Partnering for Impact

Since the implementation of the WHO Transformation Agenda, the External Relations, Partnerships and Governing Bodies (EPG) Unit has proven a crucial role towards successfully operationalizing WHO’s mandate through the 13th General Programme of Work. The expectations of donors and partners have been realized and efforts to diversify strategic partnerships and enhance partner engagement have been amplified through:

- **Reinforcing AFRO country offices** with high-caliber international External Relations Officers (EROs) in majority of WHO/AFRO Member States.

- **Showcasing greater Return on Investment** whilst applying Value for Money and diversifying the partner base.

- **Demonstrating greater accountability** through quality and timely reporting.

- **Increasing participation** in UN joint programmes and Pooled Funds.

- **Strengthening relations** with the private sector and non-state actors.
Contributions mobilized directly by the Region:

- **$594 M** (2018 - 2019)
- **$622 M** (2020 - 2021)
- **$730 M** (2022 - 2023)

- **$428 M** (2018 - 2019)
- **$413 M** (2020 - 2021)
- **$484 M** (2022 - 2023)

**Africa Regional Office (AFRO)**

**Country Offices**

**Total**

- **1st cohort of ERO deployed in 2021** increased the funding in 2022-23

2022-2023 Biennium was **record-breaking**. Funding mobilized **increased by 18%** compared to 2020-2021.

Increased efforts by the Region!

- **539** OF FUNDING PROPOSALS developed & submitted
- **176** UN-TO-UN PARTNERSHIPS & UN Joint Programmes signed
Contributor Portfolio:

- FUNDS, BANKS, MULTILATERALS: 22%
- GOVERNMENTS: 52%
- PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOUNDATIONS: 26%

Increased funding from Private sector and Foundations:

- $92M in 2020 - 2021 with 24 partners
- $117M in 2022 - 2023 with 28 partners

27% increase from 2020 - 2021 to 2022 - 2023
Non-State Actors Engagement

- Streamlined FENSA clearance process
- FENSA Agreement tracking system with data on the status of reviews

**183 NSAs** in 2022-2023 **6% INCREASE**

**977 BILATERAL MEETINGS** held with partners at country and regional levels.

**61 HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS** during RD’s Roadshow, World Health Assembly, Regional Committee, and UN General Assembly.

**404 PARTNERS BRIEFINGS** coordinated at country level.

Partners visits to AFRO
Some outstanding partnerships:

**PANDEMIC FUND:**
Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Togo and Zambia selected as Lead implementing entity.

**ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION:**
The Foundation provides support for the Africa Misinformation Portal.

**HEMSLEY CHARITABLE TRUST FOUNDATION:**
Supports implementation of PEN-Plus Regional Strategy to address severe NCDs in Africa.

**EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK:**
Supports resilient health system in Ethiopia, Rwanda and Angola.

**MTN FOUNDATION:**
Contributes to building a Community Clinic in North-west region of Cameroon to provide free basic medical care.

**HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (HSPH):**
Supports policy lab on Primary Health Care (PHC).

In comparison with 2020-2021 Biennium,
The Region succeeded in engaging with **39 NEW PARTNERS**
Compliance and quality assurance

Donor Agreements Cleared:

- 2020 - 2021: 353
- 2022 - 2023: 361

Increasing number of quality reports submitted

- 2020-2021: 1,312
- 2022-2023: 1,549

Improving reports submitted on time

- 2020 - 2021: 37% (494 reports)
- 2022 - 2023: 42% (645 reports)

- 2020 - 2021: 38% (494 reports)
- 2022 - 2023: 44% (645 reports)
Partner Recognition and Visibility

246 PARTNER FIELD VISITS organized at country level

727 PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES recognizing partners

2,909 SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS recognizing partners
Developing Capacities

- Resource Mobilization
- Reporting
- Contributor Engagement Management (CEM)
- FENSA
- Contributor-specific Trainings
- Partner Recognition

2022
2nd Cohort of ERO deployment

2021
1st Cohort of ERO deployment

2018
Functional review for fit-for-purpose Country Offices

2015
Transformation Agenda

2023
1st ERO Impact Lab Workshop

2023
4 in-country missions in DRC, Comoros, Ethiopia and Nigeria
External Relations Network

5 TO 3 RATIO

29 WOMEN (62%)
18 MEN (38%)

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

2022 FIRST EVER HYBRID SESSION (RC72)

OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS

2023 (RC73)

RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE!

1,043 PARTICIPANTS

All documents posted on the website on time.

Accreditation of NSAs
Starting with 5 accreditations in 2022, the number expanded to 8 in 2023.

OVER 20 BRIEFINGS PREPARED

for Member States active engagement at both global and regional Governing Body meetings.
Harmonization for Health in Africa

Bringing partners together around common health agendas

**CONVENE POLICY DIALOGUES ON:**

- **2022** Health Workforce Investment and Protection in Africa
- **DIGITAL HEALTH** Reinforcing Capacities in 15 COUNTRIES
- **2023** Primary Health Care (PHC) Financing in Africa

**PARTNERS COORDINATION MECHANISM**

**SURVEY**
Analyzed countries needs on partner coordination.

**SCORECARD**
Scored 39 countries by Country Coordination Status.

**ROADMAP**
- Actions to strengthen partner coordination and alignment to national priorities.
- To harmonize for better health outcomes in countries.