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Content	<p>IFMSA, representing medical students worldwide, has long been a major advocate for Universal Health Coverage and the involvement of IFMSA members in its achievement on national and global levels. An IFMSA survey showed that UHC is not included as a topic in over 50% of medical schools worldwide, with data from 262 students from 80 countries. Taking that into consideration, the approaches taken by IFMSA focused on tackling all different aspects of UHC through initiatives that focused on the engagement of medical students. Methods: Over 2 years, IFMSA conducted UHC international social media campaigns that involved medical students and relevant stakeholders, and incentivized local and national UHC activities through IFMSA members. In addition, members were capacitated and empowered through workshops, webinars, sessions, panels and manuals. Results: 5 UHC themed workshops were conducted across IFMSA regions with the participation of 92 members. 2 campaigns were conducted with an average reach of 550 likes, 200 shares and 150 members participating. The UHC Activities Map and Activities Competition were launched with 18 and 19 submissions respectively from 5 regions that tackled all UHC aspects. Also, manuals on UHC activities and simulations were created, and 14 UHC-related sessions were conducted during 5 General Assemblies. Conclusion: Medical students are an entity of strong potential to lead the path towards UHC, and as shown by the quality and creativity of their actions on UHC and health systems related matters, that untapped and often disregarded potential can generate a much needed change within healthcare accessibility.</p>