Introduction

1. In September 2021, Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) approved the Program Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 2022-2023 (Official Document 363) (1), under the theme Protect, Recover, and Build Stronger, including the budget allocation from the World Health Organization (WHO) for the Regional Office for the Americas (AMRO), which is currently US$ 252.6 million1 for base programs.

2. During the 150th session of the WHO Executive Board in January 2022, Member States considered the proposed revision to the WHO Programme budget 2022–2023 (2). They requested more information and asked for further consultations to be held before the final proposed revision is presented for consideration at the 75th World Health Assembly in May 2022.

3. Given the interconnection between the WHO and PAHO program budgets, the revision of the WHO Programme budget 2022-2023 will likely have an impact on the AMRO portion of the PAHO Program Budget 2022-2023. Therefore, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (the Bureau) considers it important to inform the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration of this ongoing process and to obtain its input, in the spirit of transparency and collaboration with Member States.

Background

4. Given the uncertainty at the time of the development of the WHO Programme budget 2022-2023 (owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the various reviews on

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1 Unless otherwise indicated, all monetary figures in this report are expressed in United States dollars.
pandemic preparedness and response), the WHO Secretariat adopted a two-phased approach to program budget development:

a) Reflect the lessons learned that were already known in the original version of the WHO Programme budget 2022-2023 (3) presented in May 2021; and

b) Analyze the recommendations emanating from the various reviews and submit a proposed revision to the World Health Assembly in May 2022.

5. As part of the WHO Programme budget 2022–2023 approval process, in Resolution WHA74.3 (3), the WHO Secretariat was requested “to submit, as deemed necessary, a revised Programme budget 2022–2023, including its revised appropriation resolution, as appropriate, to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in 2022 to reflect the rapidly changing health situation of the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the light of the findings of the independent reviews presented to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing.”

6. The total budget increase proposed for the biennium 2022–2023 is $484.4 million, which represents a 11% increase on the approved WHO Programme budget 2022-2023, and a 29% increase compared with the WHO Programme budget 2020-2021.

7. Following the WHO Executive Board recommendations in January 2022, additional budget requirements under strategic priorities 1 (“One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage”) and 3 (“One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being”), as well as pillar 4 (“More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries”), are being discussed and will be included in the final draft for consideration at the World Health Assembly in May 2022.

**Implications for the Region of the Americas**

8. So far, the proposed revision includes an increase to the WHO allocation to AMRO of $25.7 million, thereby increasing the allocation to the Region from $252.6 million to $278.3 million (a 28% increase compared with the 2020-2021 biennium allocation).

9. Considering the deliberations and recommendations of the WHO Executive Board, additional revisions are expected.

10. WHO will finalize the revision and, following the decisions of the 75th World Health Assembly, the Bureau will present PAHO Member States with the corresponding revisions to the AMRO portion of the PAHO Program Budget 2022-2023, as necessary.

**Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration**

11. The Subcommittee is invited to take note of the information presented in this document and provide any comments it deems pertinent.
References

