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The Philippines commends the WHO for the release of the *World Health Statistics 2024* report. It provides critical insights for tracking progress toward health-related SDG targets and informing evidence-based policies.

At the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, we face a sobering truth: none of the 32 health-related SDG targets with quantitative benchmarks are on track. This underlines the urgent need for accelerated, data-driven action and stronger accountability to close persistent gaps.

We urge Member States to translate political will into measurable results, ensuring that national and subnational health priorities are informed by timely, disaggregated data. In the Philippines, the SDG framework is embedded in the Philippine Development Plan, regularly updated through performance indicators and evidence. Strong accountability and equity mechanisms are essential to ensure impact where it is needed most.

Universal Health Coverage remains central to achieving the SDGs, serving as a unifying platform for promoting health, providing essential health services, and protecting populations from health shocks.

In the face of global financial constraints, WHO and partners must support countries in setting clear priorities, aligning partner support, and investing in outcome-driven, country-led initiatives.

Crucially, robust health data and information systems are foundational. WHO's support in improving data collection, integration, and application will drive better decisions, stronger surveillance, and more effective responses.