

Agenda Item 5.4 Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Global Health Council commends WHO on the Global Action Plan to support countries in achieving the SDGs. As noted in the plan's first phase, some progress has been made towards achieving many of the indicators of SDG3. However, SDG3 will not be realized unless we align, accelerate, and account for joint progress towards health objectives. We applaud WHO and its partners for recognizing the need to act now.

We support a focus on integration, including UHC and access to quality care and services, while ensuring no one is left behind. Concurrently, we encourage a call to action that highlights the growing burden of disease and related social determinants. Additionally, we appreciate the inclusion of critical areas impacting health such as disease outbreaks, climate change and NCDs.

We commend the plan's support for sustainable financing as well as proposals to increase domestic resource mobilization. With rising pressure on global health funding, it is critical to identify and prioritize best buys, efficiencies, and effective scale-ups while recognizing the need for additional resources.

We welcome the plan's goal to include actors across the health spectrum and other development sectors like NGOs, academia, and foundations in order to bolster not only SDG3, but all goals that impact health and wellbeing. We recommend that WHO continue to engage CSOs, including local partners and communities with a wealth of knowledge in addressing complex health challenges, in the development and rollout of future phases of the plan.

We call on Member States to support the Global Action Plan by ensuring WHO and partners have the necessary resources to put this plan into action and to fully support countries' ability to advance their work on SDG3. In turn, WHO must maximize engagement with platforms already in place such as various Country Coordinating Mechanisms, to ensure inclusion and mobilization of civil society, and provide transparency and accountability when assessing results.