

# AN HISTORIC COMMITMENT TO UNITE FOR HEALTH

Good health is one of humanity's most valued assets. It is key to advancing sustainable development - to end poverty, promote peaceful and inclusive societies and protect the environment. This puts the health goal (SDG 3) right at the centre of the entire 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Global Action Plan for Healthy Living and Well-being for All represents an historic commitment to advance collective action and accelerate progress towards the SDGs. It will optimize our impact at all levels, by improving the way the world's leading health organizations set priorities, invest, programme, measure progress and hold ourselves accountable.

Coordinated by the World Health Organization, the initiative unites the work of 11 leading organizations. More are expected to join the plan in the future: the World Food Programme has committed already and will be fully engaged as we move ahead.

The group has agreed a common aim and established a shared action framework that focuses on actions that our organizations can take now to deliver more efficient, effective support to countries. The next step is to finalize an action plan to be delivered in September 2019 at the United Nations General Assembly.



# SHARED RESPONSE, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Together, we will accelerate impact in countries, while reinforcing domestic decision-making; promoting rights-based, equitable responses that leave no one behind; and enhancing learning among countries and our organizations. We will work across three pillars:

## ALIGN

We will align financing and resource mobilization approaches and strengthen provision of global public goods for health to ensure sustainability. We are aligning investment case approaches to inform a full understanding of how they contribute as a whole to accelerating progress. We are harmonizing operational policies, from procurement to travel cost policies, and sharing information, from capacity assessments of grantees to planned missions, to work together more efficiently and effectively.

## ACCOUNT

We are enhancing shared accountability for delivering results. Together we are working on a set of common 2023 milestones towards the health-related SDG targets to inform continuous learning and recalibration of our work. We aim to develop a common results framework and link investments more closely and strategically to results.

## ACCELERATE

We are identifying areas where we can accelerate progress by bringing together resources, expertise and reach on essential cross-cutting issues. We are scaling up ways to accelerate our collective impact —through shared innovation, joint efforts to overcome bottlenecks and pushing the boundaries of what we can accomplish together. Accelerators so far include:

1. Sustainable financing
2. Frontline health systems
3. Community and civil society engagement
4. Determinants of health
5. R&D, innovation and access
6. Data and digital health
7. Innovative programming in fragile and vulnerable states and for disease outbreak responses.

More accelerators will be identified and added as we roll out the full plan.

# NEXT STEPS



## Phase 1 - October 2018

All heads of agencies fully engaged to work together to define a common vision, commit to an initial set of actions and define accelerators and milestones.



## Phase 2 October 2018 - September 2019

Develop the plan through active political engagement and consultation with stakeholders in countries, regions and globally.



## Phase 3 - September 2019 and beyond

Launch the plan and mobilize countries to accelerate progress on health and well-being, with support from development partners, civil society, communities, private sector, academia and more.

# OUR COMMITMENT TO ACCELERATING TOGETHER

The Sustainable Development Goals are within our reach. In our relentless pursuit of these goals and a healthier and more prosperous humanity, we are coming together to leverage the full potential of the multilateral system and to more effectively support the countries and people we serve.

Recent achievements in improving health for billions of people inspire us, and signal that the global community, including global actors, can do even more.

In line with calls across the international community, this initiative challenges us to innovate, to be agile and to continuously enhance the way we work together in assisting countries with the people-centred financing, capacity-strengthening, advocacy, legal and policy frameworks, research, knowledge, and data required to be successful.

This first phase in the development of the Global Action Plan marks the beginning of a comprehensive effort to maximize our collective value proposition. In it we commit to align our joined-up efforts with country priorities and needs, to accelerate progress by leveraging new ways of working together and unlocking innovative approaches, and account for our contribution to progress in a more transparent and engaging way.

To do so, we will build on existing coordination efforts and collaboration in countries. We will further leverage the capacities of the larger multilateral system, including the United Nations system with its country presence, and support the Secretary-General's reform efforts to make the system fit-for-purpose to implement the 2030 Agenda.

We will expand and refine this work to propel us forward in our collective contribution as global health and development organizations. In doing so, we will continue to partner with other institutions and sectors and explore pragmatic solutions to maximizing collective impact.

Healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages cannot be achieved without the full commitment of governments, and participation of all stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia, and other international, national, and local institutions, that influence health and wellbeing.

We are fully committed to do everything we can – together.

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