

Second Regional Webinar with
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Strengthening Health Systems and Services in the Americas

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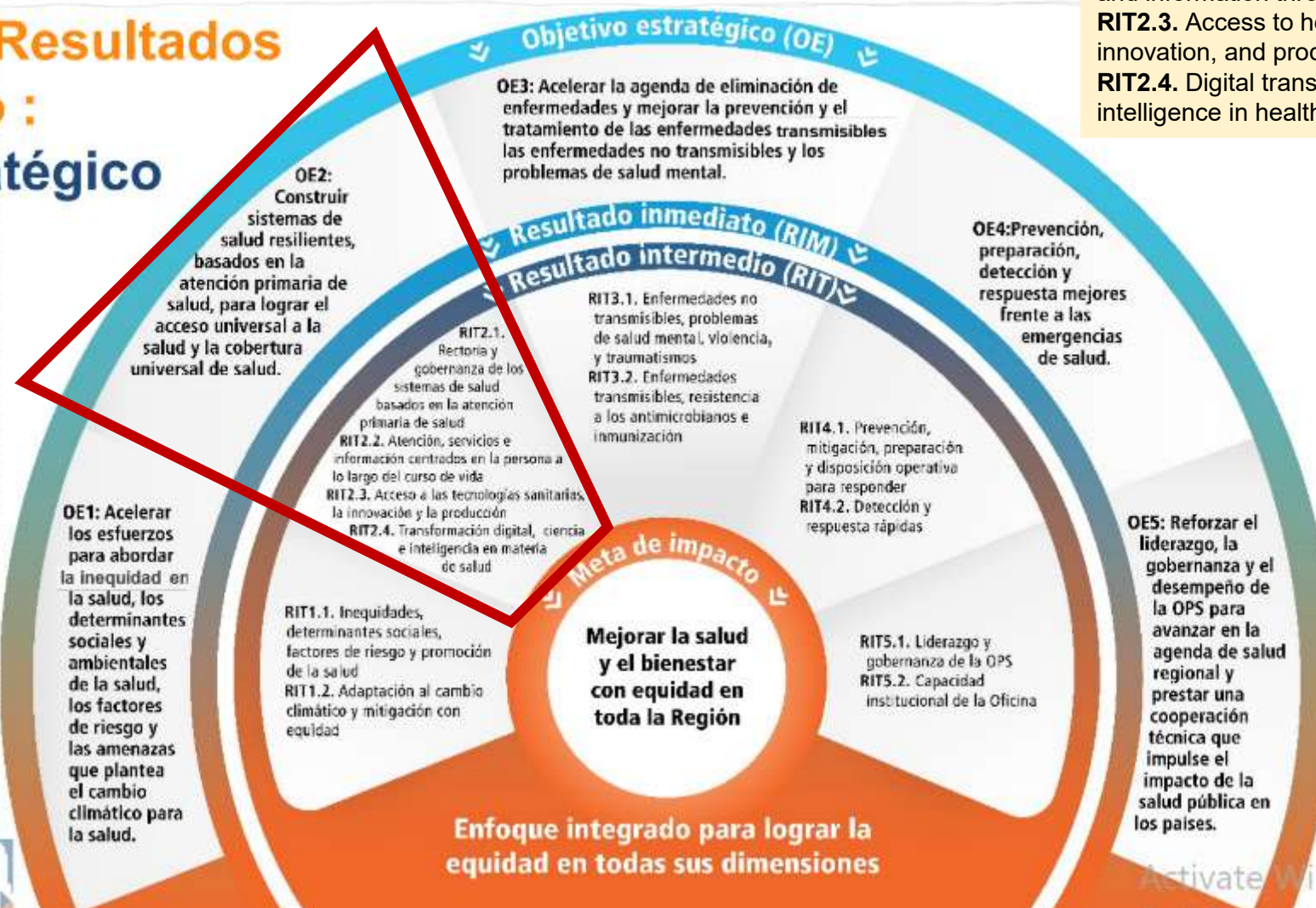
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Goals and Targets

Marco de Resultados Propuesto : Plan Estratégico de la OPS 2026-2031

OE2: Build resilient health systems, based on primary health care, to achieve universal access and universal health coverage.



RIT2.1. Stewardship and governance of health systems based on primary health care.

RIT2.2. People-centered care, services, and information throughout the life course.

RIT2.3. Access to health technologies, innovation, and production.

RIT2.4. Digital transformation, science, and intelligence in health.

Strategy

Integrated Strategies for Universal Health

- Strengthen the institutional governance capacities of health systems through the Essential Public Health Functions strategy with a subnational and national focus.

APS and the territorial/population approach

- Structure services and resources into networks with a territorial focus to respond to local needs. Integrate public health functions into a population-centered framework.
- Focus on territorial coordination and integration with social sectors. Its success depends on strong governance and adequate financing.

Integrated Care throughout the Life Course

- Build capacities that develop, maintain and diminish throughout life (integrality).
- The trajectory is longitudinal and dynamic, not episodic or intermittent.

Geographic Context

Action in country

- **Consultative Tables established** in the Dominican Republic and El Salvador **Active coordination mechanisms** in Panama, Colombia, Honduras, Uruguay, Guyana, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Mexico, **Areas** – Health system integration, integrated PHC plans, access for vulnerable populations, RISS management model, human resources, digital health based on the PHC care model, digital health, etc.
- Communicable and non-communicable, maternal, neonatal, mental health.

Regional Technical Public Goods

- RISS - Assessment of the maturity of integrated health services networks (OPS)
- Policy Brief - Avoidable hospitalizations sensitive to outpatient care (BID)
- Policy Brief – PHC as a fiscal solution – Resource optimization strategies for health systems in LAC (WB)
- The Lancet of the Americas - Commission on Primary Health Care and Resilience in Latin America and the Caribbean (WB, IDB, PAHO).

Strategic dialogues

- PHC as a driver of health and development: demonstrating the efficiency and effectiveness of PHC to government sectors, regional and global partners, and the private sector
- **Events:** G20 Brazil, WB and IMF Spring Meeting, COMISCA, Brazilian Embassy/PAHO Executive Committee, Caribbean: health and financial authorities from 8 countries at the WB.

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Organization



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Americas Region

Current Achievements

Governance and Public Health Functions: Over 20 countries in the Americas have advanced in implementing the renewed Essential Public Health Functions (EPHF) strategy. This has strengthened governance and stewardship, particularly at the subnational level, improving institutional capacities to respond to emergencies and inequities.

Primary Health Care: more than 80% of countries in the Region include PHC as the central strategy in their national health plans.

Maternal Mortality: Despite pandemic setbacks, countries engaged in the Call-to-Action initiative have shown reductions in maternal mortality trends. In several priority countries, maternal deaths decreased by 10–15% between 2021 and 2023, reversing part of the pandemic impact.

Financial Protection and Health Investment: Regional public health spending rose to 4.5% of GDP in 2021, while out-of-pocket spending decreased to 30.1% of current health expenditure — the lowest in two decades.

Opportunities for Collaboration

Governance & Public Health Functions

- Collect, collate, and disseminate information
- Support evidence-based policy and guidance tools

Primary Health Care, Integrated Networks & Maternal Health

- Develop and apply appropriate technologies for PHC and RISS
- Strengthen maternal health interventions and plans (safe pregnancy, delivery, adolescent health)
- Build capacity at national and subnational levels

Research, Training & Workforce Development

- Conduct and evaluate collaborative research with WHO/PAHO
- Promote application of research results in health systems
- Deliver technical and research training to strengthen the workforce

Digital Health, Preparedness & Resilience

- Support digital innovation and data systems for HSS
- Coordinate multi-institutional initiatives
- Provide monitoring, preparedness, and response services for outbreaks and health emergencies

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Thank you!

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