



# **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | Links and Relevance of the SDGs to Research for Health**

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# Reflections on Regional Progress

## The Millennium Development Goals in the Americas:

- Reduction in child mortality
- Combating infectious diseases
- Increased access to improved water and sanitation
- Poverty reduction
- Increased access to schooling and infrastructure



ERADICATE  
EXTREME POVERTY  
AND HUNGER



ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL  
PRIMARY EDUCATION



PROMOTE GENDER  
EQUALITY AND  
EMPOWER WOMEN



REDUCE  
CHILD MORTALITY



IMPROVE MATERNAL  
HEALTH



COMBAT HIV/AIDS,  
MALARIA AND OTHER  
DISEASES



ENSURE  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY



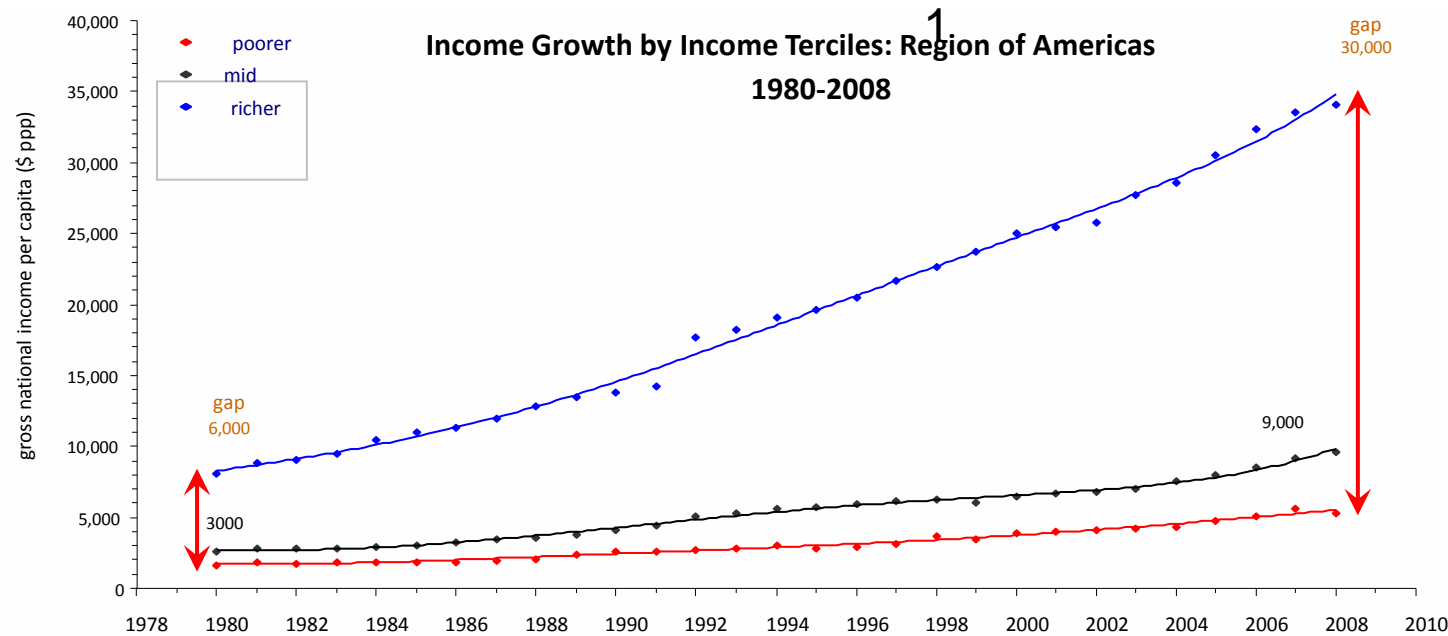
A GLOBAL  
PARTNERSHIP FOR  
DEVELOPMENT

# The Greatest Challenges of 21st Century: Poverty and Inequity



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- Despite the fact that Latin America and the Caribbean is a middle income region, the Region is one of the most unequal region in the world with regards to income levels (PAHO, 2012)
- Recent evidence demonstrates that more than 1 in 4 residents of the Region lives in moderate poverty (on less than US \$4 a day) (World Bank, 2015)
- 28 million people in the Region live in extreme poverty (on less than US \$1.25 a day) (World Bank, 2015)



# Key Regional Challenges



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**Key Challenges for the Region of the Americas:**  
**Non-Communicable Diseases, Urbanization and a Changing Epidemiological Profile**





# Rio Political Declaration Adopted by Member States In September 2011



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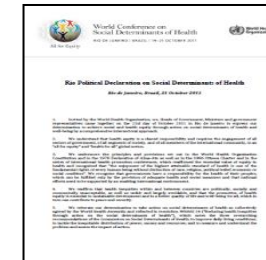
Monitoring progress

Governance to tackle the root causes of health inequities

Global action on social determinants

The role of the health sector

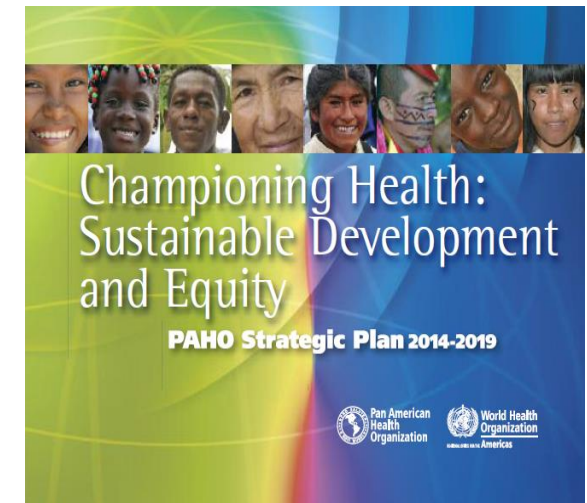
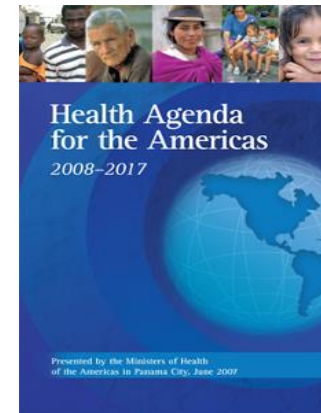
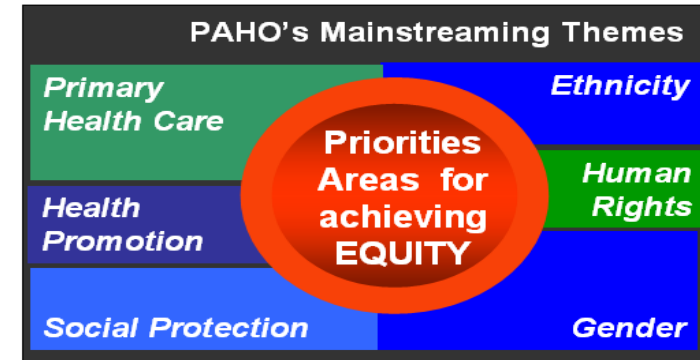
Promoting participation



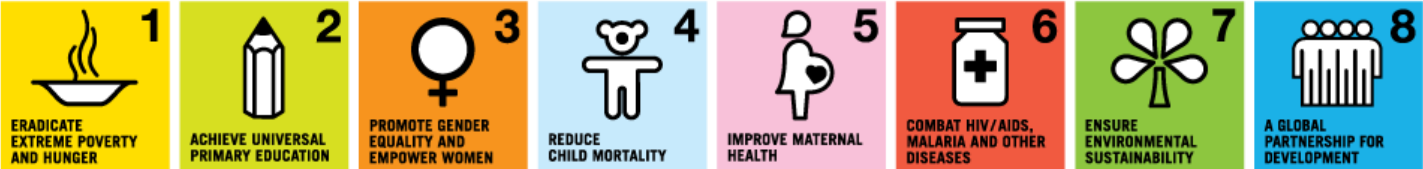
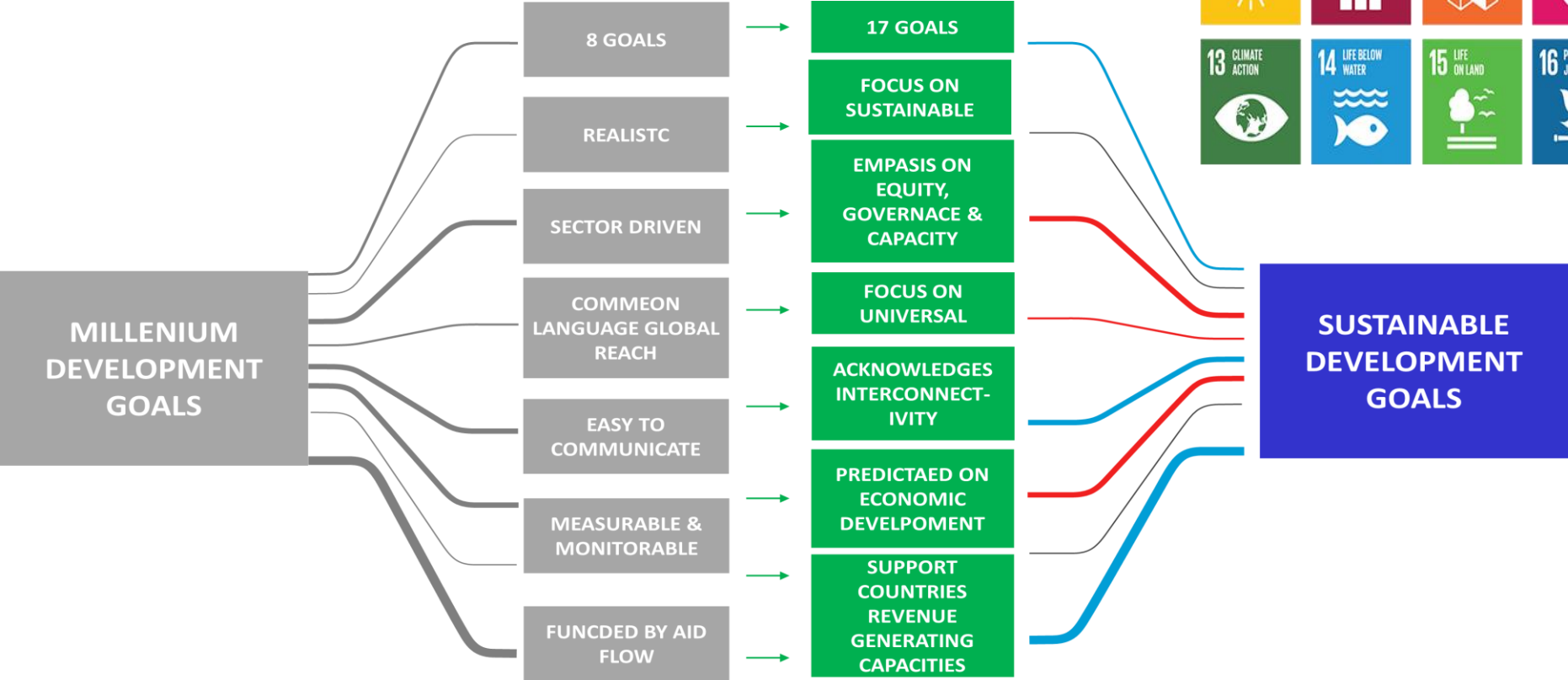
A key outcome of the Global Conference was the *Rio Political Declaration*

# Mission in Action

- PAHO is strongly committed to putting equity firmly on the agenda
- Equity and the Social Determinants of Health are key priorities in Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017
- Addressing inequities through the approach of the social determinants of health and Health in All Policies is one of the objectives in PAHO's Strategic Plan 2014 – 2019



# The Shift from MDGs to SDGs



# SDG 3 and its 13 Targets



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By 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births

By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases

By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being

By 2020, halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents 3.7

By 2030, reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



## Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all

Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol

By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination

By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes

Strengthen the implementation of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries, as appropriate

Substantially increase health financing and the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries, especially in least developed countries and small island developing States

Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks

Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and noncommunicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines, in accordance with the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, which affirms the right of developing countries to use to the full the provisions in the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights regarding flexibilities to protect public health, and, in particular, provide access to medicines for all

Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all



# Links Between Health and the Wider SDGs Agenda

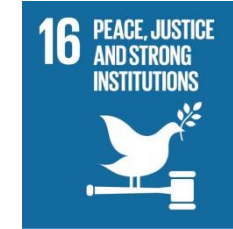


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**Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all**



**Target 1.3:** Implement social protection systems for all



**Target 16.1:** reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere



**Target 6.1:** achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water



**Target 2.2:** End malnutrition, achieve targets for reductions child stunting and wasting



**Target 5.2:** End all forms of violence against all women and girls ....



**Target 4.2:** ensure access to early childhood development, care and pre-primary education

Other goals and targets e.g. 10 (inequality), 11 (cities), 13 (climate change)

# PAHO's Role



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**1** Sharing Information

**2** Building Capacity

**3** Coordinating Plans

**4** Prioritize indicators



## Every SDG Requires Multi-sectoral Collaboration



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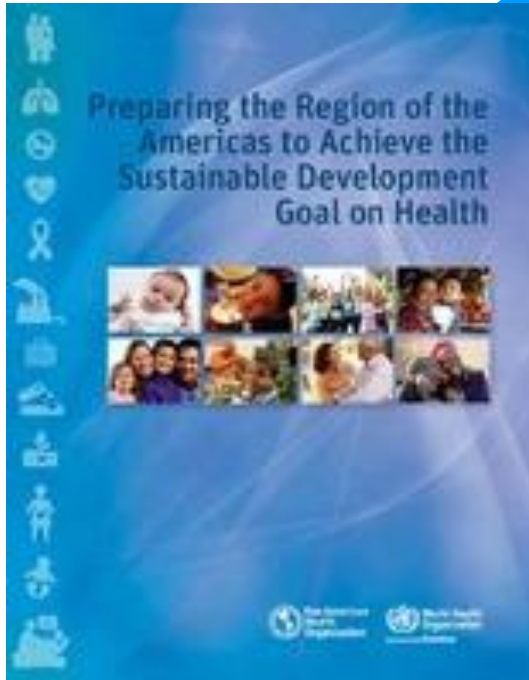
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# Implementing the Vision: Delivery of Key Documents



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## PAHO's 53rd Directing Council 2014

Compares the targets and indicators of the SDGs with the targets and indicators of PAHO's Strategic Plan 2014-2019, the Health Agenda for the Americas and the current mandates of PAHO.

1

First effort to support implementation of SDGs, especially SDG 3

2

Compares SDG targets with current country health policies and programs

3

Highlights most relevant mandates & relevant partnerships

# Implementing the Vision:

## On-going National Consultations



## Collaboration with Partners: FioCruz and Sustainable Development Solution Network

Goal: Strengthen country capacity on the actual implementation of the SDGs.



## Colombia (November 2015): regional workshop

Goal: Provide an opportunity for dialogue between PAHO and country representatives on programmatic and technical resources, a platform to cross-reference national experiences and a recognition of the need for a multi-sectoral strategy to address health inequities.

**Recommendations to support  
countries in SDG implementation:**  
Roadmap and regional network

# Implementing the Vision:

## Health in All Policies

“An approach to public policies across sectors that systematically takes into account the health implications of decisions, seeks synergies, and avoids harmful health impacts in order to improve population health and health equity”

*2013 Helsinki Statement on Health in All Policies*



### Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Focus on reducing health inequities using multi-sectoral approaches and identifying win-win situations with other sectors.

**Region of the Americas is a global leader in driving forward this initiative, being the first Region to establish a Plan of Action on HiAP.**

- 1 White Paper:** options and opportunities
- 2 Task Force and Working Group on HiAP in the SDGs:** Reference Note and Work Plan on harmonizing HiAP and SDGs agenda
- 3 Capacity building:** training being rolled out by PAHO across the Americas



# Implementing the Vision: Regional Review of Health Inequalities



Gender



Ethnicity



Equity



Human Rights



## Spotlight: Regional Review

- Partnership with Institute of Health Equity at University College London
- Purpose is to gather and synthesize quantitative and qualitative data concerning the associations between gender, equity, human rights, ethnicity and health in fourteen focus countries
- Key output is actionable recommendations that Member States can use to ensure that inequities are addressed effectively in their health policies

# Implementing the Vision: Interagency Collaboration

PAHO-OAS Working Group  
(September 2015)

1

Aims to identify preliminary joint Inter-American and UN System actions for the SDGs and their targets

2

Mapping document with an analysis of each SDG will help align the SDGs with existing mandates and interagency collaborations

## Five Year Goal (2016-2021)

Promote synergies, expand cooperation and establish a broader interagency alliance on the SDGs, with a focus on equity and social inclusion, that will unite other Inter-American and UN system agencies and Champion Countries.

- ECLAC, UNDP-LAC
- Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico

Enable the flow of information, promote dialogue between health and foreign affairs ministers, and identifying existing means and mechanisms that will facilitate the process.



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# Next Steps: Identifying Opportunities





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