



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

76th World Health Assembly
21 – 30 May 2023 / Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda	11	Programme Budget 2024-2025
--------	----	----------------------------

REQUESTED ACTIONS: To note the report and to approve the Resolution on Programme Budget 2024-2025

The Philippines supports the adoption of the draft resolution on Programme Budget 2024-2025. We appreciate that the next biennium budget is strongly anchored in bottom-up country prioritization.

The severe disruption of essential health services due to the pandemic entails intensified support for countries to advance universal health coverage founded on radical reorientation of health systems towards primary health care. This can only be achieved if the acceleration scenarios and delivery-for-impact approaches are based on the Member State's priorities.

In terms of monitoring and assessment mechanisms, we thank the Secretariat for the excellent work on the Budget Web Portal. It serves, not only as a tool for transparency, but also as a vehicle to strengthen bilateral and multilateral relations through accessible information on countries and organizations that are contributing resources for health sector strategies of a Member State. The Philippines would highly appreciate if the Secretariat could further deepen the depth of information by including the specific titles of the projects and programs being financed through the Programme Budget at the country level, so that these could be considered in Member State analyses on measurable improvements and evidence-based interventions.

We commend the Country Office for engaging us in the preliminary priority setting exercise and look forward to a robust and participatory process in setting the new Country Cooperation Strategy for the Philippines. We are likewise thankful for the continued support and partnership in innovations to efficiently manage and harmonize development partner support and ensure Country Ownership through a data interface that we call the iDASH (International Development Assistance Systems for Health).

Finally, we affirm our continued support to mechanisms for sustainable financing for the WHO. Likewise, we take note of the budget items per major office and outcomes that are getting decreased budgets for the next biennium, specifically for the Western Pacific, such as those for health determinants for safe and equitable societies, rapid detection of health emergencies, and prevention of epidemics and pandemics, to guide us in ramping up domestic resources for these outcomes.

Thank you.**END**