



SAMOA'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM A76/5
"GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH
(2016-2030)

Mr. President, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to give this statement on behalf of Samoa government to acknowledge with gratitude the consolidated report on the Implementation Progress of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent Health 2016-2030.

I would also like to take this golden opportunity to heartily thank WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank, ADB, UNDP-Global FUND, Government of New Zealand, Government of Australia and other development partners that support Samoa's health sector financially and technically in improving health services and programs for women's, children's and adolescent's health and wellbeing.

With regards to the three questions posed for member states to consider, Samoa believes that:

In order to increase national commitments in accelerating achieving new born and child survival related Sustainable Development Goals, we need to implement programs and interventions through a whole-of-nation integrated multi-sectoral approach because health cannot work alone. Health needs the support from development partners, government leaders, NGOs, other sectors and most importantly the community.

Women, Children and Adolescent's health are one of Samoa's national priorities articulated in its national strategy which is: Pathway for the Development of Samoa for Financial Years 2021/22 to 2025/26 and health sector priority in its Health Sector Plan for Financial Years 2019/20 to 2029/30. These national strategies are formulated to assist the government of Samoa with its commitment in achieving health related SDGs and Healthy Islands Framework indicators.

The implementation of these strategies are through integrated in whole-of-country multi-sectoral approach whereby health sector partners both in public and private sectors come together as health family to provide health services to manage and control NCD burden in Samoa through Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results Project funded by World Bank as well as provision of health services pertaining management and control of Infectious Diseases through the Integrated Community Health Advocacy Program (ICHAP) funded by multiple development partners.

In addition, Samoa had introduced three new vaccines which was officially launched and implemented last year. These include: HPV, Rotavirus, and PCV. We heartily acknowledge the continuous support of UNICEF with provision of these vaccines to boost the health and wellbeing of women and children of Samoa.

These projects and programs contribute to enhancing universal access of health services delivery for women, children and adolescents as well as strengthening community engagement which thus lead to saving their lives and drive health for them as per the theme for WHO's 75th Birthday: "Saving Lives, Driving Health for All".

Thank You.

