

Resolution

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
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Accelerating the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration: optimizing support from Gavi and the Global Fund

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on accelerating the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration: optimizing support from Gavi and the Global Fund;¹

Referring to the commitment of Member States of the Region to the Salalah Declaration on Universal Health Coverage of 2018, to scale up immunization and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 targets related to ending tuberculosis, HIV and malaria;

Recalling Regional Committee resolution EM/RC68/R3 on integrated disease surveillance;

Noting that progress in programme-specific coverage of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria interventions has stalled over the last decade while there remain children in the Eastern Mediterranean Region who have not received a single dose of any routine vaccine, reflecting underserved communities in the Region;

Acknowledging the essential role of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the provision of funding to eligible Member States to scale up programme-specific priority services and health system strengthening;

Considering the Gavi strategy for 2021–2025² and the Global Fund strategy for 2023–2028;³

Recognizing the importance of coordination, defragmentation and alignment of support from Gavi and the Global Fund to Member States in order to improve efficiencies and increase coverage through integrated, people-centred primary health care for universal health coverage;

- 1. ENDORSES** the strategic framework to coordinate and integrate support from Gavi and the Global Fund and its framework for action (annexed to this resolution);
- 2. URGES Member States to** take the necessary steps to accelerate the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration and optimization of support from Gavi and the Global Fund, and to:

¹ EM/RC69/5.

² <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-5-2021-2025>.

³ https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/11612/strategy_globalfund2023-2028_narrative_en.pdf.

- 2.1 Lead with national health policies, strategies and plans that will frame the contribution of the Global Fund and Gavi through multisectoral coordination and consolidation of the work of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) and Interagency Coordinating Committees (ICCs) in planning, financing, monitoring and evaluation;
- 2.2 Increase domestic public funding allocations to HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization;
- 2.3 Improve cross-programmatic efficiencies, ensuring sustainability and planning for transition;
- 2.4 Include interventions in national essential packages of health services to which the Global Fund and Gavi could contribute;
- 2.5 Use integrated PHC for UHC, people-centred care approaches (with appropriate referral mechanisms) to increase coverage and prioritize vulnerable populations and underserved communities characterized by “zero-dose” children for delivery;
- 2.6 Build national capacities rooted in an understanding of health labour market conditions, strategic planning and implementation using innovative, comprehensive human resources for health approaches;
- 2.7 Develop national, integrated capacity for procurement and supply chain management, including procuring from global systems and improving financial management, starting with a need assessment;
- 2.8 Consolidate data systems used for monitoring, evaluation and surveillance in the context of integrated disease surveillance and health information systems;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to support Member States in the above, and to:

- 3.1 Support countries in the establishment of consolidated coordination mechanisms to optimize contributions from the Global Fund and Gavi as part of a coherent national approach;
- 3.2 Provide technical support to increase and improve domestic public funding allocation and conduct cross-programmatic efficiency analyses;
- 3.3 Develop a model list of essential HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization interventions and ensure their inclusion in national essential packages of health services along with reorganizing services by beneficiary as part of people-centred models of care;
- 3.4 Facilitate and support training needs and analyses of the health care worker labour market;
- 3.5 Assess and plan for consolidated national procurement and supply chain management;
- 3.6 Propose roadmaps for the convergence of data systems (monitoring, evaluation, surveillance); and
- 3.7 Report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 71st and 73rd sessions of the Regional Committee.

Annex 1

Strategic directions, WHO outputs, country outcomes and indicators to increase the efficiency and impact of collaboration with Gavi and the Global Fund in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Domain/topic	Strategic directions	Key WHO outputs	Country outcomes	Indicators	
				Baseline	Target
1. Governance	Start from the national health policy, strategy and plans to direct the contributions of the Global Fund and Gavi, including through a costed, multi-year health system strengthening plan	Normative approach to embed the Global Fund and Gavi contributions into national health policies, strategies and plans Gap analysis of health systems strengthening support	National health policy, strategy and plans embed the contributions, avoiding overlaps and duplication Costed, multi-year health system strengthening plan	Insufficiently coordinated input of the Global Fund and Gavi to national health policies, strategies and plans	National health strategy that embeds and optimizes the Global Fund and Gavi contributions with a costed, multi-year RSSH plan
	Integrate governance of Global Fund and Gavi contributions (planning, financing, monitoring, evaluation) in a single multisectoral coordination mechanism under the leadership of the ministry of health	Facilitate coordination in the context of the Global Action Plan [GAP]	Global Fund and Gavi proposals are prepared, managed and monitored from a health systems strengthening, PHC for UHC perspective	Separate committees for the Global Fund and Gavi	Coordinated approach in the work of the committees
2. Financing	Increase and improve domestic public financing	Health financing progress matrix Fiscal space for health assessments	Increased allocation of domestic resources through the national health financing strategy	General government expenditure on health as a share of general government expenditure	Increasing overall public funding for health
	Identify areas to improve cross-programmatic efficiencies, in particular those related to sustainability and transition planning, including follow-up with policy actions to improve impact with available resources	CPEA guidance and technical support	Inefficiencies identified and eliminated	CPEA not conducted	CPEA conducted and recommendations implemented
3. Service delivery	Ensure inclusion of HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization interventions in essential packages of health services	Model list of essential HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization interventions for inclusion in national packages	Inclusion of interventions in the national package	No or heterogeneous inclusion of interventions in the national package	Essential package of care includes HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization interventions
	Use integrated PHC for UHC, people-centred care approaches and community engagement to increase intervention coverage, starting with vulnerable populations and underserved communities characterized by zero-dose children	Template approach to service reorganization	People-centred PHC for UHC perspective (e.g. Pakistan, Sudan and Tunisia)	Programme- or disease-specific approach to interventions	Interventions repackaged per beneficiaries and delivery platforms

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4. Health workforce	Build capacity using innovative comprehensive human resources for health approaches	WHO-facilitated training needs analysis	Sustainable national capacity-building for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and immunization interventions within the national human resources for health plan	Fragmented, short-term in-service training plan	Consolidated health workforce-centred investment plan to support education and training
		WHO-facilitated analyses of the health care labour market	National policy for incentives and supplemental remuneration	Uncoordinated approach to incentives	Coordinated approach to incentives and remuneration to support investment in decent jobs
5. Access to commodities	Develop national strategies to build an integrated capacity for procurement and supply chain management	National assessment and consolidation plan	National procurement and supply management unit conducting optimized procurement or buying from global procurement systems	Programme-specific procurement and supply chains	Strengthened national procurement and supply management unit irrespective of the funding source
6. Health information systems	Consolidate data systems used for surveillance, monitoring and evaluation	WHO-facilitated workplan to facilitate convergence of data systems	Consolidated data systems used for monitoring and evaluation in the context of integrated disease surveillance and health management information systems	Fragmented, programme-specific data systems for surveillance, monitoring, and evaluation	Progressive convergence of data system towards integration