



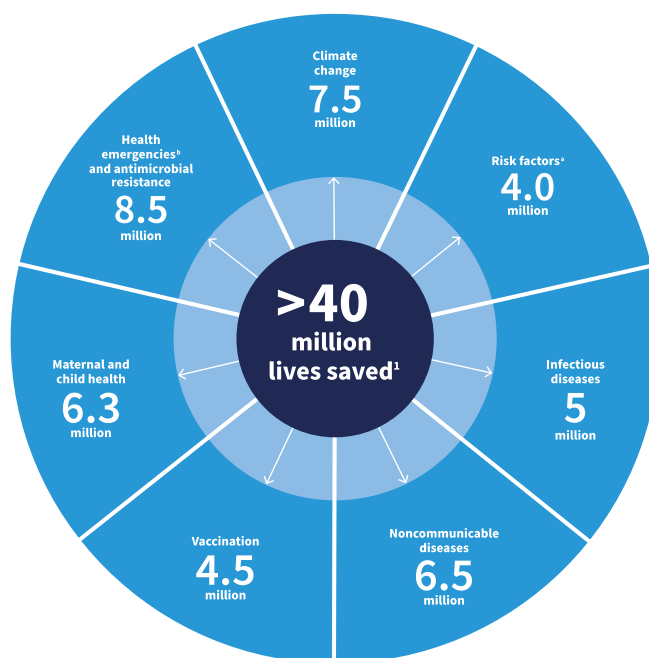
Investment Round Update – September 2024

Context

Since 1948 when WHO was founded, average life expectancy has increased from 46 years to more than 71 years, supported by WHO's work – helping countries to introduce vaccines and treatments and strengthen their health systems, eradicating smallpox, eliminating malaria in 41 countries, tackling maternal mortality, and reducing the prevalence of smoking, as well as leading the global response to health emergencies. This work continues with the efforts of many partners in the new global context of climate change and health and the silent pandemic of antimicrobial resistance.

What WHO will deliver 2025-28

- Member States have approved WHO's 14th General Programme of Work (GPW) for 2025-2028, a strategy geared to make up ground and deliver results in the final push to the 2030 SDG targets.
- **Over the next four years, WHO will save at least 40 million lives** through concrete actions such as: increasing the number of vaccines delivered to priority countries; providing access to health services to more than 150 million people in humanitarian settings in 30 countries; supporting 55 countries in educating and employing 3.2 million health workers; making 10,000 healthcare facilities climate resilient; helping 84 countries reach targets for eliminating malaria, mother-to-child HIV transmission and other diseases; strengthening access to timely and reliable health data; and prequalifying 400 health products per year.
- **But to fulfil its mission, WHO requires sustainable financing.**

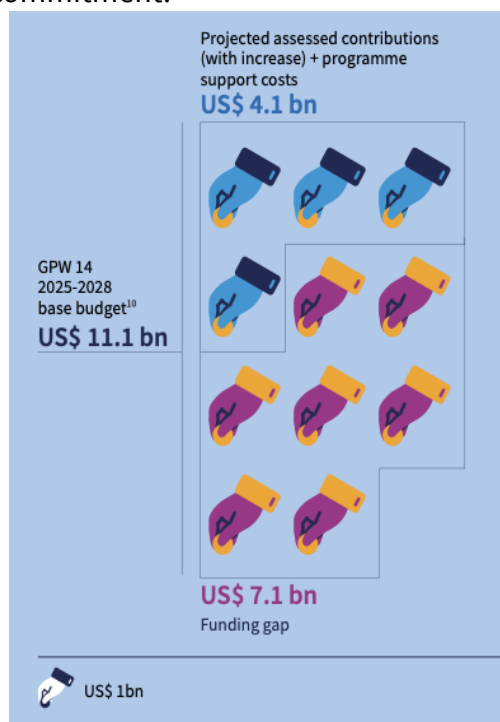


What is the Investment Round?

- The Investment Round was requested by Member States to drive the sustainable financing of WHO.
- The Investment Round is based on the principle of *the collective*, with Member States and partners working together on a unified timeline, and towards a single financial target.



- The journey towards a strong, sustainably financed WHO is built around two Member State proposed initiatives: the stepwise increase of the assessed contributions and a cyclical fundraising mechanism to strengthen political commitment.
- WHO is not seeking an increase in resources over previous years but is seeking funding which is:
 - **Predictable:** Upfront resources at the start of the four-year cycle are necessary so that WHO can plan effectively, keep a stable workforce and allocate funds efficiently
 - **Resilient:** Broadening the donor base is key to reduce overreliance on a small set of donors
 - **Flexible:** Funding untied to specified areas of work allows WHO to allocate resources strategically and ensure adequate and equitable funding across the Organization
- The total budget need for the next 4-years is US\$ 11.1 billion. Projected Assessed Contributions will cover US\$ 4 billion of this total, **leaving a funding gap of US\$ 7.1 billion.**



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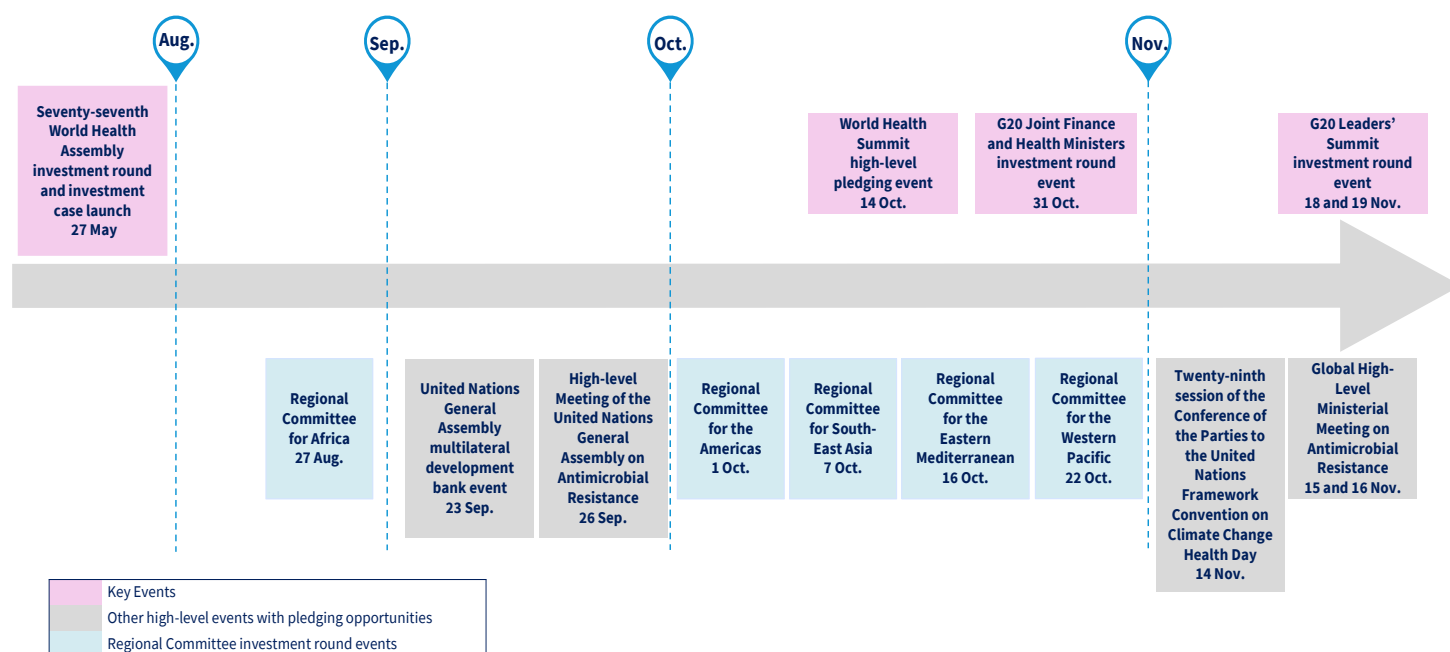
- The Investment Round is supported by a committed group of co-hosts and regional champions: **Brazil, France, Germany, Indonesia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mauritania (on behalf of the African Union), Norway and South Africa** who, together, form the Investment Round Steering Committee.
- The committee is shaping preparations for the Investment Round, raising awareness about the importance of fully funding the work of the WHO, and providing strong political support and commitment to our common global health agenda.
- An early success of the Investment Round was the Special Event hosted at the **AFRO Regional Committee** on 27 August. In total, the Special Event led to a total pledged of **US\$ 46 mn** from 17 Member States and partners, most of which have never provided voluntary contributions to WHO before.
- **EIB and other multilateral development banks** launched the **Health Impact Investment Platform** in selected countries at the United Nations General Assembly.

Financial status of the Investment Round

Towards the **US\$ 7.1 bn funding gap**, we currently have approximately **US\$ 2.2bn** in expected funding, including **US\$ 400mn** in pledges, **US\$ 1.2bn** in existing funding commitments and **US\$ 600mn** in unsigned agreements which are in prospect.



Q4 Roadmap



Key Upcoming Investment Round Events:

Regional Committee Investment Round Events

- Opportunities to pledge towards the Investment Round, showcase value of WHO

World Health Summit high-level pledging event in Berlin 14 October, 18:00 – 19:30

- Hosted by German Chancellor Scholz alongside France and Norway
- European Member States and major philanthropies invited to pledge

Joint Finance-Health Ministerial Meeting (JFHMM) 31 October, 11:30 – 12:30

- Statements of support from G20 attendees

G20 Leaders' Summit 18/19 November 2024

- Opportunity for G20 attendee Heads of State to provide support and to pledge in the plenary agenda item on International Governance on afternoon of 18 November
- Additional culmination event where President Lula will announce the total of all pledges made to the Investment Round alongside WHO Director-General, with supportive statements of co-hosts and champions - live-streamed event with media presence

WEF event January 2025

- Opportunity for Private sector to express support and pledge