

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAS 2018-2030 (SHAA2030)

METHODOLOGY FOR THE DEFINITION OF TARGETS

Background

At the Countries Working Group (CWG) meeting in Quito, Ecuador, held on March 27-29, 2017, the Technical Secretariat gave a presentation on the "Process for the Development of the SHAA2030 targets", describing the objective, methodology, responsibilities and timetable for their development, according to the following summary (See Annex 1):

- Objective: to facilitate the process of defining, prioritizing and determining the qualitative and quantitative value of the targets of the SHAA2030 goals, their approval by the CWG and their validation by Member States.
- Methodology: definition of the responsibilities of the Secretariat, the CWG, the Member States and the PAHO Governing Bodies.
 - a) Secretariat: proposes the scope of the goals that will guide the definition of targets; ensures coherence and consistency of the targets based on PAHO official documents; identifies targets with regional goals (SDG, PAHO Strategic Plans, and others) to incorporate them into SHAA2030 document; proposes methodology to define the values of the targets and their projection to 2030 when there are no references; and takes into account the national values related to the targets.
 - b) CWG: reviews and agrees on the scope of the proposed goals and targets.
 - c) Member States: officially acknowledges and validates the proposal.
 - d) PAHO Governing Bodies: take note, recommend (Executive Committee) and approve the proposal (Pan American Sanitary Conference).
- Timeline (See Annex 1).

Goals in the new Agenda

It is important to note that the goals in the new Agenda, as the frame of reference for the targets, were defined taking into account:

- Health situation of the Region
- Unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals
- Areas of action of the Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017
- Impact goals and outcomes in the PAHO strategic plans, and the lines of action or commitments established in other frameworks (strategies, plans or declarations) approved or agreed by Member States
- SDG 3 targets and other health-related targets in the 2030 Agenda

It is also important to note that definition of goals took into account:

- Goal scope, which should highlight the programmatic components and key interventions for its achievement
- Selected targets for each goal, which should allow for monitoring and assessment of the progress in the implementation of the Agenda

Targets in the new Agenda

- The use of the term "target":

An understanding of the term "target" was agreed, as a description of outcomes with qualitative and quantitative values that allow for their measurement and comparison (at impact or outcome level in most cases) and that Member States commit to achieve by 2030.

- Criteria used to define targets:

It was agreed to the "triple A" criteria: Adopt, Adapt and Add.

In "Table 3: SHAA2030 Goals, Scopes and Targets", "adopted" targets from the SDGs as well as "adapted" targets (SDG and other policy documents) can be explicitly identified. Similarly, a set of "added" targets can also be identified, derived from previous agreements and existing commitments reached in regional and global forums, and related to the goals and vision of this Agenda.

Definition of targets:

- Both the statement and the language used in the definition of specific targets were developed using official documents from PAHO, WHO, United Nations, International Conferences and global meetings of United Nations agencies.
- The definition of the quantitative and qualitative values for the targets had the following criteria:
 - Regional adjustment of global health-related SDG targets, using projections with existing data, including PAHO's Basic Health Indicators and available information from WHO
 - Identification and utilization of targets quantified by Member States in regional and global forums
 - Lines of action, goals and targets contained in PAHO policy documents, strategy and plans agreed upon by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference, including: PAHO Strategic Plan 2014-2019, Health in all Policies, and the Strategy for universal access to health and universal health coverage, among others
 - In addition, the recommendations of experts and the opinions of the PAHO technical areas were taken into account
 - Reference to technical notes to support the definition of quantitative values in selected targets, as foot notes and links to the [SHAA2030 website](#)

Annex 1

CWG FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, 18-20 JULY 2017

PROCESS FOR TARGET DEVELOPMENT, SHAA 2030

1. Background (CWG Agreements, 2nd Face-to-face meeting, 27-29 March 20017)

Goals	Targets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 goals ▪ Definition of the thematic scope of each goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of the term “target” ▪ Understanding of targets as results with qualitative and quantitative values that allow for their measurement and comparison, and that describe the expected result (at impact or outcome level in the majority of cases) that Member States commit to achieve by 2030 ▪ Projection of quantified targets for 2030 ▪ Importance of the quantified targets to justify the demand for financing and support from governments ▪ Regional adjustment of the global target values ▪ Identification and use of other related goals and targets agreed by Member States in global and regional fora ▪ Identification and use of targets that are quantified and agreed by PAHO in its official documents ▪ Definition of a methodology or the use of existing methodologies within PAHO to assess the SHAA2030 targets when there are no references or when they do not exist.

2. Objective

Facilitate the process of defining, prioritizing and determining the qualitative and quantitative value of the targets of SHAA goals, their approval by the CWG and their validation by Member States.

3. Methodology

Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define the scope of goals that will guide the definition of targets ▪ Ensure coherence and consistency of targets based on official PAHO documents ▪ Identify related targets regional goals (SDG, PAHO Strategic Plans, and others) to incorporate them into SHAA2030 document ▪ Propose a methodology to define the target values and their projection to 2030 when there are no references ▪ Take into account the national values related to the targets (not estimates)
CWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review and agree on the scope of the goals

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review and agree on the proposed targets
Member States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official acknowledgement of the proposal ▪ Validate the proposal
Governing Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take note, provide recommendations (SPBA, EC) and approve the proposal (PASC)

4. Timeline 2017

March 30 – April 14	PAHO Secretariat and technical team review and define the proposal for goal targets
April 17	<p>5th CWG Virtual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CWG review proposal for goal scopes and the proposal for quantified targets
April 24	Proposal sent for Member State consultation
May 22 -31	<p>70th World Health Assembly – Side Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft proposal is presented to Member State delegates and their comments and recommendations are collected
May 26	SHAA2030 sent for its consideration as a provisional item of the Executive Committee
June 26-30	<p>160th Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SHAA2030 draft – provisional agenda item of the Executive Committee. Request is made to take note and provide recommendations.
July 18-20	<p>CWG 3rd Face-to-Face Meeting, Bridgetown, Barbados</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review final draft of SHAA 2030 proposal
August 14	SHAA2030 final draft sent for consideration as provisional agenda item of the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference
September 25-29	<p>29th Pan American Sanitary Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approves SHAA2030 proposal