

III DEVELOPMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS AND THE ROLE OF PAHO

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAHO'S WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEMS:

3.1 Coordination of activities with other agencies of the United Nations system (UNICEF, UNFPA, etc.) and the development banks, not only at the regional level but the national level in particular

3.1.1 PAHO should replicate its Shared Agenda Initiative with the IDB and the World Bank at the national level, developing strategic plans with the countries that include well-coordinated activities and the formation of partnerships and associations with these agencies at the national level.

3.1.2 PAHO should instruct its Representative Offices to disseminate information about the regional agreements and partnerships that it enters into with other specialized health agencies and execute them at the national level.

3.2 The Pan American Health Organization should clearly delineate its roles as the WHO Regional Office and the Specialized Organization for Health of the Inter- American Integration System (OAS).

3.2.1 Development of a Work Agenda that will put PAHO activities as the WHO Regional Office on an equal footing with its activities as a Specialized Organization of the Inter-American System.

3.2.2 Greater PAHO assistance to subregional integration processes in the Americas, helping the countries to give health its proper place on the subregional and regional political agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAHO'S WORK WITH BILATERAL COOPERATION AGENCIES AND DEVELOPMENT BANKS:

3.3 PAHO should step up efforts to mobilize more and better quality cooperation for the Region.

3.3.1 PAHO should make the serious inequality and gaps in income and social indicators in Region known to the various international bilateral cooperation agencies by participating more actively in the various forums and taking advantage of opportunities inside and outside the United Nations system.

3.3.2 PAHO should work to develop intelligence about international cooperation that will enable it to identify ODA trends and anticipate changes in regional priorities and the areas targeted by the main cooperating parties--information that should be adequately communicated to the countries.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAHO'S WORK WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES:

3.4 Technical assistance for better utilization/channeling of financial resources from national and international sources to promote health in the Region.

3.4.1 PAHO will boost its technical assistance to the international cooperation offices (or their equivalents) of the ministries of health to facilitate their negotiations with the national institutions responsible for deciding how and when to invest in health (ministries of economy, ministries of foreign affairs, parliaments, etc.), in addition to foreign cooperation agencies.

3.5 Strengthening of PAHO's External Relations and Partnerships Unit, not only as the office charged with mobilizing extrabudgetary resources for PAHO, but as the office for technical assistance to the countries.

3.5.1 Provide the External Relations and Partnerships Unit of PAHO with greater financial and human resources.

3.5.2 Strengthen the Representative Offices with experts in negotiation and resource mobilization, providing direct support for the respective Representatives in their technical assistance to the countries.

3.6 Reduction of red tape in administrative processes, consistent with the proposal for the harmonization and alignment of cooperation made at the I High-level Forum on Harmonization, in Rome (2003) and the II High-level Forum on Harmonization, in Paris (2005).

3.6.1 PAHO should institute a program for reform and gradual, sustained institutional streamlining that is participatory, highly technical, and modernized, harmonizing its administrative procedures with those of the countries.

3.7 Assistance in obtaining knowledge about new financial cooperation modalities and disseminating information about them.

3.7.1 PAHO will promote the dissemination of information on the new modalities available for accessing reimbursable and nonreimbursable financial cooperation, through bulletins, forums, and at least one annual meeting of the international cooperation offices of the Member Countries.

3.7.2 PAHO should set up a Clearinghouse on International Cooperation in Health that makes information on potential cooperating partners and new cooperation modalities available to the countries.

3.8 Facilitation of horizontal cooperation among the countries of the Region for the creation of strategic partnerships and the mobilization of health cooperation resources.

3.8.1 Promote internship programs between the countries' international cooperation offices.

3.8.2 Organize at least one annual meeting of the Region's international cooperation offices.