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## **Goals and Targets**

Rectoria y

cobernanza de lo

sistemas de salud

basados en la atención

riformación centrados en la persona a

RIT2.3. Acceso a las tecnologías sanitarias

de salud

orimaria de salud.

lo largo del curso de vida

RIT1.1. Inequidades,

equidad

determinantes sociales,

factores de riesgo y promoción

RIT1.2. Adaptación al cambio

climático y mitigación con

la innovación y la producción

RITZ.2. Atención, servicios e

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.

Construir sistemas de salud resilientes, basados en la atención primaria de salud, para lograr el acceso universal a la salud v la cobertura universal de salud.

**DE1:** Acelerar los esfuerzos para abordar la inequidad en la salud, los determinantes sociales v ambientales de la salud. los factores de riesgo y las amenazas que plantea el cambio climático para la salud.

Objetivo estratégico (OF

OE3: Acelerar la agenda de eliminación de enfermedades y mejorar la prevención y el tratamiento de las enfermedades transmisibles las enfermedades no transmisibles y los problemas de salud mental.

Resultado inmediato (RIM) & Resultado intermedio (RIT)

RIT3.1, Enfermedades no transmisibles, problemas de salud mental, violencia, y traumatismos RIT3.2. Enformedados transmisibles resistencia a los antimicrobianos e inmunización

RIT2.4. Transformación digital, ciencia de impa e inteligencia en materia

> Mejorar la salud y el bienestar con equidad en toda la Región

Enfoque integrado para lograr la equidad en todas sus dimensiones health systems based on primary health care. RIT2.2. People-centered care, services,

RIT2.1. Stewardship and governance of

and information throughout the life course.

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

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

OE4:Prevención, preparación, detección y respuesta mejores frente a las emergencias de salud.

RITA.1. Prevención, mitigación, preparación y disposición operativa para responder RIT4.2. Detección v respuesta rápidas

RITS.1. Liderazgo v.

RIT5.2. Capacidad

gobernanza de la OPS

institucional de la Oficina

liderazgo, la gobernanza y el desempeño de la OPS para avanzar en la agenda de salud regional y prestar una cooperación técnica que impulse el impacto de la salud pública en los paises.

OE5: Reforzar el







## 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 noncommunicable, 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.















### **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





Second Regional Webinar with PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centres

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