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**PROGRAMME BUDGET 2024–2025:  
FROM ADOPTION TO IMPLEMENTATION, AN UPDATE**

1. In May 2023, the World Health Assembly adopted the Programme budget 2024–2025 ([WHA76.1](#)). This is the last Programme budget under the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13). The Programme budget has three overarching objectives:
  - (a) **Accelerate progress** towards the “triple billion” targets
  - (b) **Continue** the work defined by the recent revision of Programme budget 2022–2023
  - (c) Further **strengthen accountability and transparency**, incorporating guidance from the Agile Member States Task Group.
2. The approved budget amounts to US\$ 6.8 billion in total and is presented in 4 segments. The base segment of the budget amounts to close to US\$ 5 billion, which represents a zero-growth increase compared to the base segment of Programme budget 2022–2023.
3. Programme budget 2024–2025 is the first budget after several decades, which benefits from an increase of assessed contributions (AC) – paving the way towards a more financially sustainable WHO.
4. Despite this positive historic development, the main persisting challenge remains: the budget is in principle unfunded, while WHO needs the right type of financing to match priorities with funding.
5. The presentation will cover the most important developments and processes which accompany and shape the operationalization of the Programme budget 2024–2025. These are:
  - (a) Country work based on country prioritization
  - (b) Strengthening country offices
  - (c) Sustainable financing (further increase in AC and the launch of the first Investment Round).