

Agenda Item 5.1: Proposed programme budget 2020–2021

WHO has outlined a path toward triple billion targets and a bold transformation agenda, both of which require adequate resources across global programs. Therefore, Global Health Council, supported by the Frontline Health Workers Coalition, commends WHO's *overall investment case* for 2019–2023 and *proposed program budget* for 2020–2021.

We welcome this outline of how the budget fulfills WHO's commitment to measurable outcomes. We note the emphasis placed on a more integrated and holistic approach to programs, which is needed to achieve the triple billion target set out in the *GPW* as well as *SDG3*.

In addition, we note that the budget takes into account resources required not only to respond to public *health emergencies* but also strengthen *health systems* that can provide a range of services addressing maternal and child health, NCDs, nutrition, and communicable diseases. This includes trained and supported health workforce teams in every community, in an effort to realize expanded access to quality care. We expect the proposed budget to further reflect the importance of these goals and a pressing need for both *greater and more strategic* investment in delivering the critical services and health workforce needed to achieve UHC.

We appreciate the inclusion of an impact framework in the proposed budget for each of the outputs identified in the *GPW*. Importantly, this framework outlines the return on investment in WHO initiatives, providing indices and metrics that monitor progress towards strategic objectives. We welcome accountability mechanisms that track appropriate and efficient use of resources through value-for-money approaches.

Finally, we thank all Member States that have reaffirmed their financial commitment to WHO and urge the provision of flexible funding to be used toward more *health systems initiatives* and *emerging priorities or emergencies*, as determined by WHO at both the *international* and *regional or country* level.