



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES**

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Agenda 23.1: Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025

Thank you Chair,

Maldives appreciates the Secretariat's efforts in preparing this comprehensive document. We believe that the proposed KPIs provide a valuable framework for tracking progress and ensuring accountability in the use of WHO resources. We note the report is particularly useful in highlighting the challenges related to sustainable financing.

The Maldives, like many other small island developing states, faces unique vulnerabilities and resource constraints. We rely on the WHO's technical cooperation and support as we strive to achieve our national and global health goals. In this regard, we welcome the Secretariat's commitment to increasing the allocation of flexible funds to strengthen country delivery. We believe that this will enhance the WHO's capacity to respond to the diverse needs of Member States, especially those with limited capacities.

We also commend the Secretariat's efforts to improve resource allocation and management across the three levels of the Organization. We are encouraged by the progress made in addressing the "pockets of poverty" and ensuring that critical public health areas are adequately funded.

To further enhance commitment and implementation, we would like to see more detailed information on the following:

- The impact of WHO's technical cooperation on health outcomes in Member States
- The progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing.
- The challenges faced by the WHO in mobilizing resources for underfunded areas.

We believe that this additional information would enhance the transparency and accountability of the WHO's financial management. Maldives once again reiterate its support for the proposed KPIs and the Secretariat's efforts to achieve sustainable financing.



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We believe that this report provides a valuable tool for monitoring progress and ensuring that the WHO's resources are used effectively to achieve its mission of promoting health and well-being for all.

Thank you