Intensified Integrated Country Support on PHC and UHC
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GPW 13: a set of interconnected strategic priorities and goals to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
GPW 13 Extension

Extension from 2019–2023 to 2025, endorsed at WHA75

Rationale

◦ **Universal health coverage billion (B1).** will not be reached by 2023, and progress is less than 1/4 of that required to reach the SDGs by 2030

◦ **Health emergencies protection billion (B2).** Although initial projections anticipated this billion could be met by 2023, COVID-19 has revealed that no country is fully prepared for a pandemic of such scale

◦ **Healthier populations billion (B3).** Although the target is projected to be almost reached by 2023, progress is around 1/4 of that required to reach the SDGs by 2030

- Need for a more integrated, equity-based and people-centered approaches
- More and better investments in health and wellbeing
- A whole of government and whole of society approach
Proposed strategic priority areas for GPW 13 extension

1. Support countries to make an urgent paradigm shift towards **promoting health and well-being and preventing disease** by addressing its root causes

2. Support a radical reorientation of health systems towards **primary health care** as the foundation of universal health coverage

3. Urgently strengthen the systems and tools for **epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response** at all levels, underpinned by strong governance and financing to ignite and sustain those efforts, connected and coordinated globally by WHO

4. Harness the power of **science, research innovation, data and digital technologies** as critical enablers of the other priorities

5. Urgently strengthen **WHO as the leading and directing authority on global health**, at the centre of the global health architecture

PB 22-23 was revised to better serve the extended GPW 13 proposed priorities in an integrated manner using Primary Health Care and the Essential Public Health Functions as the means to bridge between the 5 priorities
It is about what and how

Don’t just ask **what** services are delivered.

Ask **how** they are delivered.

UHC Country Support Plan: TAYLORED TO NEEDS – HARMONISED - COHERENT
Programme Budget (PB) 2022-23 Revision

Revision entails

- Increased budget (Billion 1 and Billion 3 = $120 million)

- A focus on country impact with a differentiated approach based on capacity and fragility

Differentiated approach to country impact– GPW 13
Building on the existing collaborations

- **PHC Accelerator** of the Global Action Plan (GAP) SDG3

- **UHC-Partnership catalytic support**
  Strengthen WHO capacity on PHC/UHC in 115 countries
Intensified country support (n=30)

- **30 countries from 6 WHO regions** prioritized for intensified support with a focus on integrated health system strengthening based on PHC

- Supporting and harnessing countries’ COVID-19-related **recovery** to build more resilient and equitable health systems

- To be implemented through the additional **budget for B1 (UHC) and B3 (healthier populations)** - revised PB

- Focus on country support with ROs and HQ backstopping

### Objectives/expectations

- Promote synergies between Billion 1 and Billion 3

- Facilitate a shift from the prevailing siloed and fragmented approaches to investments in health systems based on a PHC approach

- Ensure smarter use of limited resources - better efficiency

- Address foundational gaps in health systems to meet population health needs
Moving forward

Next steps

- High-level meeting with priority countries and ROs
- Intensified resource mobilization for the revised budget ($120 million)
- Technical and operational preparations in consultation with stakeholders

Key areas for joint action – Countries, WHO and Partners

- Commitment to aligning country supports in health system strengthening to address chronic foundational gaps including leveraging ongoing investments in emergencies and disease-specific programmes
- Increase investments in PHC and EPHFs as integrated approaches to health system strengthening
- Promote accountabilities for health, multisectoral, whole-of-government, whole-of-society action
Thank you
Key references

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