

Polio Transition Planning: Update

**Global Polio Partners Group Meeting
26 June, 2017 – Geneva.**



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Timeline of Key Actions by Member States

- **January 2017 – Executive Board Decision:** Requested the Director-General to develop a report that outlines the **programmatic, financial, and human-resource-related risks resulting from the winding-down of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative**
- **April 2017 – Member States Meeting:** organised to review the Draft Polio Transition Report developed by the Office of the Director-General and provide feedback;
- **May 2017 - 70th World Health Assembly:** Member States discussion on the **WHO Report on Polio Transition Planning;**
- **May 2017 – World Health Assembly Decision:** Requested Director-General to develop a Strategic Action Plan on Polio Transition by end 2017 for consideration by the Executive Board in Jan 2018.

Key Elements of the World Health Assembly Decision on Polio Transition

Requests the Director-General to:

- 1. Develop a Strategic Action Plan by end 2017 that:**
- 2. Clearly Identifies the capacities and assets at the country level required to:**
 - A) Sustain progress in other programmatic areas:**
Disease Surveillance; Immunization; Health Systems Strengthening, Early warning, emergency and outbreak response; national core capacities for implementing the International Health Regulations (2005)
 - B) Maintain a polio-free world after eradication.**



Post – World Health Assembly Planning & Actions

- 1. High-level Oversight:** Briefing for Director-General elect; Concept note shared on structure & costing for a Team within the Office of the Director-General reporting to Senior Leadership; Global Polio Transition Steering Committee Meeting being organised to plan for implementing the World Health Assembly decision;
- 2. Regional & Country Outreach:** plans for a meeting of WHO representatives from 16 transition countries in November, followed by Mission briefing; Advocacy for Polio Transition discussion in WHO Regional Committee Meetings;



Post – WHA Planning & Actions

- 3. Strategic Action Plan Development:** country-specific data collection; grouping of priority countries; data collection on Polio Essential Functions; programmatic risk identification and prioritisation based on impact; mitigation approaches; costing;
- 4. Financing & Programme Budget Development:** Operational planning for 2018-19 WHO Programme Budget; alerting the Programme Area Network to revise budget needs of programmes impacted by polio transition; planning for Polio Transition session during Financing Dialogue; Advance Planning for 2020-2021 Budget;



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- 5. Coordinated HR Planning and Monitoring:** Quarterly dashboard of Polio Human Resources; Impact of Polio budget ramp-down; Indemnity Costs tracking; Developing standardised HR procedures to assist Countries and Regions; Developing Career transition plans and support for staff in countries;
- 6. Communications:** Department of Communications to coordinate and manage all polio transition communications; Establishing a dedicated Polio Transition Planning website within the WHO site; Regular communications for internal and external stakeholders.



THANK YOU