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PAHO PROGRAM AND BUDGET 2016-2017: MECHANISMS FOR INTERIM REPORTING TO MEMBER STATES

Background

1.   The 54th Directing Council, in Resolution CD54.R16 (2015), requested that the Director "establish, in consultation with the Member States, a mechanism to present interim reports on the implementation of the Program and Budget, including planned and financed items, the progress made toward the achievement of the results, and the programmatic and financial risks." The resolution also requested that the Director report to the Governing Bodies on the level of financing and implementation for each source of financing for the categories and program areas outlined in the Program and Budget 2016-2017.

2.   The World Health Organization (WHO) had received similar calls from its Member States in the 2014-2015 biennium. In response to these calls for greater transparency and accountability around financing and improved reporting on results, WHO developed a web portal as a tool to help stakeholders track and better understand WHO's program, budget, and financing. The information in the portal is also intended to better inform the decisions of funding partners. The program budget portal has significantly increased the transparency of WHO's funding situation and its needs by program area and major office. It provides additional level of granularity as requested by contributors, including a view of funding and expenditure for each country office.

Update on Progress Achieved

3.   PAHO is equally committed to provide this level of transparency to all its stakeholders. To that end, it currently makes available its data to WHO so that it is fully available and visible in WHO's portal. The recent implementation of the PASB Management Information System (PMIS) will facilitate the development of a similar tool for PAHO. The PAHO portal will be a key mechanism for interim reporting to Member States on the status of implementation of the PAHO Program and Budgets.

4.   The PAHO portal will include views of funding and expenditure by source, category/program area, organizational entity (such as country office), functional level (regional, subregional, country), and other dimensions relevant to Member States. The portal will provide views of quarterly trends of budget, funding and funding projections. All PAHO Member States will be given access to the portal to view the financial resources available to implement the Program and Budget, their utilization and the funding gaps by relevant program and organizational dimension. The portal will be updated with data from the PMIS at an established frequency.

5.   The second main mechanism for interim reporting to Member States will be highlights and summaries from the mid-term and end-of-biennium reviews conducted by PASB, as part of the Organization-wide performance monitoring and assessment (PMA) exercises. These regular assessments review progress towards the implementation of each office's workplans, including the delivery of products and services that contribute to the achievement of the outputs in the Program and Budget. Both programmatic and financial risks are also assessed in the PMAs, and these will also be reported to Member States. In addition to the internal PMA, the Organization presents biennial performance assessment reports to PAHO Governing Bodies as required by Resolution CD52.R8 (2013). These reports, prepared jointly with Member States, will include a comprehensive assessment on the results chain of the PAHO Program and Budget and the Strategic Plan.

Timeline for Development of Interim Reporting Mechanisms

6.   The PMIS went live on 4 January 2016. The current system integrates all the budgetary and financial data of the Organization. The next step in the continuing development of information systems of the Organization is the development of the web portal, planned to commence in mid-2016, using the programmatic and financial information from the PMIS. The estimated delivery date for the PAHO portal is 2017. In the meantime, the PMA results will be the source for interim reporting to Member States on the implementation of the Program and Budget 2016-2017. The interim report will rely on the PASB internal assessment for program implementation, and be available to Member States by the end of March of the second year of the biennium (2017), once validation of programmatic and financial data is complete. Thereafter, the portal and the PMA will provide complementary programmatic and financial information.

Action by the Executive Committee

7.   The Executive Committee is invited to note the report and provide comments and recommendations.

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