

# **Keep the World Safe, Improve Health, Serve the Vulnerable**

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

67<sup>th</sup> session of the Regional Committee for African region

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# Purpose of the Session

- To inform Member States about the process and emerging priorities of the 13<sup>th</sup> 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

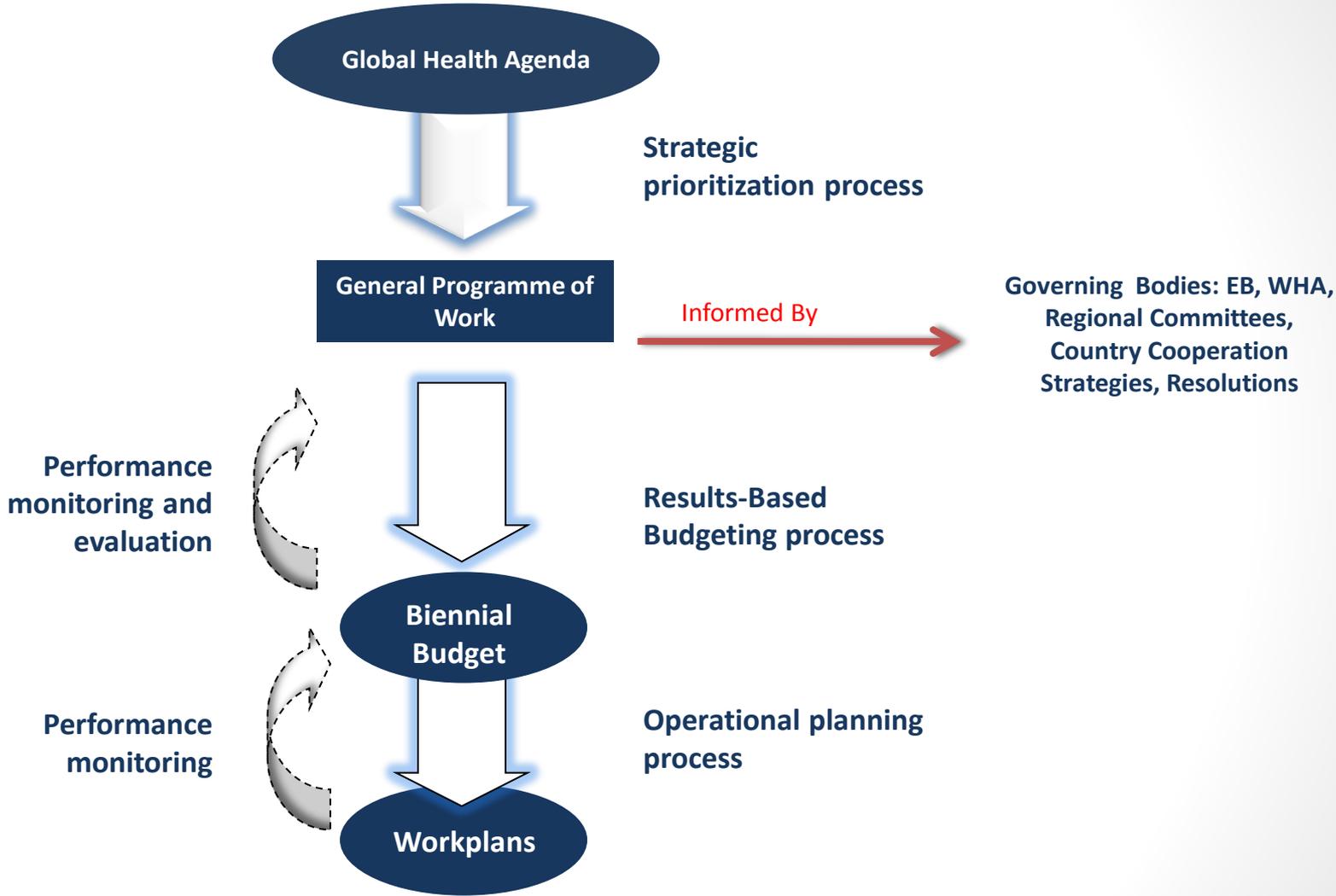


# What is the GPW?

- 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?



# High-Level Policy Directions for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 13<sup>th</sup> 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



# 13<sup>th</sup> 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

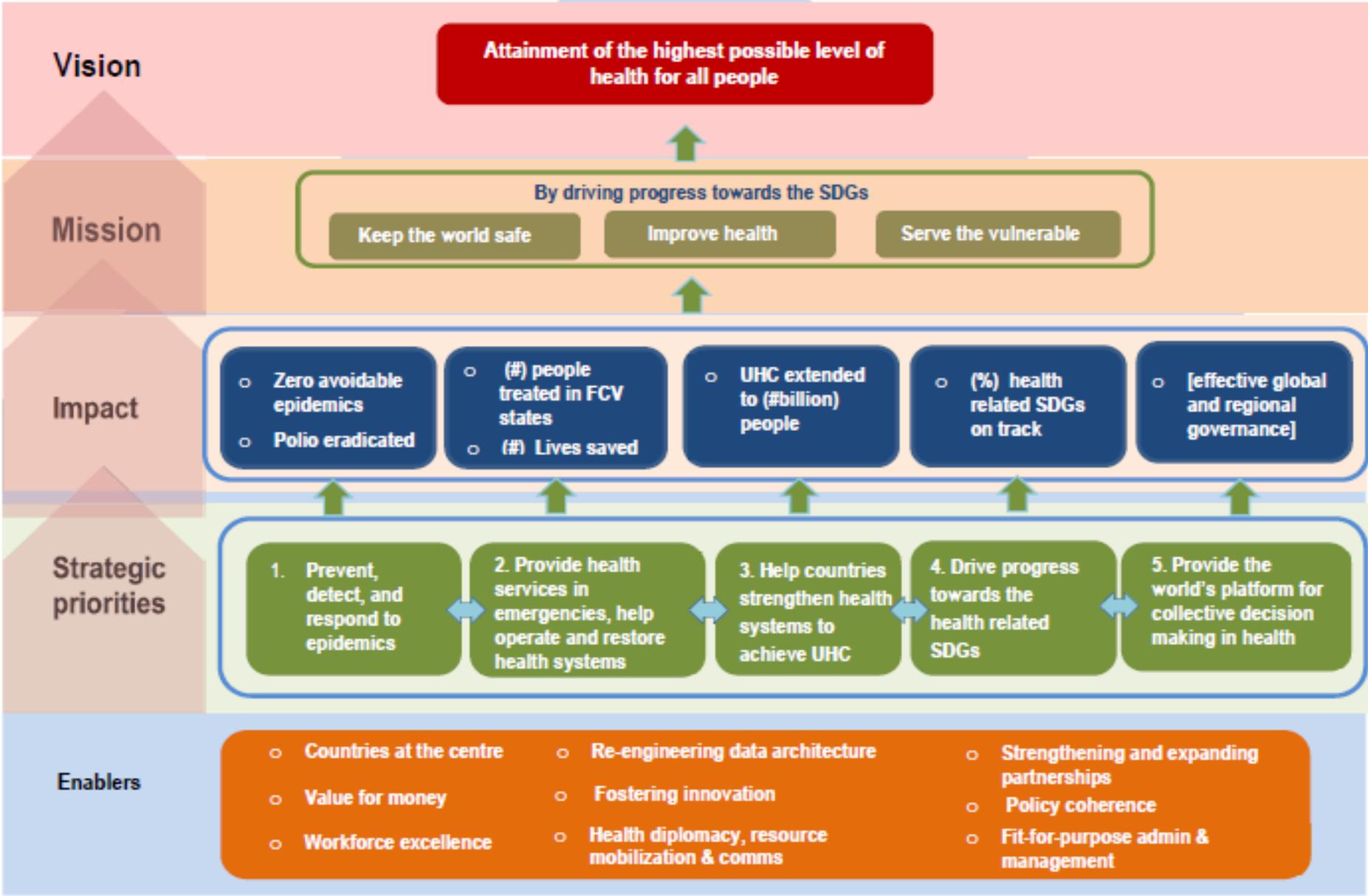
Drive progress towards the health-related SDGs

Provide the world's platform for collective decision-making in health



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13<sup>th</sup> GPW conceptual framework



# 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)**
- 142<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board will consider the 13th GPW **(January 2018)**
- World Health Assembly will consider the 13<sup>th</sup> GPW for endorsement. **(May 2018)**

