



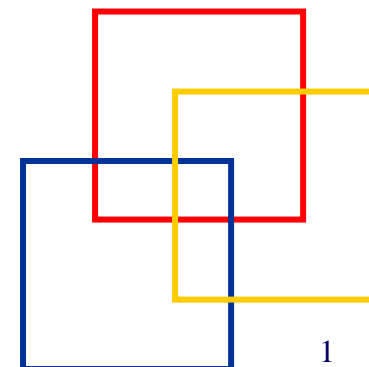
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How to achieve universal coverage and adequate benefit levels in health care?

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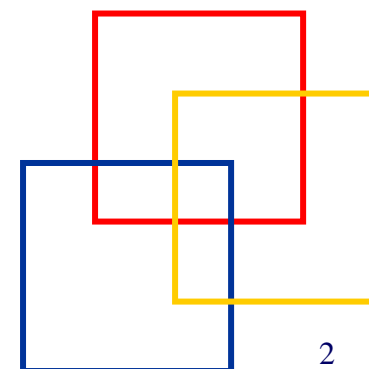




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Structure of the presentation

- **What is universal coverage in social health protection?**
- **The unfulfilled promise:
Global deficits in social health protection**
- **How to achieve universal access?**
- **Is universal coverage in health achievable in an acceptable time frame?**
- **Conclusions**





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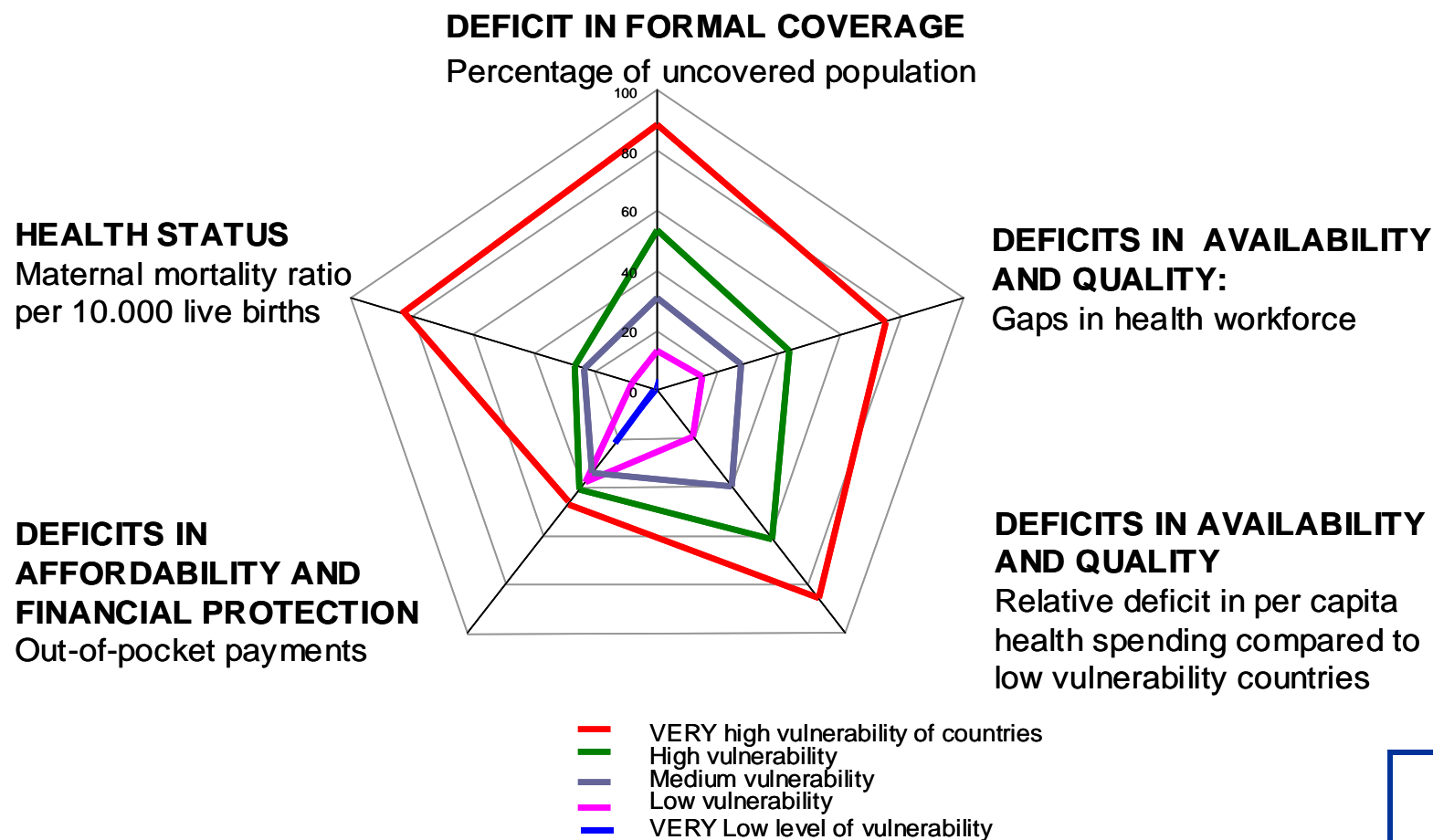


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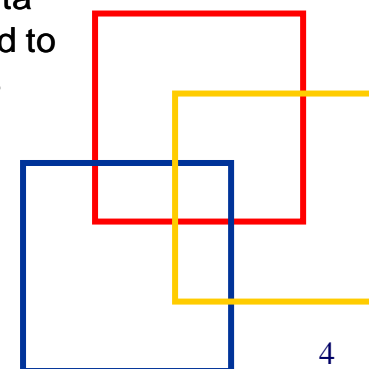


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The unfulfilled promise: Global deficits in social health protection



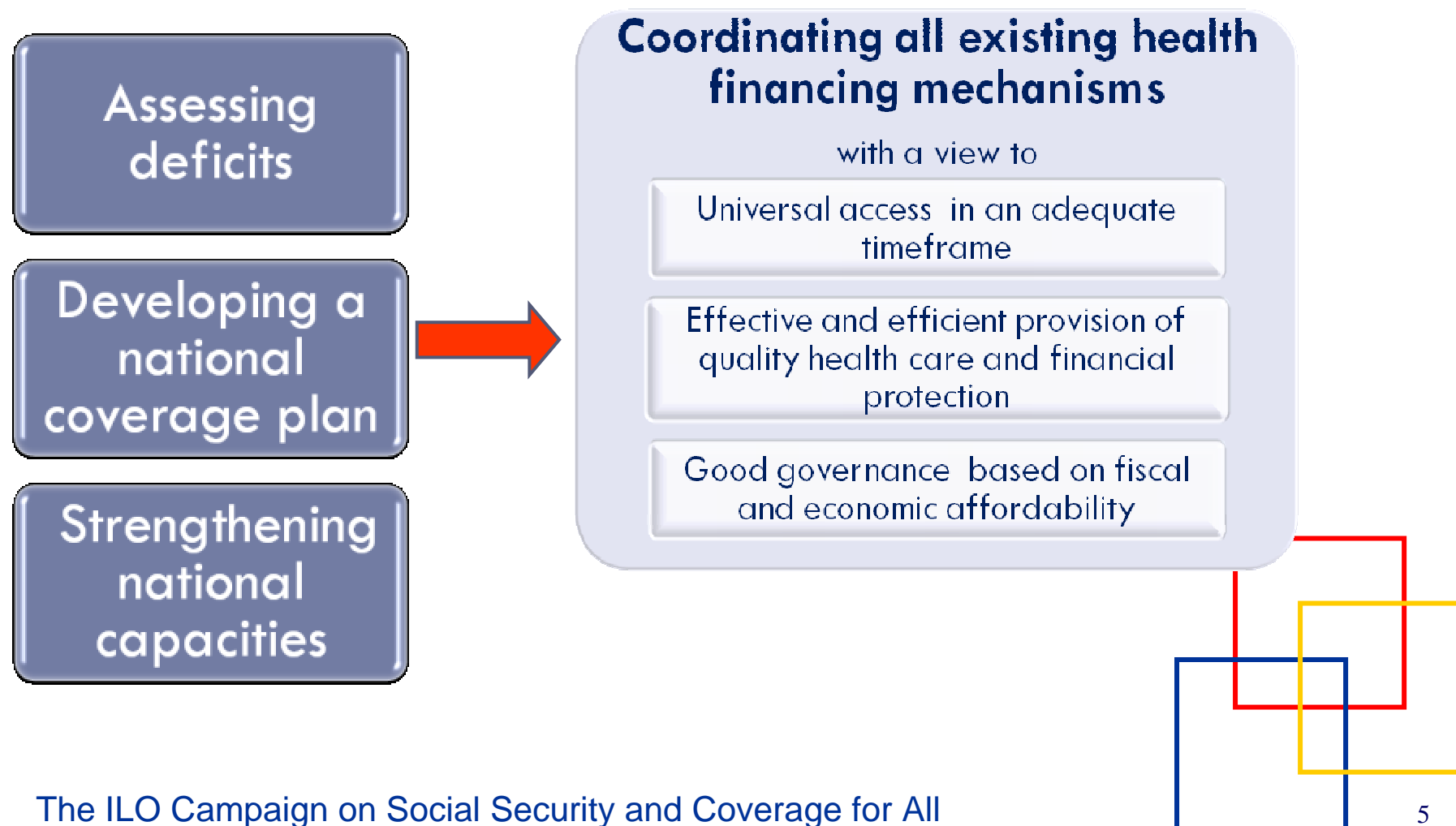
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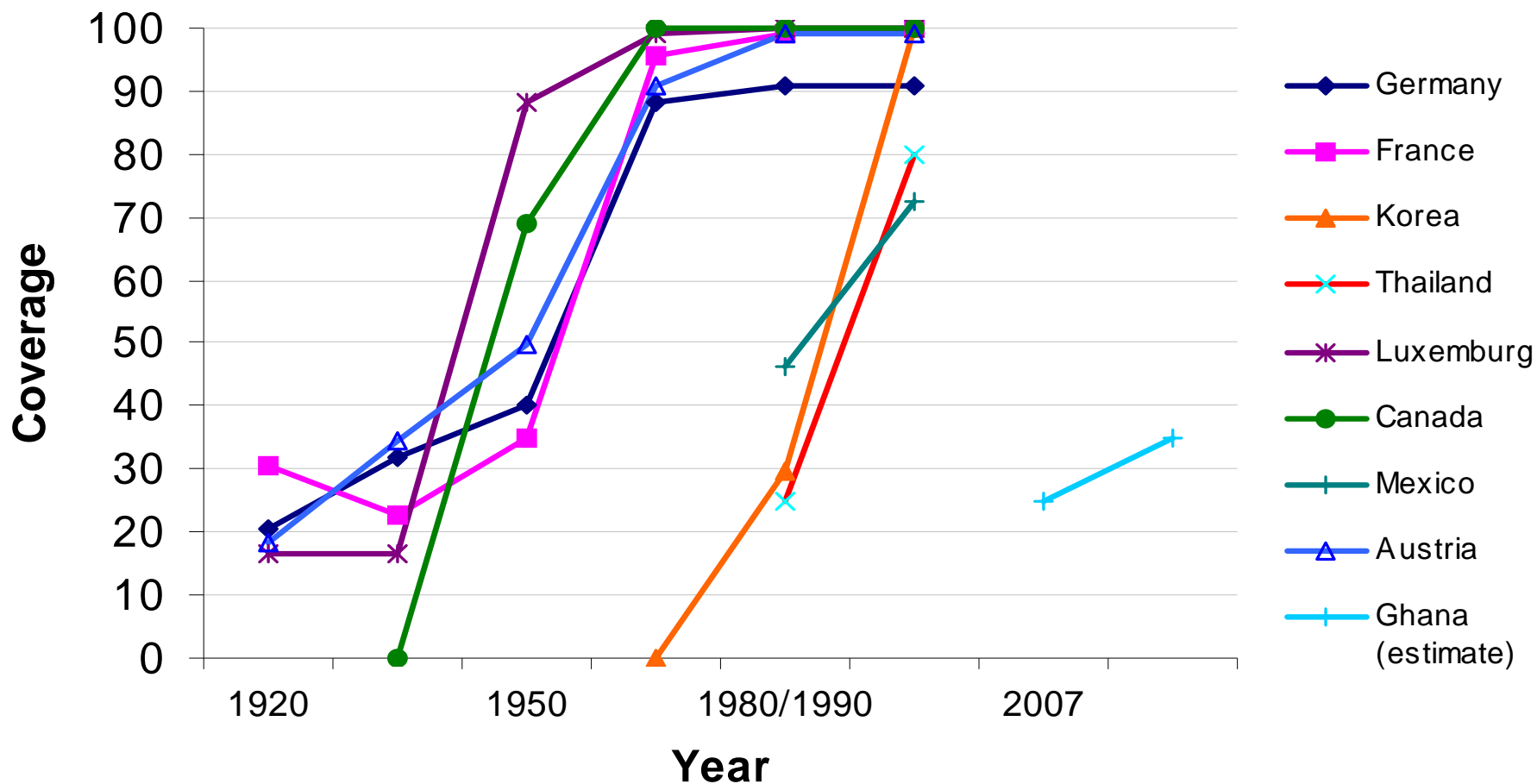
How to achieve universal access?





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Is universal coverage in health achievable in an acceptable time frame?





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Conclusions

Experiences

The clear link between health and poverty needs to be addressed by a basic guarantee of access to adequate health services

Countries tend to rely on a combination of health protection mechanisms resulting in access and quality deficits

Universal health protection coverage is achievable for developing countries if strategic approaches are matched with political commitment

What matters most...

Achieving equity in access to quality benefits

Developing fiscal space

Rationalizing the pluralistic use of health financing mechanisms

Developing capacities to extend social health protection

Promoting efficiency and ensuring sustainability