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Financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Regional Committee

Resolution: EM/RC69/R.6(D)

Regional strategy for fostering digital health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2023–2027)

A.	**Link to the approved Programme budget 2022–2023**

1. **Output(s) in the approved Programme budget 2022–2023 under which this draft resolution would be implemented if adopted:**

Pillar 4:

Outcome 4.1: Strengthened country capacity in data and innovation

Output 4.1.3: Strengthened evidence base, prioritization and uptake of WHO generated norms and standards and improved research capacity and the ability to effectively and sustainably scale up innovations, including digital technology, in countries

2. **Short justification for considering the draft resolution, if there is no link to the results as indicated in the approved Programme budget 2022–2023:**

N/A

3. **Any additional Secretariat work during the biennium 2022–2023 that cannot be accommodated within the approved Programme budget 2022–2023:**

N/A

4. **Estimated time frame (in years or months) to implement the resolution:**

Five years (2023–2027)

B.	**Resource implications for the Secretariat for implementation of the resolution**

1. **Total resource levels required to be budgeted to implement the resolution, in US$:**

US$ 6 865 000

2.a. **Estimated budget levels required which can be accommodated within the approved Programme budget 2022–2023, in US$:**

US$ 2 165 000

This amount could be mobilized for situation analysis, national capacity-building and missions to support health in countries of the Region.

2.b. **Estimated budget levels required in addition to the amount already planned for in the approved Programme budget 2022–2023, in US$:**

No additional budget required

3. **Estimated resource requirements to be budgeted for in the proposed Programme budget for 2024–2025, in US$:**

   US$ 2 300 000

   By end of 2023, a systematic approach would be expected to support some countries of the Regio to adopt a portfolio of planned digital health services within their action plan. Such implementation would require technical and financial support, engaging appropriate stakeholders and partners. Meanwhile, efforts are still required to facilitate the engagement of national stakeholders to initiate national dialogue for developing an action plan in many countries in the Region. More capacity-building events are needed and three-level coordination efforts are required to learn from lessons in pilot countries.

4. **Estimated resource requirements to be budgeted for in the proposed Programme budgets of future biennia, in US$:**

   US$ 2 400 000

   A maturity model for digital health and innovation is expected to lead the development at regional level and more country investment would be facilitated through country offices.

5. **Level of resources already available to fund the implementation of the resolution in the current biennium, in US$**

   – **Resources available to fund the resolution in the current biennium:**

   US$ 590 341

   – **Remaining financing gap in the current biennium:**

   US$ 1 574 659

   – **Estimated resources, not yet available, if any, which would help to close the financing gap in the current biennium:**

   US$ 244 000

Table. Breakdown of estimated resource requirements (in US$)[a]

Biennium	Costs	Regional Office	Country offices	Total
B.2.a 2022–2023 resources already planned	Staff	400 000	121 000	521 000
	Activities	200 000	1 444 000	1 644 000
	Total	**600 000**	**1 565 000**	**2 165 000**
B.2.b 2022–2023 additional resources	Staff			
	Activities			
	Total			
B.3 2024–2025 resources to be planned	Staff	400 000	200 000	600 000
	Activities	200 000	1 500 000	1 700 000
	Total	**600 000**	**1 700 000**	**2 300 000**
B.4 2026–2027 resources to be planned	Staff	400 000	200 000	600 000
	Activities	300 000	1 500 000	1 800 000
	Total	**700 000**	**1 700 000**	**2 400 000**
	Overall total	**1 900 000**	**4 965 000**	**6 865 000**

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