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It often pushes the most vulnerable into deeper poverty and into a cycle of poor nutrition, poor education and ill health.

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For example, one study shows hospitalization costs in China consumed nearly 60% of the annual household income of poor families.
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Nationally funded insurance schemes can help prevent catastrophic effects of health spending on poor families.

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Social health insurance schemes protect the poor by reducing the cost of accessing a minimum set of services and treatments.

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The scheme has resulted in 60% fewer families in Mexico incurring such devastating health expenses.
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Ghana's national health insurance scheme covers maternity care, including free access to antenatal care, deliveries (normal and assisted), Caesarean sections, and post-natal care.
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Since its development, more than 1 million pregnant women have registered.

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To ensure access to care, pregnant women and newborns are not subjected to registration fees or waiting times.

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Nigeria has developed independent social health insurance programmes for the formal sector, the urban self-employed, rural communities and children under five.
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The scheme is currently looking at improving quality of care for women and children by improving payments by health management organizations to primary health care providers.
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The National Health Insurance Scheme has distributed more than 15 million "smart cards" across 26 states, covering more than 55 million people.

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Still, there is a need for increased awareness of the public about this scheme and for improved quality of services.

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