

Update on the Infrastructure Fund

Update on information management and technology

Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly

1. The Secretariat presented an update on progress in information management and technology and on implementation of the Infrastructure Fund and its financing.¹
2. In reply to the Committee's request for more information on the Fund's financing and its use, the Secretariat explained that the Infrastructure Fund provided the seed money for investment mostly in core IT services (e.g. corporate functions) with a growing portion supporting health information systems (e.g. global observatories). The challenge was subsequently to fund the ongoing costs of maintaining those services out of the base segment of the Programme budget. Those costs were increasing as the technology evolved but the base segment remained essentially unchanged.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

3. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly should note the report.

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¹ Document A76/33.