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
The Greatest Challenges of 21st Century: Poverty and Inequity

- 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:

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

- Social Exclusion
- Increased Urbanization
- Health Systems
- Family and Peer Influences
- Employment
- Cultural Values and Traditions
- Gender Norms
- Ethnicity
- National Legal and Policy Environment
A key outcome of the Global Conference was the *Rio Political Declaration*. 

Through public consultation, Member States identified Five Key Pillars:

1. Monitoring progress
2. Governance to tackle the root causes of health inequities
3. Global action on social determinants
4. The role of the health sector
5. Promoting participation

*The Rio Political Declaration* Adopted by Member States in September 2011
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

MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 8 GOALS
- REALISTIC
- SECTOR DRIVEN
- COMMON LANGUAGE GLOBAL REACH
- EASY TO COMMUNICATE
- MEASURABLE & MONITORSABLE
- FUNDED BY AID FLOW

17 GOALS

- FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY
- EMPHASIS ON EQUITY, GOVERNANCE & CAPACITY
- FOCUS ON UNIVERSAL
- ACKNOWLEDGES INTERCONNECTIVITY
- PREDICTED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- SUPPORT COUNTRIES REVENUE GENERATING CAPACITIES

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 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
## SDG 3 and its 13 Targets

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

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- 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

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Links Between Health and the Wider SDGs Agenda

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all

Target 1.3: Implement social protection systems for all

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

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

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

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

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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Every SDG Requires Multi-sectoral Collaboration

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all

= 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH + 2 Zero hunger + 4 Quality Education + 6 Clean water and sanitation
Implementing the Vision: Delivery of Key Documents

PAHO’s 53rd Directing Council 2014

First effort to support implementation of SDGs, especially SDG 3

Compares SDG targets with current country health policies and programs

Highlights most relevant mandates & relevant partnerships

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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.
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.
Next Steps: Identifying Opportunities

1. Amongst PAHO and country offices
   - Local, national and regional efforts

2. Amongst PAHO and regional institutions
   - Regional network to mobilize existing experiences and exchange knowledge related to sustainable development and health equity

3. Amongst PAHO and Other Sectors
   - Capitalize on close alignment with Inter-American system, as well as the WHO and UN system
THANK YOU

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