



## DETAILED AGENDA: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WEBINAR SERIES

WEBINAR #1: BENEFIT PACKAGE DESIGN

EGYPT X CHILE

April 23, 2025

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**Event:** Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series – Bridging Health Systems  
Webinar #1: Benefit Package Design  
Egypt x Chile

**Date:** Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025

**Location:** Virtual, via Zoom, 2:00 PM Cairo time, (duration: 90–120 min)

### Overview

The Egypt Impact Lab (EIL), in collaboration with the Universal Health Insurance Authority (UHIA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in Egypt, is hosting the first session of the *Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series – Bridging Health Systems*. This session will focus on benefit package design, drawing on global experiences to support the implementation of Egypt's Universal Health Insurance System (UHIS).

The *Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series – Bridging Health Systems* is a government-to-government learning initiative organized by the Egypt Impact Lab (EIL), in collaboration with UHIA and WHO. The series aims to facilitate meaningful policy dialogue and knowledge-sharing on key topics related to Universal Health Coverage.

The first session will focus on **Benefit Package Design**, featuring international experiences and technical reflections on how countries design and update their service packages under national health insurance systems, with a spotlight on the Chilean experience. The session will bring together policymakers, technical experts, and development partners to:

- Share policy experiences from Chile and other global contexts
- Discuss challenges and priorities in Egypt's benefit package development
- Explore actionable strategies for adapting global lessons to the Egyptian context

## Key Speakers:

- Dr. Ahmed Elsayed, Executive Director, J-PAL MENA
- Dr. Ahmed Seyam, Deputy CEO for Technical Affairs, Universal Health Insurance Authority
- Dr. Emilio Santelices, Former Minister of Health of Chile
- Ms. Mai Farid, CEO of the Universal Health Insurance Authority
- Dr. Matthew Jowett, Unit Head for Health Financing, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Dr. Nima Saeed Abid, WHO Country Representative in Egypt

## Detailed Agenda:

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TIME	SESSION
2:00–2:20 pm	<b>Opening   Welcoming Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Ahmed Elsayed, Executive Director, J-PAL MENA</li> <li>- Dr Nima Saeed Abid, WHO representative in Egypt</li> <li>- Ms. Mai Farid, CEO of the Universal Health Insurance Authority</li> </ul>
2:20–2:35 pm	<b>Presentation by WHO Expert   Speaker: Dr. Matthew Jowett (recorded video)</b> Benefit design and health financing policy
2:35–2:50 pm	<b>Presentation by Egyptian Government   Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Seyam</b> Insights on the Egyptian UHIS system, and the benefit package challenges and opportunities
2:50–3:20 pm	<b>Presentation by expert on Chile's health system   Speaker: Dr. Emilio Santelices</b> Presentation on Chile's strategies for designing and updating benefit packages
3:20–3:50 pm	<b>Open Discussion   Interactive Session</b> Participants discuss actionable recommendations benefit package design and implementation for Egypt

## About the Egypt Impact Lab

The Egypt Impact Lab (EIL), established in 2022, is a strategic initiative of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Middle East and North Africa (J-PAL MENA) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation (MPEDIC). The EIL is made possible with generous support from the founding partners, the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development and Community Jameel, and additional support from UNICEF Egypt.

EIL is uniquely positioned in MPEDIC's National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD) to strengthen the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of Egypt's poverty reduction policies by:

1. Conducting randomized evaluations of promising government initiatives.
2. Utilizing research outcomes to inform policy decisions and program scaling.
3. Cultivating a culture of evidence-informed policy-making across government institutions.

EIL's key thematic areas:

1. Social protection and poverty reduction
2. Employment and micro, small, and medium enterprise development
3. Women's empowerment and family planning
4. Environment, Energy, and Climate Change (led by *HAPIE*)