

# **Achieving Universal Health Coverage through Radical Changes in Teaching Community Medicine**

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In 2014, a radical change in teaching Community Medicine was made in the Colombo Medical Faculty by introducing a residential community attachment programme, with the aim of providing an experiential learning opportunity to the students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes towards strengthening primary health care services leading to universal health coverage. The programme consisted of a 2-day workshop of didactic learning and an eight-day residential programme in a rural setting. The students arrived at a 'community diagnosis', implemented health promotional activities, and learned about primary health care services. Feedback showed a highly satisfactory level of achievement of programme objectives.