

# WHO Polio Transition Planning



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# Outline

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- **Update on the Strategic Plan of Action**



# WHA 70(9) – Polio Transition Decision (29 May)

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**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;



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# WHO Vision for Polio Transition

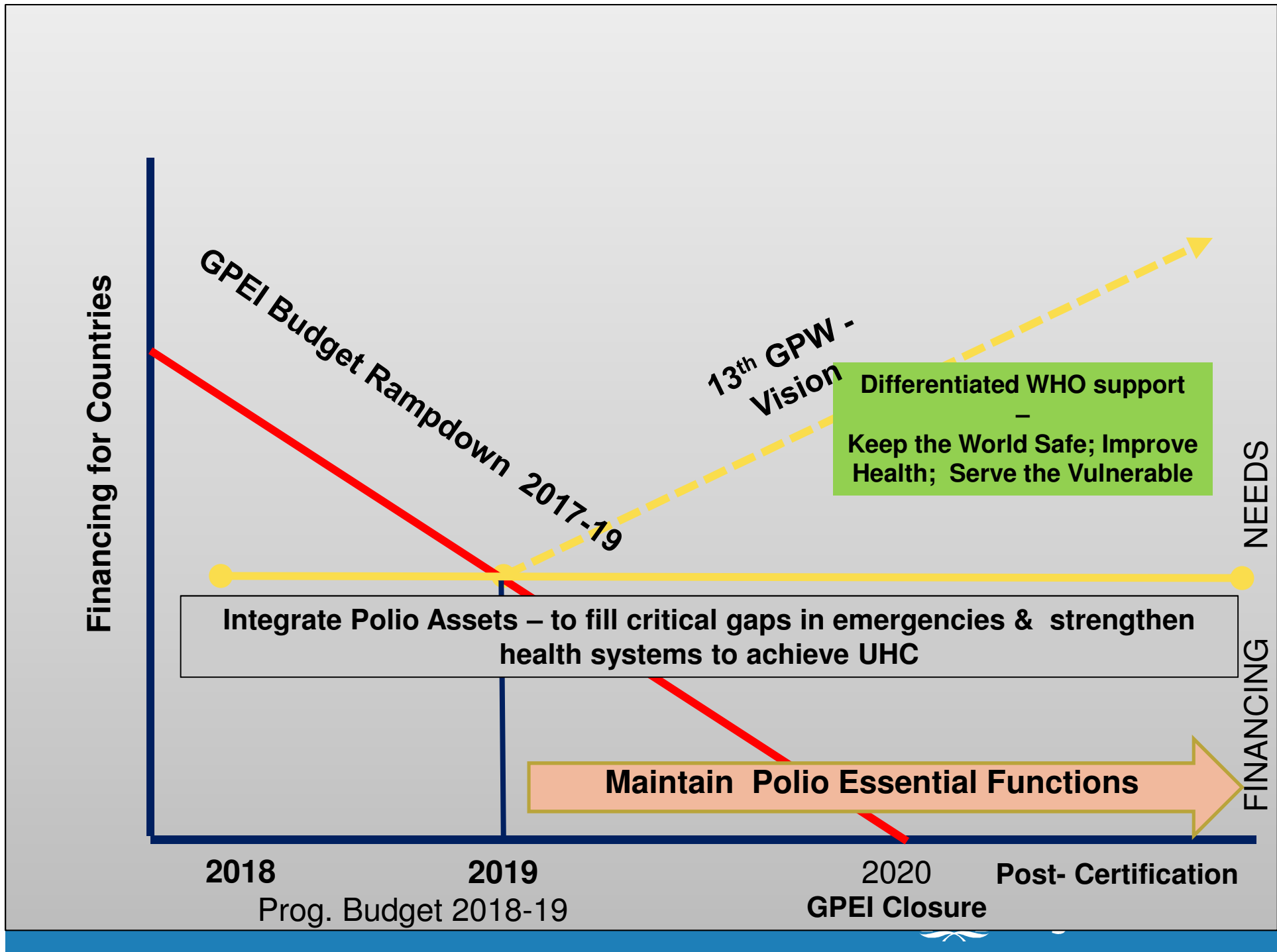


# WHO Vision for Polio Transition Planning

## Vision

- 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**





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# Update on the Strategic Plan of Action



# Strategic Action Plan

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- 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?

## Sustaining a Polio-free world

- 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?

## Sustaining Capacity for other Programmes

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**



# How do we operationalise the planning?

## HR 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



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## Budget & Finance

- 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

