

**152<sup>nd</sup> SESSION of the WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India**

**Agenda 20.3: Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025**

**Agenda 20.4: Scale of assessments 2024–2025**

**Agenda 20.5: Amendments to the Financial Regulations and  
Financial Rules**

***(these sub-items will be taken together)***

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India believes that the extension of the GPW for two years will scale up the implementation of public health priorities, and establish sustainable financing and accountability for results, besides better monitoring and coordination.

India supports the proposed alignment of the GWP 13 strategy with five priorities as three of the priorities are related to Triple Billion goals and the fourth and fifth priorities represent the strategic functions of a more effective WHO, providing better support to countries.

**Chair,**

India would like to suggest the following:

- Though progress has been made in some areas, such as access to clean household fuel, safe water, sanitation, and hygiene under the *Healthier Populations Billion target*, **there is a need for the assessment of the indicators which are worsening and widening inequities.**
- India believes that **there is a need for a radical reorientation of the health system towards Primary Healthcare systems** to achieve the **Universal Health Coverage** target.
- Primary health systems should not provide treatment only but promote wellness and wellbeing by promoting the right lifestyle and holistic health care.
- The Global Health Estimates indicated ischemic heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lower respiratory infections, and neonatal conditions as the top five causes of death in 2019. To address this, it is imperative to **strengthen the Primary Healthcare Centers as screening centers** to assess the risk factors contributing to death.
- Primary Health care centers should be re-oriented as screening centers of NCDs and provide comprehensive health care.
- WHO should **also work on Health seeking behavior of the population** and should include it in the Integrated Health Tools by taking into account socio-economic factors.
- WHO should **identify the high impact intervention which can lead to better health service delivery as per country's context and in consultation with Member states.**

- There is also a need to focus on use of technology in health service delivery to aid Universal Health Coverage by effectively working towards implementation of Global Digital Health Strategy.

**Chair,**

**WHO needs to converge, connect and coordinate all its efforts and interventions, to achieve the objective of strengthening systems and tools, as well as to build resilient health systems as a prerequisite to prevent, prepare and respond to future health emergencies.**

**Thank you!**