

Box 1 Criteria for selecting tracer indicators of coverage with health services

Tracer indicators should:

- address the major health problems faced in a country
- focus not only on the unfinished agenda of the current MDGs but also on the emerging agenda of noncommunicable diseases (including cancers and mental health) and injuries
- cover promotion, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation
- incorporate quality as much as possible
- be feasible to measure now or in the near future.