Keep the World Safe, Improve Health, Serve the Vulnerable

Draft Concept Note towards WHO’s 13th General Programme of Work 2019-2023

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Purpose of the Session

• To inform Member States about the process and emerging priorities of the 13th GPW
• Initiate the dialogue on the content of the draft Concept Note
• Get the RC’s view on the proposed approach
• Get the RC’s support for the November Special Session of the EB
What is the GPW?

- A constitutional requirement

- Fulfills multiple roles:
  - High-level strategic vision for the work of WHO
  - Outlines Member State-agreed priorities and provides an overall direction for WHO's work
  - Primary high-level direction for technical programming and budgeting
  - Main instrument for WHO's accountability and transparency
  - Main instrument for financing and resource mobilization
Where does it fit in the strategic planning process?

Global Health Agenda

Strategic prioritization process

General Programme of Work

Informed By

Governing Bodies: EB, WHA, Regional Committees, Country Cooperation Strategies, Resolutions

Biennial Budget

Results-Based Budgeting process

Operational planning process

Workplans

Performance monitoring and evaluation

Performance monitoring

Operational planning process
High-Level Policy Directions for the 13th GPW

• Although prioritization is potentially complex, high-level policy directions are already well defined for the next period.

• The 13th GPW is shaped by
  • the Sustainable Development Goals;
  • the Director-General’s vision and
  • a strategic review of on-going global and regional commitments.
13th GPW – evolving key features

• Focus on outcomes and impact.
• Fully align with health-related SDG targets and indicators.
• Set clear priorities and follow them through.
• Make WHO more operational, but strengthen the normative and technical functions at the same time.
• Place countries squarely at the centre of WHO’s work.
• Provide political leadership with a strong focus on equity.
13th GPW – evolving strategic priorities

- Prevent, detect, and respond to epidemics
- Provide health services in emergencies, help operate and restore health systems
- Help countries strengthen health systems to achieve universal health coverage
- Drive progress towards the health-related SDGs
- Provide the world’s platform for collective decision-making in health
Timeline

- It is proposed that the new GPW covers the period through 2019 to 2023 – to serve as the organizing framework for two Programme Budgets 2020-2021 and 2022-2023
- The goal is to have GPW 13 approved by the World Health Assembly in May 2018.
- The benefits of this timeline include:
  - rapid pivot from planning to implementation;
  - adopting GPW 13 in time to shape Programme Budget 2020-21;
  - providing a framework on which to pursue needed resource mobilization in a timely and coherent manner.
Next steps

• Draft Concept Note discussed by the various regional committees (28 August and 13 October.)
• Informal web-based consultation (written comments) on the concept note for Member States, IGOs and other stakeholders. (28 August to 13 October)
• Secretariat to publish the draft 13th GPW (1 November).
• Special session of the Executive Board to discuss the draft, should Member States request to do so. (22-23 November)
• 142nd Executive Board will consider the 13th GPW (January 2018)
• World Health Assembly will consider the 13th GPW for endorsement. (May 2018)