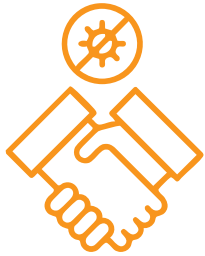


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Snapshot of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly (WHA78) and 156th and 157th sessions of the Executive Board (EB)



Pandemic Agreement



**↑20%
Assessed
Contributions**
sustainable
financing



EB156(1)
Member State-led
governance reform



Palestine status
(WHA77.15)
↑ rights and visibility

Regional Strategic Operational Plan (RSOP)



Technical



Promote
health and
prevent disease



Provide
access to quality
health care to all



Protect
health in
emergencies



Polio
Achieve and sustain
polio eradication

Enabling

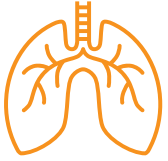


Power
progress and
drive measurable
impact



Perform
better

PROMOTE



WHA78.5/EB156(19)

Promoting and prioritizing an integrated lung health approach



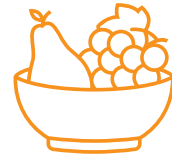
WHA78.18/EB156(30)

Regulating the digital marketing of breast-milk substitutes



WHA78.7/EB156(21)

Primary prevention and integrated care for sensory impairments, including vision impairment and hearing loss



WHA78.24/EB156(37)

Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition



Accelerating
the control of
substance use



WHA78.9

Fostering social connection for global health

PROMOTE



WHA78(27)/EB156(40)

Global action plan on climate change and health



WHA78.27/EB156(32)

Galvanizing global support for a lead-free future



WHA78.8/EB156(22)

World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day



WHA78.17/EB156(29)

World Prematurity Day

PROVIDE



Securing
equitable access
and supply chains of medical products



WHA78(12)/EB156(25)

Substandard and falsified
medical products



WHA78(14)/EB156(28)

WHO traditional medicine
strategy 2025–2034



WHA78.6/EB156(20)

Promotion of kidney
health – prevention and
control of kidney disease



WHA78.11/EB156(15)

Rare diseases: a global
health priority for equity
and inclusion

PROVIDE



WHA78.12

Strengthening health
financing globally



WHA78.16/EB156(27)

Accelerating action on the
global health and care
workforce by 2030



Investing in a
resilient and sustainable
health workforce

PROTECT



WHA78.1

WHO Pandemic Agreement



WHA78.4/EB156.R3

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem



WHA78.28

Effect of nuclear war on public health

POWER



WHA78.3/EB156(31)

Strengthening the evidence-base for public health and social measures



WHA78.10/EB156(14)

Strengthening national capacities in evidence-based decision-making for the uptake and impact of norms and standards

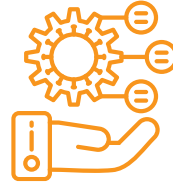
Way forward

Strategic priorities and next steps



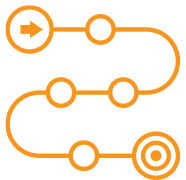
Align

national health security strategies
with the Pandemic Agreement



Advance

implementation of the International
Health Regulations (IHR) amendments



Translate

GPW14 (2025–2028)
into a national roadmap



Reinforce

sustainable financing
models



Embed

multisectoral
collaboration

Way forward

From policy to action



Gap mapping and
readiness assessment



Institutional coordination
and governance



Financing strategy
and plans



Negotiate flexibility,
less earmarked funds



Leverage WHO
regional offices
and partners



Monitoring,
accountability and
transparency

Way forward

key actors and partners



Government
agencies



Legislature



International and
multilateral organizations



Civil society/
academia



Private sector/
industry



Regional/cross-border
coordination

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Proposals from our Region to EB158 agenda

Provide



- Steatotic liver disease
- Stroke
- Precision medicine
- Teleradiology enhancing access to diagnostic imaging through digital health solutions



- Regulatory and ethical governance of data and artificial intelligence
- Digital health transformation for resilient health systems

Protect



- Health in conflict and displacement settings



- Strengthening measurement of health and related SDGs in conflict-affected settings and mobile populations



- Strengthening event-based surveillance and epidemic intelligence

Power and Perform



- Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) WHO relationship with Center for Reproductive Rights