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**FINAL EVALUATION OF THE HEALTH AGENDA  
FOR THE AMERICAS 2008-2017**

**Introduction**

1. The final evaluation of the Health Agenda for the Americas (HAA) 2008-2017, which was endorsed by the Declaration of the Ministers and Secretaries of Health of the Americas in Panama City on 3 June 2007, will be submitted to the Directing Council in September. The HAA 2008-2017 was the highest strategic policy instrument for health planning in the Region and was used to guide collective actions aimed at improving the health of the people of the Americas through the implementation of plans and programs of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), subregional integration mechanisms, and partners working in health in the Region.
2. The mid-term evaluation of the HAA 2008-2017 (Document CSP28/6), presented to the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference in September 2012, reported on the progress observed in its eight areas of action<sup>1</sup> and on its adoption for strategic planning at all levels of the Organization. The report also called attention to the following specific areas of concern: *a)* maternal mortality, *b)* dengue, *c)* tuberculosis, *d)* HIV/AIDS, *e)* obesity, *f)* public expenditure on health, and *g)* out-of-pocket expenditure. Also included were specific recommendations to improve the use of the HAA consistent with its statement of intent.
3. Preparations for the final evaluation commenced during the development of the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030 (SHAA2030), which was developed under the leadership of a Countries Working Group between December 2016

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<sup>1</sup> The Health Agenda for the Americas established eight areas of action: (1) Strengthening the national health authority; (2) Tackling health determinants; (3) Increasing social protection and access to quality health services; (4) Diminishing health inequalities among countries and inequities within them; (5) Reducing the risk and burden of disease; (6) Strengthening the management and development of health workers; (7) Harnessing knowledge, science, and technology; and (8) Strengthening health security.

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and September 2017. As a part of this process, preliminary evaluative results for the HAA 2008-2017 were presented to Member States in the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CSP29/6 [2017]).

4. The final evaluation report addresses the request from the Countries Working Group during its third face-to-face meeting in Barbados in July 2017 to complete a comprehensive final evaluation of the HAA 2008-2017, to be presented to PAHO Governing Bodies in 2018.

### **Progress Report and Methodology**

5. At the recommendation of the Member States in the Countries Working Group for the SHAA2030, the final evaluation of HAA 2008-2017 will follow the model of the mid-term evaluation, in which 75 indicators were used to measure progress over time in the Areas of Action.

6. A review of information from existing sources, where possible, will be used to provide an update on these indicators. Examples of sources include end-of-biennium assessment reports of PAHO Program and Budgets, Health in the Americas 2017 (Document PCT642) and PAHO's Health Information Platform for the Americas (PLISA, by its Spanish acronym). In addition, a survey of national health authorities was conducted in May 2017 for selected indicators that could not be found using existing sources.

7. The PASB will complete the analysis of the available information by the end of March 2018 to prepare the full report that will be presented to the 162nd Session of the Executive Committee in June.

### **Proposed Report Outline**

8. The proposed outline of the report, with a brief description of each section, is presented below.

- I. **Executive Summary:** Presents a high-level summary of impact and outcome level results achieved during the HAA 2008-2017 and their implications, particularly in light of the recently approved SHAA2030.
- II. **Introduction:** Summarizes the context and background of the HAA 2008-2017 and the recommendations from the midterm evaluation, as well as initial analysis done for the preparation of the SHAA2030.
- III. **Procedure and Methodology:** Provides an overview of the process and methodology for the evaluation.
- IV. **Analysis of Findings:** Provides the main findings for each of the eight areas of action, with a detailed report in an annex.

- V. **Conclusions and Recommendations:** Includes a summary of lessons learned, geared toward informing the implementation of the SHAA2030.
- VI. **Annexes:** Presents the report on proxy indicators for the eight areas of action of the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017.

**Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration**

- 9. The Subcommittee is invited to provide comments and recommendations on the proposed outline and methodology to guide the preparation of the Final Evaluation of the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017.

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