Update on the implementation of WHA Resolution 76.16 on the Health of Indigenous Peoples

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Calls to action in WHA Resolution 76.16

- "...in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, with their free, prior and informed consent"

| Urges **Member States** to take action in the areas of                  |
| Ethical data collection; national health plans; SRH;                   |
| intercultural approach; integration of traditional medicine;          |
| participation; Indigenous Peoples as health workers;                  |
| capacity building; mental health, health promotion                    |

| Calls on **relevant actors to**                                       |
| Support participation; foster funding and follow highest ethical      |
| principles in R&D while ensuring the rights to cultural heritage,    |
| traditional knowledge and cultural expressions and over lands and    |
| territories; dialogue and collaboration                              |

| **Requests the Director General**                                    |
| *See next slide for details*                                         |
| 1) Develop Global Plan of Action for Health of Indigenous People     |
| 2) Provide technical support to Member States                        |
| 3) Propose lines of action to the 14th GPW                           |
Requests to WHO Secretariat in the resolution

1. **Develop a Global Plan of Action**
   In consultation with Member States, Indigenous Peoples, relevant UN and multilateral system agencies, civil society, academia, taking a life course approach, with emphasis on reproductive, maternal and adolescent health and those in vulnerable situations.

2. **Provide Support to Member States on the Health of Indigenous Peoples – Upon Request**
   For the development of national plans for the promotion, protection and enhancement of physical and mental health of Indigenous Peoples, including in context of public health emergencies.

3. **Propose strategic lines of action for the 14th General Programme of Work**
   For the improvement of the health of Indigenous Peoples.
Process and timeline for creating Global Plan of Action

2023

Ground work
- Webpage and communications plan
- Initiate situation analysis
- First Member State briefing on progress
- Fundraising

2024

Draft plan and consultations
- Finalize situation analysis
- Zero draft of GPA drawing on the situation analysis
- Regional consultations
- Global Member State Consultation

2025

Finalization of GPA
- Open call for contributions
- Consultation existing UN mechanisms on Indigenous issues
- Revise draft based on inputs
- Convene final consultation with Member States in Geneva
- Submit documentation (October 2025) for Executive Board consideration

2026

Adoption by 79th WHA
- 158th Executive Board (Jan 2026)
- 79th World Health Assembly (May 2026)

*Subject to availability of resources
Financial considerations

- Total projected cost of all components of the resolution: US 6.68 million.
- Currently available funds are allocated for the development of the situation analysis.
- **No funding is currently available** for the subsequent steps in the process, which include drafting the plan, conducting regional consultations, and addressing the HR gaps.
- Financing needs for the *coming biennia* include:
  - 2024 - 2025: US$ 4.9m
  - 2026 (Q1+Q2): US$ 1.3m
- Costs for HQ primarily cover staffing for GPA production, coordination and consultations, as well as technical backstopping of country work (upon request) and inputs to 14th GPW.
- Costs for ROs and COs primarily cover in-person regional consultations for the GPA.
- Staff involved in the above will do ongoing UNSWAP on Indigenous Peoples and IASG liaison work for optimal UN coordination/coherence of approach with existing commitments as per the UNDRIP.
Thank you