
Proportional division of funds for the Partnership Contribution of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Report by the Director-General

1. The Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Partnership Contribution is one of the two key benefit-sharing mechanisms of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (PIP Framework). It is an annual cash contribution of US\$ 28 million given to WHO by influenza vaccine, diagnostic and pharmaceutical manufacturers that use the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS), for improving global pandemic preparedness and response.¹

2. In accordance with Section 6.14.5 of the PIP Framework,² the Director-General, based on advice from the PIP Framework Advisory Group, proposes to the Executive Board which proportion of the Partnership Contribution funds should be used for inter-pandemic preparedness measures, and which proportion should be reserved for response activities in the event of a pandemic. The Executive Board considers that proposal and then adopts a decision setting out the proportional division of the funds.

3. Since the adoption of the PIP Framework through resolution WHA64.5 in 2011, the Executive Board has adopted three decisions establishing a proportional division of Partnership Contribution funds of 70% for pandemic preparedness measures and 30% for response activities,³ reflecting the following advice of the PIP Framework Advisory Group to the Director-General.

- (a) More of the Partnership Contribution resources should be used for preparedness than for response, given the long-term investments needed to sustainably strengthen or build capacities.

¹ See Section 6.14.3 of the PIP Framework (https://apps.who.int/gb/pip/pdf_files/pandemic-influenza-preparedness-en.pdf, accessed 28 October 2022).

² See Section 6.14.5 of the PIP Framework (https://apps.who.int/gb/pip/pdf_files/pandemic-influenza-preparedness-en.pdf, accessed 5 December 2022).

³ Decisions EB131(2) (2012), EB140(5) (2017) and EB142(7) (2018), covering the periods of 2012–2017, 2017–2018, and 2018–2022, respectively.

(b) The division between preparedness and response funding should be consistent with a slow build-up of response funds, while recognizing the appropriateness for a preponderance of funds to be allocated to preparedness.

(c) The Director-General should retain flexibility to temporarily modify the allocation of Partnership Contribution resources as required to respond to an influenza pandemic, and the Director-General should report on any such modifications to Member States.

4. At its meeting in March 2022, the PIP Framework Advisory Group discussed the proportional division of the Partnership Contribution resources for the period 2023–2030. Using data and information emerging from the response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the PIP Framework Advisory Group discussed the estimated costs of both pandemic preparedness and pandemic response and reached the following conclusions.

(a) The need to strengthen capacities for pandemic preparedness has never been greater at all levels – global, regional and national. Continuing to allocate PIP Framework Partnership Contribution funds to strengthen pandemic influenza preparedness can support discrete activities and leverage additional funds.

(b) While PIP Framework response funds will be insufficient to address the full range of pandemic response activities, it is clear that they can be of invaluable use to support critical actions in the early days of pandemic response and the steady growth of the reserve should be viewed in that light.

(c) Maintaining the current proportional division of funds for the period 2023–2030 would enable steady progress to strengthen country capacities and build a fund that supports some specific response activities.

5. As an outcome of its discussions, the PIP Framework Advisory Group recommended to the Director-General, in accordance with Section 6.14.5 of the PIP Framework, that the current proportional division for preparedness (70%) and response (30%) be maintained.¹

6. On the basis of that recommendation, the Director-General submits the following proposal for the consideration of the Executive Board.

(a) From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2030 the current proportional division between pandemic preparedness and response (70% of contributions for pandemic preparedness measures and 30% for response activities) should continue.

(b) In order to ensure that the proportional division does not hinder necessary response measures during pandemic influenza emergencies, the Director-General should continue to be able to modify temporarily the allocation of Partnership Contribution resources as required to respond to such emergencies. The Director-General should report on any such modification to Member States.

(c) The proportional division should be reviewed again in 2030.

¹ See paragraphs 35–37 of the meeting report of the PIP Framework Advisory Group, held on 14–18 March 2022 (https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/pip-framework/pip-framework-advisory-group/pip-ag-mr-march-2022-25may2022final.pdf?sfvrsn=e4a3cf77_1, accessed 28 October 2022).

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7. The Board is invited to consider the Director-General's proposal and the following draft decision.

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General¹ and the proposal submitted on the proportional allocation of Partnership Contribution resources between preparedness and response, as required under the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, Section 6.14.5,

Decided:

- (1) that from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2030 the current proportional division between pandemic preparedness and response (70% of contributions for pandemic preparedness measures and 30% for response activities) shall continue;
- (2) that, in order to ensure that the proportional division does not hinder necessary response measures during pandemic influenza emergencies, the Director-General shall continue to be able to modify temporarily the allocation of Partnership Contribution resources as required to respond to such emergencies; and that the Director-General shall report on any such modification to Member States;
- (3) that the proportional division shall be reviewed again in 2030.

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¹ Document EB152/14.