Update on the SDG3 Global Action Plan

30th June 2023

WHO information session for Member States
Agenda

1. Welcome and objectives

2. Presentation of SDG3 GAP 2023 Progress Report / Country examples / Update from 76th WHA

3. Discussion

4. Next steps
2023 progress report on the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All
We have made important progress, but we still have a long path to travel to improve the way that multilateral organizations work together to support countries. We must listen to what countries tell us and act upon their guidance. I thank the partners for their collaboration and for the honest self-assessments contained in this report.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
WHO Director-General and Chair of the SDG3 GAP Principals Group
• **SDG3 GAP was launched in 2019** as a self-commitment of 13 multilateral agencies to collaborate better in support of countries’ efforts to achieve the health-related SDGs

• **2023 is the mid-point to the SDGs** and the world is going only at a fraction of the pace needed to achieve the SDGs by 2030

• **Enhanced collaboration** within the multilateral system is therefore more important than ever to help accelerate progress towards the SDGs

• Through the 2023 progress report, SDG3 GAP agencies discuss what has worked and what has not worked since 2019 and make 6 recommendations for the future
What has worked under the SDG3 GAP?

1. SDG3 GAP provides an improvement cycle on health in the multilateral system
2. SDG3 GAP provides structures for collaboration
3. Country-level specific and thematic approaches show promise
What has worked under the SDG3 GAP?

COUNTRY VOICE
Member states rate how well development partners collaborate & suggest improvements

SDG3 GAP improvement cycle on health in the multilateral system

CASE STUDIES
to document progress for learning

JOINT ACTION
to address suggested improvements, facilitated by catalytic support

FIGURE 2: Number of countries engaged under SDG3 GAP, by year

2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
Launch of the SDG3 GAP
5 37 52 67

Recommendations to sustain and bring to scale the elements of SDG3 GAP that are working

1. Strengthen the SDG3 GAP *improvement cycle for health* in the multilateral system: amplify country voices and helps shift power dynamics in favour of countries
   - Roll out the second round of country questionnaires by the end of 2023
   - Make incentives and resources available to catalyse stronger collaboration
   - Publish annual progress reports & case studies to document improvements

2. Maintain SDG3 GAP as an effective *structure for collaboration* on health in the multilateral system
   - Retain current structure of agency focal points & accelerator working groups
   - SDG3 GAP Principals should meet annually to review and discuss progress

3. Better focus work under SDG3 GAP at the *country level* and foster greater cross-accelerator collaboration in countries
   - Further emphasize successful country approaches
   - Implement coordinated country action with clear targets
What has not worked under the SDG3 GAP?

4. Translation of the SDG3 GAP commitments into action at the country level has varied considerably, with some countries and agencies championing efforts, while others showing rather limited engagement and action.

5. Initial engagement of civil society at the SDG3 GAP’s inception, including through the relevant accelerator, has not been sustained.

6. Incentives for collaboration: SDG3 GAP illustrates that “self-commitments” by agency principals at the global level may improve collaboration but can only achieve so much in the absence of external incentives that reinforce collaboration, especially at the country level.
Recommendations to address the elements of SDG3 GAP that are not working

4. Enhance joint **action at the country level** through new approaches, such as delivery for impact

5. Strengthen **engagement of civil society** and communities through consultations to explore their interest in contributing to work under SDG3 GAP

6. Strengthen **incentives for collaboration** in the areas of
   - **Political leadership**: work with MS to develop and implement an approach to strengthen ownership and accountability to countries
   - **Governance direction**: each relevant agency governing body could review the annual progress reports and country-level coordination and alignment
   - **Funding for collaboration**: agencies should demonstrate what efforts are being mobilized to drive and deepen collaboration
Upcoming opportunity: SDG Summit (Sep 2023)

Through this progress report, and in the run-up to the 2023 SDG Summit and the other high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2023, SDG3 GAP agencies will:

• Consult with Member states, civil society and interested stakeholders to understand how best to jointly implement the 6 recommendations for the future

• Collaborate with other initiatives such as the GFF Alignment Working Group and the Future of Global Health Initiatives to improve collaboration
Country examples
Update on 76th WHA

Item 3 - WHO Director-General's Report

Overall context:
- “The pandemic has blown us off course, but it has shown us why the SDGs must remain our north star, and why we must pursue them with the same urgency and determination with which we countered the pandemic.”

Ask to MS:
- “I urge every Member State to work with the Secretariat to identify concrete ways to pick up the pace of progress on the triple billion targets and health related SDGs.”
Update on 76th WHA continued

Item 13.1 - Preparation of the UNGA HLM on UHC (Res WHA76.4)

[...] REQUESTS the Director-General:

(6) to support the implementation of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All in order to accelerate progress towards health-related Sustainable Development Goal targets, through collaboration across the relevant United Nations and non-United Nations health-related agencies, with coordinated approaches and aligned support for Member State-led national plans and strategies;

Item 26 - Collaboration within the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organization

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‘The Global Action Plan has helped to establish an improvement cycle on health in the multilateral system. Hence, through its monitoring framework, it amplifies country voices at the country level by allowing governments to assess the quality of collaboration and alignment at that level. Based on the responses, catalytic support has been provided to 23 WHO country offices to bring partners together to address challenges highlighted by governments [...]’
Discussion & next steps

This MS session is part of the consultation process which we initiated in May in New York.

Suggested focus for today’s discussion:

• How can we best implement the 6 recommendations contained in the report?

• Which role can and do MS want to play, esp. when it comes to strengthening the incentive for collaboration (recommendation 6)?

• How can that best be achieved?
Thank you

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