
ELEVENTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

1. The current general programme of work ends in December 2005. It is intended that the Eleventh General Programme of Work, which will cover the period 2006 to 2015, will present a long-term strategic vision for health and development and provide broad direction to the work of the Organization as the leader in global health and development. The longer time period than previous programmes of work is intended to allow for full planning and delivery of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

2. Specifically, the general programme of work will identify issues and challenges to be addressed by the Member States, the Secretariat and partners, based on an analysis of the global health situation and health trends. It will elaborate a policy framework that includes goals and targets for the period covered, reflecting the Millennium Development Goals and other international targets, acknowledges commitment to health for all and the principles of primary health care, and sets out the mission of the Organization and core functions of the Secretariat. It will also provide a programme framework that includes the parameters for the biennial programme budgets through definition of the programme structure, objectives and milestones.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET 2006-2007

3. The Proposed programme budget 2006-2007, a single exercise for the whole Organization, will derive from the initial work on the general programme of work. It will continue to reflect a results-based management approach, and will integrate different sources of financing. It will be proposed that most of the areas of work set out in the programme budget 2004-2005 remain unchanged. The pattern established in the biennium 2004-2005 to move resources to regions or countries from headquarters will continue in 2006-2007, aiming at a target of 75% (regions and countries) and 25% (headquarters). The budget presentation will make the distribution of funds from other sources to the regions or countries more transparent.

4. The breakdown for the regular budget and for other sources of financing will be the basis for mobilization, prioritization and allocation of funds. The gap will be monitored between the financing requirements established in the Proposed programme budget 2006-2007 and the availability of

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resources from the regular budget and other sources across areas of work and by region, country and headquarters. In conformity with the Organization’s financial rules and conditions set by donors, the actual allocation of resources from the regular budget and other sources across areas of work will be adjusted and resources shifted throughout the biennium in an attempt to “close the gap” and ensure that the total planned funding by area of work is made available.

5. In order to improve preparation and implementation of the Proposed programme budget 2006-2007, lessons drawn from the draft Programme Budget Performance Assessment 2002-2003, supplemented by information derived from the evaluations undertaken during the biennium 2002-2003 as part of the Organization’s overall monitoring, evaluation and reporting, will be incorporated into the process.


6. Recognizing the relationship between the Eleventh General Programme of Work and the Proposed programme budget 2006-2007 and the potential synergy arising from their joint preparation, the process for drawing up the two documents will be linked.

7. The two documents will be prepared through an iterative process that will endeavour to maximize country input while reconciling the priorities and needs of individual countries with those of the Member States as a whole. Country input based on national health strategies and priorities for WHO action as identified in country cooperation strategies or equivalent strategic planning will inform the process of preparing the two documents. Global health needs thus identified will be reflected in both of them, and will guide country work through the countries’ operational plans.

8. Member States will be invited to provide input to the Eleventh General Programme of Work and the Proposed programme budget 2006-2007 initially through the Executive Board and its Programme Development Committee, and through the regional committees, before submission to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly (2005).

9. Among issues relating to the proposed programme budget that might be discussed in the Programme Development Committee are programme priorities for broadly allocating the budget across areas of work and targets for resource mobilization in a budget that integrates different funding sources.