



Programme for Action

For the Health Team in DG EuropeAid

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Rationale

- **Programme for Action to confront HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria (2005)**
- **EU Strategy for Action on the Crisis in Human Resources for Health (2005)**
- **EU role in global health (2010)**

Council Conclusions, Communication, SWD "Contributing to universal coverage of health services through development policy"

- **Agenda for Change (2011/2012)**
- **Trade, Growth, and Development (2012)**
- **Thematic evaluation of the EC support to the health sector**

Plan for a Communication in 2013/14

Comprehensive health cooperation strategy

- Consolidates various global policy statements
- Can be effectively operationalised at country level
- Responds to need for differentiation and stronger technical expertise at country level
- More explicit actions on human resources and health financing, access to medicines
- Align global health initiatives better with country processes and address human resource consequences

Options

1: Commission communication with thorough impact assessment of concrete policy proposals on:

- Sector concentration
- Harmonisation of Global Health Initiatives
- Coherent policies for access to medicines, innovation for global health, human resources, health financing

2: Staff Working Document describing Commission's intent and interpretation of existing policies

*3: **Status quo***

Status of the 'Programme for Action'

No official Commission paper

Internal document for EuropeAid DEVCO B4

*May be useful to structure **informal** discussions with:*

- Commission services: Inter-Service-Group on Global Health
- EU MS: Health Experts Working Group
- Academia, civil society, private sector:
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1. Improve impact of EU aid on global health

- Define approaches at global, regional, country level
- Define modalities for partnership at country level to achieve comprehensive health systems support in an aid-effective manner

2. Coherent policy implementation

- Across the Commission and at EU delegation level (where health is a focal sector)
- Identify key subsector building blocks requiring priority attention

Part I: Improving impact of EU aid

Promote Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as global health goal

1. Promoting UHC as global health goal: promote UHC as the overarching global health objective and comprehensive concept for health systems strengthening.

2. Strengthen the international health partnership (IHP+): aim to improve the impact of this partnership in the implementation of aid-effectiveness principles and commitments

More effective EU coordination for global health:

3. National health strategy: Action to strengthen the implementation of longstanding commitments to national leadership in health system development under a single strategy.

4. Country-owned management systems: Action to move towards the use of country-owned mechanisms for the delivery of assistance to the health sector.

5. EU coordination at country level: Action to increase the collaboration and exchange of information among EUDs and MS Missions towards more effective and efficient support to national health systems.

More effective EU coordination for global health:

6. EU coordination at global level: Action to improve internal coordination and collaboration at global level towards more effective and efficient support towards achieving UHC

7. Global Health Policy Forum: Action to create and maintain platform that includes important stakeholders from academia, civil society, UN family and the private sector in the discussion and exchange of information of relevant global health issues.

Coordinated participation in Global Health Initiatives (GHIs):

8. Coordinated EU participation in Global Health Initiatives at the country level: Action for European support of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM), Immunisation Coordinating Committees (ICC) and other coordination structures for GHI grants with the aim to increase their effectiveness for the common goal of UHC.

9. Coordinated participation in Global Health Initiatives at central level: Action for greater collaboration of the EC and MS for improved governance of GHIs.

Increased EU capacity in global health:

10. In-house health sector capacity: Action to increase the capacity of the EC and the EUDs for participation in global health policy and programme implementation.

11. Sector competence at country level: Action to increase the complementarity of expertise and the collaboration of health experts at EUDs and MS Missions.

Part II: Improve Health Systems Financing

12. Support Health Financing and Social Health Protection systems, strategies and schemes

This action aims to place HF and SHP systems, strategies and schemes high on national policy dialogue agendas as fundamental components of a strategy for UHC.

13. Support access to knowledge and experience in HF and SHP systems and approaches for partner countries

Address Human Resources for Health (HRH) challenges

14. Support the development and implementation of coherent national HRH strategies as part of robust national health strategies and plans and public sector reforms. In particular, support the development of coherent HRH strategic frameworks and plans in fragile situations and post-conflict situations.

15. Further explore feasibility and efficiency of support to regional polices and initiatives in the African Region such as the implementation of the WHO AFRO Road Map for scaling up human resources for health

16. Support the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on International recruitment

- **Improving Access to Medicines**

17. Strengthen procurement agencies, guidelines for EUDs for support to national procurement agencies based on the common quality assurance position paper, and explore interest and opportunities for a common EU approach where appropriate.

18. Strengthen Medicines Regulation including broadening the approach to include improved market control to address the issue of substandard medicines, and, options towards a common EU approach to strengthen NMRAs in focus countries.

- **Improving Access to Medicines**

19. Improve access to medicines through comprehensive pharmaceutical systems strengthening through practical guidance for EUDs about pharmaceutical sector strengthening in the context of Universal Health Coverage in low income countries

20. Stimulate pro-poor approaches for access to IPR-protected essential medicines

21. Encourage voluntary licensing aimed at delivering health benefits

- **Increased evidence based for Global health**

22. Creating synergies and links in research for UHC by assessing most relevant networks and institutions with a view of strengthened collaboration

- **Engaging the private sector**

23. Participate in networks and create partnership for Policy and Strategy Development such as HANSHEP.

24. Involve the private sector at country level so that private sector involvement and development gets sufficient attention in sector policy dialogues with potential support and that the private sector participates in relevant fora

- **Intersectoral action**

25. Respond to the global burden on undernutrition and develop concept for intersectoral actions and synergies between the three sectors health, nutrition/food security/agriculture, through a bottom-up approach during programming, identification and formulation in collaboration with health, nutrition, food security and agriculture specialists in EUDs.

- **Intersectoral action**

26. Respond to the global burden of respiratory disease due to indoor air pollution, working in synergy, i.e. in countries where health and/or energy are focal sectors and which have a high burden of respiratory disease and a high prevalence of indoor use of solid fuels for cooking or heating.

Explore options on health/energy initiatives for clean and efficient household fuel and respiratory health.

- **Intersectoral action**

27. Respond to the health challenges of climate change and develop recommendations for climate change and environmental disaster risk mitigation in health aid to low income countries.

Explore options within the planned health sector programmes to support Ministries of Health in assessing risks and in developing responses to increase resilience (through developing disaster risk reduction plans and national adaptation plans).