

WHO REFERENCE GROUP
Draft GPW 13 WHO Impact Framework 2019-2023
TERMS OF REFERENCE

BACKGROUND

The proposed 13th General Programme of Work (GPW), is WHO's five-year strategy outlining mission, strategic priorities, and strategic and organizational shifts. The WHO Impact Framework is the organization's accountability pathfinder to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Structured around the three strategic priorities – universal health coverage, health emergencies and public health, each with its high-level target of 1 billion people, collectively, the “triple billion” target. Each of the strategic priorities features a selected set of tracer indicators provided by WHO technical programs that will guide WHO's contributions. The ~43 targets outlined in the WHO Impact Framework are tracers to help prioritize, track and evaluate WHO's performance under these three priorities. Omission from this list does not imply other targets that are not referenced are unimportant and the list is not meant to affect ongoing and agreed metrics framework on specific topics.

Objectives

The Technical Expert Reference Group of the 13th GPW WHO Impact Framework will have the following objectives:

- i. review and recommend a methodology for the “triple billion” targets in the draft GPW13;
- ii. review and assess if the targets are realistic;
- iii. examine the targets and indicators for each of the three strategic priorities and propose recommendations on enhancements;
- iv. help to identify priority targets from the WHO Impact Framework;
- v. advise on ‘prototype’ reporting to monitor WHO's expected contribution to achieving these goals within the given timeframe; and
- vi. propose options for regions and Member States reporting.

Scope of the Work

The Expert Reference Group will provide scientific and strategic guidance for the review of the WHO Impact Framework.

Timeframe and Modalities

The Technical Expert Reference Group shall meet between December 2017 and February 2018. A publicly available final report of the Reference Group is aimed to be produced by February 2018.

Composition

The Director-General shall appoint the Members of the Reference Group. The Reference Group shall comprise members of integrity and objectivity and who have proven experience in senior positions in the areas covered by the scope of the Committee. Prior to meetings of the Reference Group, members will be required to sign a declaration of interest and a confidentiality agreement in accordance with WHO practice.

In the selection process, due regard shall be given to geographical representation and gender balance.

Members shall serve in their personal capacity and cannot be represented by an alternate attendee. They shall neither seek nor accept instructions in regard to their performance on the Reference Group from any government or other authority external to or within WHO, and will exercise their responsibilities with full regard for the paramount importance of independence.

Administrative Arrangements

Members of the Reference Group shall not be compensated for their work on the Reference Group.

Except as provided for in its terms of reference, the Reference Group shall be guided by the rules of procedure of Expert Committees, as appropriate.

The Expert Reference Group may decide at any time to obtain outside expertise if necessary and subject to available resources, as determined by the Secretariat, and shall have full access to all relevant WHO files, surveillance data and archives pertaining to the work of the Committee, which shall be treated on a confidential basis.

The WHO Secretariat will provide secretariat support to the Reference Group.