

Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets related to reproductive health;¹

Recalling and recognizing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994) and key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted by the twenty-first special session of the United Nations General Assembly in July 1999;

Recalling and recognizing further the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing, 1995) and the further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action adopted at the twenty-third special session of the United Nations General Assembly in June 2000;

Reaffirming the development goals as contained in the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session in September 2000,² and in the Road Map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ and other international development goals and targets;

Recognizing that attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and other international goals and targets require, as a priority, strong investment and political commitment in reproductive and sexual health;

Recalling that resolution WHA55.19 requested the Director-General, inter alia, to develop a strategy for accelerating progress towards attainment of international development goals and targets related to reproductive health,

1. ENDORSES the strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets related to reproductive health;

¹ Document A57/13, Annex.

² United Nations General Assembly resolution 55/2.

³ Document A/56/326.

2. URGES Member States, as a matter of urgency:
 - (1) to adopt and implement the strategy as part of national efforts to achieve the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and other international development goals and targets, and to mobilize political will and financial resources for that purpose;
 - (2) to make reproductive and sexual health an integral part of national planning and budgeting;
 - (3) to strengthen the capacity of health systems with the participation of community and nongovernmental groups to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health care, with particular attention to maternal and neonatal health in all countries;
 - (4) to monitor implementation of the strategy to ensure that it benefits the poor and other marginalized groups, including adolescents and men, and that it strengthens reproductive and sexual health care and programmes at all levels;
 - (5) to ensure that all aspects of reproductive and sexual health including, inter alia, adolescent reproductive health and maternal and neonatal health, are included within national monitoring and reporting of progress towards attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to provide support to Member States, on request, in implementing the strategy and evaluating its impact and effectiveness;
 - (2) to devote sufficient organizational priority, commitment and resources to supporting effective promotion and implementation of the reproductive health strategy and the “necessary actions” that it highlights;
 - (3) to assist Member States in ensuring reproductive health commodity security;
 - (4) to give particular attention to maternal and neonatal health in WHO’s first progress report on reproductive and sexual health in 2005, as part of its contribution to the Secretary-General’s report to the United Nations General Assembly on progress towards attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
 - (5) to provide regular (at least biennial) progress reports on implementation of the strategy to the Health Assembly, through the Executive Board.

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