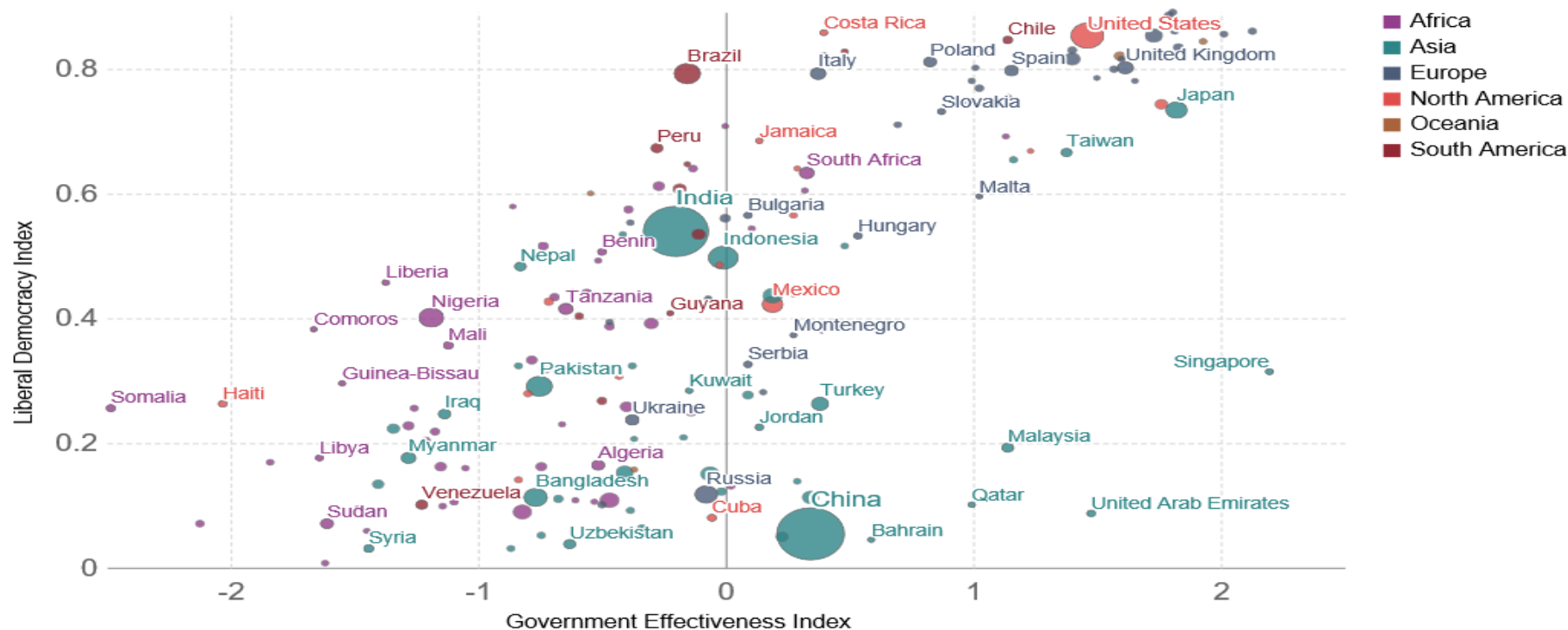


- Democratic experience associated with significant improvements in citizens' health & in reductions in mortality from major diseases
- Removal of free and fair elections leads to the loss of these health gains.
- Free and fair election – a marker of strong institutions & effective government
- Wealth (GDP per capita) not correlated with democracy. Democracy only correlated with public health spending

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Democracy vs Government effectiveness, 2014

Democracy is measured according to the Liberal Democracy Index (higher values denote stronger democratic institutions). The Government Effectiveness Index captures perceptions of the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service, and the quality of policy formulation and implementation. This index is measured in units of a standard normal distribution (positive values denote more effectiveness).



Democracy – feedback, scrutiny and challenge makes governments more effective

Effectiveness = responsiveness = increase spending and delivery of services

Elections and Health of the citizens are inseparable:

- good democracies are more likely to catalyse improvements in citizen's health outcomes
- free and fair elections provides greater incentives for participation – and improves government's accountability & transparency
- good democracies are correlated with increases in public health spending – but not with GDP/Capita
- **Strong Political Will and Leadership most vital to health improvements**
 - commitment and ability to redistribute resources to health

UHC policy manifesto can be a vote winner

- serve as an electoral sway from disadvantaged groups to support elections
- build lasting legacies for continuous health improvement

Global Achievement of UHC: Translating Evidence into Action

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The COVID-19 Crisis – a catalyst for UHC?

- A massive crisis requiring immediate head of state and cross government interventions
- Responses needed in the areas of access to health services and financial protection
- A demand for UNIVERSAL entitlements
- Populations want to see results quickly
- COVID-19 responses should be universal and based on solidarity – UHC is the perfect response

The COVID-19 crisis could make or break leaders



In Britain The 1945 Labour Government launched the NHS after the crisis of World War II



Likewise Japan launched UHC reforms following World War II is global champion of UHC



PM Thaksin became a hero in Thailand when he brought the people UHC in 2002 after the Asian Financial Crisis



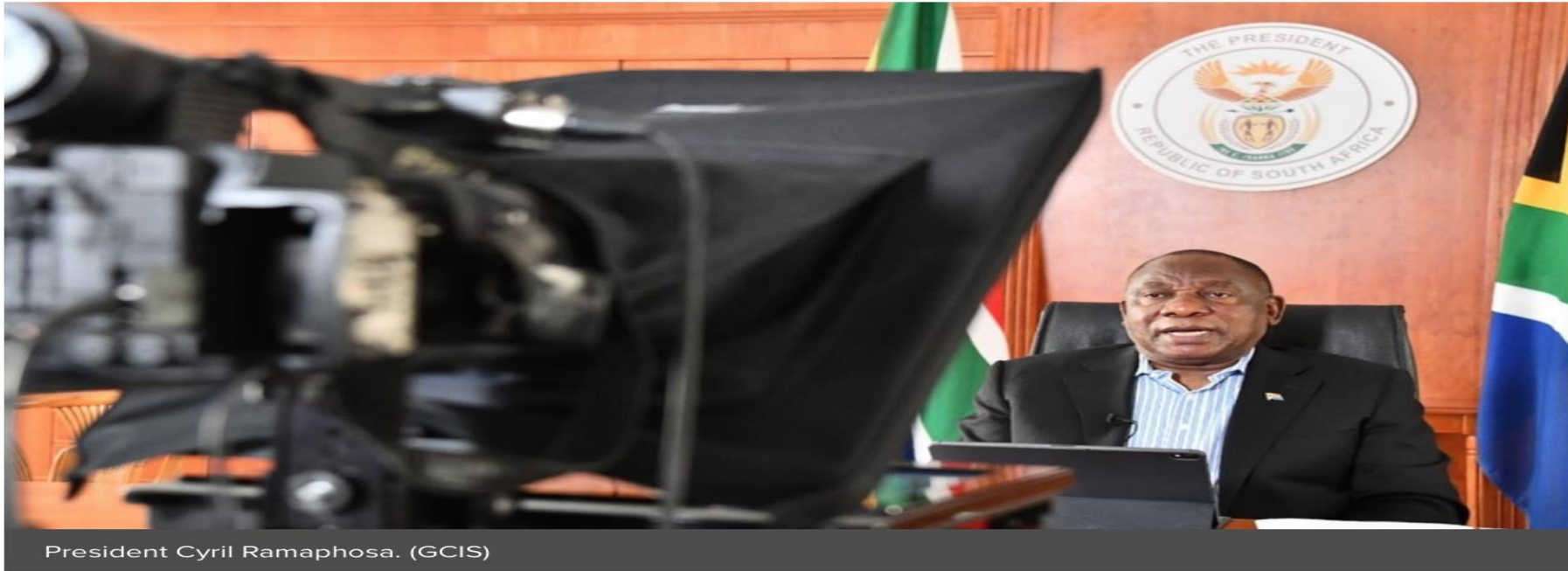
President Ramaphosa in South Africa is planning to launch UHC reforms emerging from the COVID Crisis

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Ramaphosa says govt's Covid-19 response is preparing country for NHI

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President Cyril Ramaphosa. (GCIS)

Egypt's Sisi mandates a condensed 10-year deadline for completing universal health insurance

The six-phase scheme was scheduled to cover Egypt by 2032, but will now be completed by 2027



Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi

Will Joe Biden heed Hillary Clinton's Advice?

HILLARY CLINTON: CORONAVIRUS 'WOULD BE A TERRIBLE CRISIS TO WASTE'; NEED 'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE'



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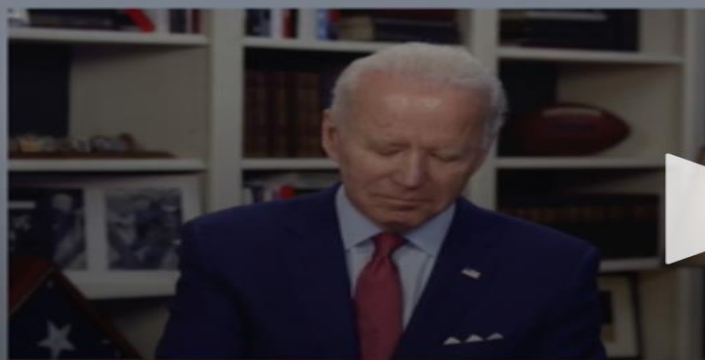


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Will State Governors in US launch UHC reforms?



A case study: Indonesia. Governor Jokowi launched UHC reforms in Jakarta one month after coming to power



I got it!: Residents proudly display their free healthcare (KJS) cards while Jakarta Governor Joko "Jokowi" Widodo looks on during the distribution of the cards at a community health center in Koja, North Jakarta, on Tuesday. (JP/P.J. Leo)

Encouraging Governor Jokowi to run for President on a UHC platform



In the televised Presidential debate he promised to bring UHC to all Indonesians



Kofi Annan discusses UHC with the President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo

Chair of The Elders Kofi Annan holds talks with Indonesian President Joko Widodo ahead of the Bali Democracy Forum, with discussion focusing on key topics including Universal Health Coverage.



Going Forward – Collaboration for UHC in Nigeria

- Specialist technical assistance and advice on issues relating to the political economy of UHC in Nigeria
- Generate political commitment for UHC emphasising the health, economic, societal and political benefits
- TA on how to launch and sustain UHC reforms in Nigeria
- Share experiences with successful UHC models
- Public events, forums, summits and media engagement
- Private round tables and briefings including advice on political strategy