



**Elimination Initiative,
an integrated sustainable approach
towards ending communicable diseases
and related conditions in the Americas**

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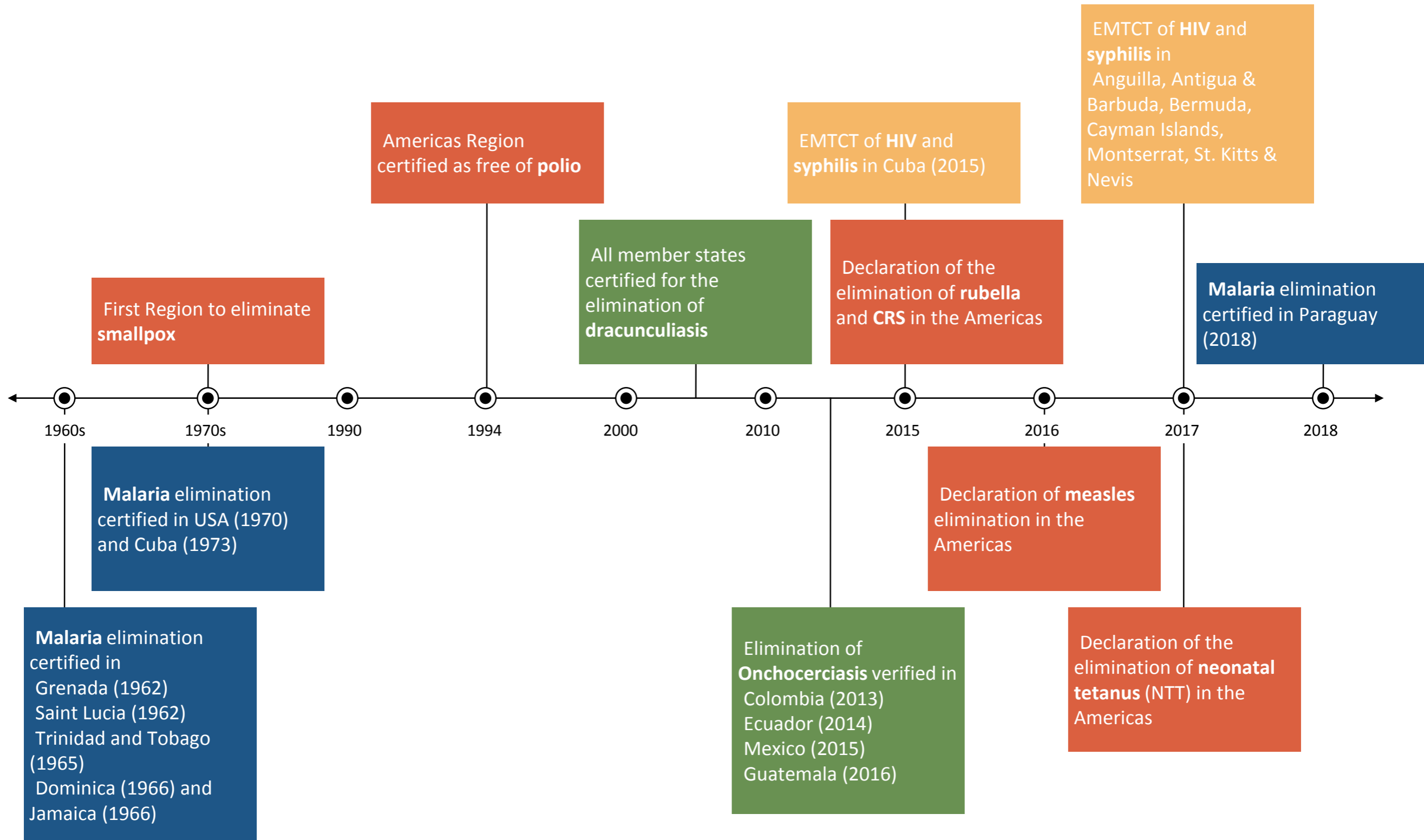
1. Background and Context

THE FIGHT AGAINST YELLOW FEVER AND PAHO

PAHO was the first international organization to organize a united front against the spread of pestilence and disease in the Hemisphere at the turn of the last century. Founded by eleven countries, PAHO's one of first tasks was to **eliminate yellow fever and malaria in the Panama Canal Zone.**



ELIMINATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE AMERICAS



RELYING ON A BROAD BASE OF MANDATES AND COMMITMENTS



Elimination Initiative actively linked to **25+** global and regional strategies, and regional plans of action

A BOLD PATHWAY FORWARD

- Consolidating and coordinating elimination activities from individual approaches into a structured unifying framework
- Fostering synergies, processes and interde-partmental collaboration for activities aiming at elimination goals

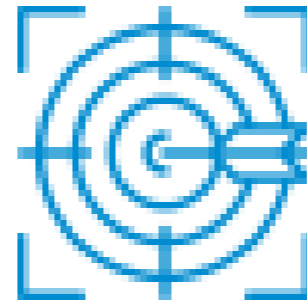


2. A new framework



VISION

Future generations **free**
of communicable diseases
in the Americas



GOAL

Eliminate the public
health threat of several
communicable diseases
and related conditions by
2030



TARGETS

No transmission,
no mortality,
no morbidity,
no disability

“Each disease is really a story of individuals and families, and the inequity of neglected populations.”

The Elimination Initiative focusses on **4 Lines of Action:**

1. Delivery of **integrated health services** through stronger health systems and networking of services
2. Generation, analysis and dissemination of robust **strategic information**
3. Tackling **environmental and social determi-nants of health**
4. Strengthening **governance, stewardship** and optimizing **investment**



MAPPING THE APPROACH

CANDIDATES

Multiple communicable diseases, social and environmental determinants of health, routes of transmission, sequelae and consequences for which technologies and know-how are available are potential candidates for elimination in the Americas

DIMENSIONS

Achieving Elimination's different public health dimensions:

1. **No transmission** (including direct, sexual, mother to child, vectoral and environmental)
2. **No mortality** (Deaths)
3. **No morbidity** (Illness)
4. **No disability** (Prevented, corrected, limited or minimized)

INTERVENTIONS

Multisectoral and inter-programmatic approaches for a wide range of interventions: Immunization, maternal and child healthcare, case finding & screening, treatment & care, vector control, education & communication

PUBLIC HEALTH, LIFE COURSE AND PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACH

3. Available tools

MANDATES
AND POLICIES



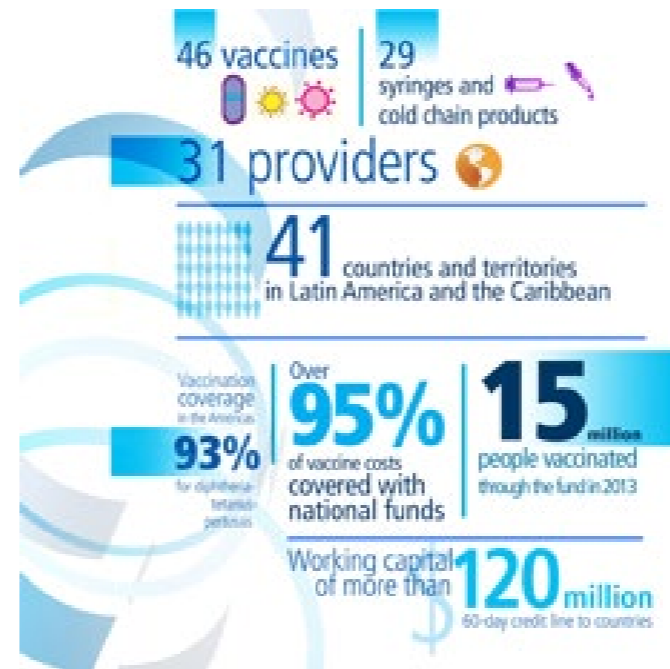
REPORTS



TECHNICAL
GUIDANCE



SUPPORTING MECHANISMS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION



5. Directing Council Resolution

POLICY DOCUMENT ON THE ELIMINATION INITIATIVE

The vision is achieving future generations free of the burden of a group of communicable diseases and conditions in the Americas, beginning no later than 2030.



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**ELIMINATION INITIATIVE
POLICY FOR AN INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TOWARDS
ENDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND RELATED CONDITIONS IN THE
AMERICAS**

Enabling the Elimination of Diseases and conditions:

- comprehensive, integrated, decentralized and quality-assured **health services**
- **single visits**: multiple health issues; screen and treat; point-of-care technologies
- **linkages** between the community and health services: adherence and retention in care
- generating and analyzing **data**
- environmental and social **determinants of health**
- inter-programmatic and intersectoral **collaboration**
- **roles** and responsibilities and **social participation**



Urge Member States to:

- assume and implement the **strategic approach** of the Elimination Initiative within their **national public health agendas**;
- **life course** approach
- produce and analyze **quality data**
- **intersectoral governmental coordination** and the participation of **civil society**
- **access** to quality health services: strengthening **Primary Health Care** and reaching **Universal Health**.



Request the Director to:

- secure political, managerial, administrative, and financial **support**;
- promote inter-programmatic multi-sectoral **collaboration**;
- facilitate **access** to vaccines, medicines, diagnostic tests, and other key commodities, through the **PAHO's Strategic and Revolving Funds**;
- measure **progress**;
- prioritize national **laboratory** networks and **supply-chain** management;
- provide **technical cooperation** to Member States and territories;
- **report periodically** to the Governing Bodies on the **progress** made and **challenges** faced in implementation of the initiative.

6. Next steps

BUILDING UP A JOINT INITIATIVE

Focused Areas

- Leveraging existing platforms by including screening, care and follow up of Communicable Diseases (ANC and MCH services, EPI programs, One Health-Zoonosis, ...)
- Populations in situations of vulnerability, including indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, those living in rural areas, LGBT people, prisoners, migrants and other groups.
- Implementation of the EMTCT Plus (pilots in 3 countries and extension to others)
- Promotion of integrated diagnostic platforms (GeneXpert, MULTIPLEX)
- Operational research agenda

NEXT STEPS AND WAY FORWARD

- ➔ RESOLUTION approved by Executive Committee (June) and endorsed Directing Council (September 2019)
- ➔ Event on the Elimination Initiative during the 57th Directing Council
- ➔ Communication and advocacy strategy
- ➔ Business Plan finalized
- ➔ Technical Advisory Group meeting (November, 2019)
- ➔ Monitoring framework
- ➔ Harmonize contents and create an integrated agenda of validation/certification events

Thank you