

## 170th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### *RESOLUTION*

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#### **POLICY FOR RECOVERING PROGRESS TOWARD THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH EQUITY THROUGH ACTION ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND INTERSECTORAL WORK**

##### *THE 170th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,*

Having reviewed the proposed Policy for Recovering Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals with Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health and Intersectoral Work (Document CE170/14), which sets out the approach of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and a strategic framework for achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with equity,

#### *RESOLVES:*

To recommend that the 30th Pan American Sanitary Conference adopt a resolution in the following terms:

#### **POLICY FOR RECOVERING PROGRESS TOWARD THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS WITH EQUITY THROUGH ACTION ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND INTERSECTORAL WORK**

##### *THE 30th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,*

Having considered the Policy for Recovering Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals with Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health and Intersectoral Work (Document CSP30/\_\_);

Bearing in mind Member States' commitments to the achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which provides a powerful framework for improving health and equity;

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Recognizing that the Region of the Americas is not on track to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda, including Sustainable Development Goal 3 (“Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”), and that this situation has been aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Considering the urgent need to recover and accelerate progress towards the achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda with an equity focus and to acknowledge that health is a key dimension of social and economic development;

Recognizing the importance of social determinants of health for the achievement of health equity, as has been stressed over the years and has been recently reconfirmed in Resolution WHA74.16 on social determinants of health (2021), which calls on Member States to strengthen their efforts to accelerate progress in addressing the unequal distribution of health resources within and among countries in support of the 2030 Agenda;

Recognizing the cross-cutting nature of this policy and its complementarity with the objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025, the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030, and the Strategy and Plan of Action on Health Promotion within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals 2019-2030 (Document CD57/10 [2019]),

***RESOLVES:***

1. To approve the Policy for Recovering Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals with Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health and Intersectoral Work (Document CSP30/\_\_\_).
2. To urge Member States, in accordance with their national contexts, to adopt the following five strategic lines of action:
  - a) promote intersectoral action to address the indivisible goals of the 2030 Agenda, integrating equity as a cross-cutting value;
  - b) reorient health policies, plans, and programs to overcome barriers to access to health and to achieve health equity and well-being;
  - c) strengthen and facilitate community participation and civil society engagement, through an intercultural approach in order to attain equity and achieve SDG 3;
  - d) strengthen local governance to achieve SDG 3 with equity;
  - e) strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of progress towards the equitable attainment of SDG 3.
3. To request the Director to:
  - a) provide technical support to Member States to strengthen the specific competencies and skills that are needed for effective intersectoral action on social determinants of health;
  - b) provide technical support to Member States to integrate social determinants of

health into the work of health systems and services, and to include an equity focus in the formulation of health policies to overcome barriers to access to health and health services;

- c) provide technical support to Member States to strengthen community participation and civil society engagement, promoting effective mechanisms and tools for meaningful participation, giving a voice to all;
- d) promote the strengthening of local governance and of healthy municipalities/cities networks in the Region, facilitating city-to-city exchanges and supporting urban and rural health action that addresses inequities in order to achieve SDG 3;
- e) strengthen monitoring of SDG 3 indicators through exchange and learning platforms, facilitating the incorporation of timely information from the health sector and other sectors, and provide guidance on the development of systems for the monitoring and evaluation of social determinants of health and equity;
- f) promote collaboration with other international organizations to create synergies in addressing the indivisible goals of the 2030 Agenda with equity, and encourage international financial institutions to provide financing that is adapted and adequate to developing countries, so that no one is left behind;
- g) report to the Governing Bodies of PAHO on the progress made and the challenges faced in the implementation of this regional policy and its adaptation to specific contexts and needs, through a progress report to be presented in 2027 and a final report to be presented in 2031.

*(Sixth meeting, 22 June 2022)*

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