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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them of the planned publication to update the estimates on the progress towards the Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13) triple billion targets and health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) thanks to an online consultation. Since 2018, progress has been made towards each of the triple billion targets, but disparities and challenges persist.<sup>1</sup>

In view of the stalling progress and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Member States requested the Secretariat to update the global and country estimates for the triple billion targets and SDGs. Benchmarking progress made at global, regional and country levels is critical to prioritize interventions and resource allocation to improve population health outcomes.

The WHO Results Framework transforms health goals into measurable targets, and it serves as an accountability tool to track progress towards the triple billion targets and health-related SDGs. Methods for measuring the impact have undergone extensive review and consultations with experts, regions, and countries.<sup>2</sup> For the proposed GPW 14, WHO has initiated the process to update the impact measurement of the Results Framework.<sup>3</sup> New programmatic indicators for GPW 14 have been proposed by WHO technical programmes and are under consultation with Member States.

Publication of the updated estimates is scheduled for April 2024. The online consultations will be held via WHO's Country Portal in the World Health Data Hub. This will enable active technical exchange between Member States and the WHO Secretariat for the review of:

- (i) methodology;
- (ii) preliminary country-level estimates and forecasts; and
- (iii) proposed list of new outcome/programmatic indicators for the upcoming GPW 14.

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<sup>1</sup> Triple Billion Progress [website]. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (<https://www.who.int/data/triple-billion-dashboard>, accessed 11 January 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13): methods for impact measurement. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2020 (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240012776>, accessed 11 January 2024).

<sup>3</sup> WHO Results Framework: Delivering a measurable impact in countries. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2024 (<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/who-results-framework--delivering-a-measurable-impact-in-countries-jan-15-2024>, accessed 15 January 2024).

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Reference is made to C.L.41.2023 concerning nomination of a technical focal point(s) for country consultations for the Global Health Estimates and estimates of excess mortality associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on mortality-related health outcomes. Nominated focal points will receive instructions to securely access the Country Portal for this consultation. Should Member States wish to nominate an alternative focal point(s) to review the Triple Billion estimates, they are invited to send contact details (full name, title, affiliation, and email address) to the Secretariat at [impactmeasurement@who.int](mailto:impactmeasurement@who.int) **before 22 February 2024**.

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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