WHO Polio Transition Planning
Outline

- WHA Decision 70(9) – 29 May 2017
- WHO Vision for Polio Transition
- Corporate Management of Polio Transition
- Update on the Strategic Plan of Action
Develop a strategic action plan on polio transition by end 2017 that:

(i) clearly identifies the capacities and assets, especially at country and, where appropriate, community levels, that are required to:

- sustain progress in other programmatic areas, such as: disease surveillance; immunization and health systems strengthening; early warning, emergency and outbreak response, including the strengthening and maintenance of core capacities under the International Health Regulations (2005);

- maintain a polio-free world after eradication;

(ii) provides a detailed costing of these capacities and assets;
WHO Vision for Polio Transition
WHO Vision for Polio Transition Planning

- Transition should align with GPW13 overall mission: promote health, keep the world safe care for the vulnerable
- Differentiated strategic approach – based on country capacity and vulnerability
- Polio transition should:
  - Aim at strengthening country capacity – especially in fragile states
  - Drive progress towards UHC and SDG targets
  - Align with WHO’s Transformation Agenda
Differentiated WHO support
Keep the World Safe; Improve Health; Serve the Vulnerable

Integrate Polio Assets – to fill critical gaps in emergencies & strengthen health systems to achieve UHC

Maintain Polio Essential Functions

Financing for Countries

GPEI Budget Rampdown 2017-19

13th GPW - Vision

2018
Prog. Budget 2018-19

2019

2020
GPEI Closure

Post- Certification

FINANCING

NEEDS
Update on the Strategic Plan of Action
Strategic Action Plan

- As per WHA Decision 70(9), the Strategic Action Plan will focus on:
  - Capacities needed to sustain a polio-free world;
  - Capacities needed to sustain progress in other programme areas that polio funding has been contributing to (Immunization, emergency operations, IHR core capacities strengthening)

- The Paper will also include
  - Preliminary cost estimates;
  - Updates on HR and Budget planning;
  - Framework for an integrated Action Plan with country examples
What is needed to sustain a polio-free world after eradication?

- Maintain essential functions needed to sustain a polio-free world
- Clarify the role of countries and WHO in executing these functions
- Support initiatives aimed at integrating these essential functions into broader health programmes
- Develop detailed costing (pre/post certification); help secure funding “for future owners” (countries, WHE, IVB), who will be responsible for these functions after GPEI sunsets
What is needed to sustain progress in other priority areas?

Ensure alignment of the ongoing processes with the draft GPW goals:

- Support Country Cooperation Strategies – CCS
- Alignment of priorities identified in national polio transition plans with other country processes; supporting bilateral financing
- Strengthening IHR Core Capacities to enable resilient Health Systems
- Support AFRO Functional Reviews to establish effective WHO Country office capacity

Sustaining Capacity for other Programmes
How do we operationalise the planning?

- Align the GPEI budget ramp down with the need to protect key programmatic functions:
  - Operational planning guidance to countries and regions to protect key polio functions (e.g. surveillance)
  - Discussions between WHE and POL on transitioning polio staff at the country-level (prioritize recruitment of polio staff to WHE positions, possibility of cost-sharing)
- Monitoring of terminal indemnities
How do we operationalise the planning?

- Global planning network – discussions on revising 2018/19 budget ceilings to enable other programmes (Immunization, Emergencies) to take over some functions currently funded under polio.
- Ensure polio transition is covered in the 2020/21 budget planning and associated financing requirements for GPW13.
- Bridge Financing from polio; with innovative financing to cover additional needs.