



Draft strategic action plan on polio transition (WHA71 Agenda Item 11.3)

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National Country Transition Plans: Key Priority for Support



Country Transition Planning Dashboard (May 2018)

Country	Communication initiated	Coordination body established	Mapping of assets	Mapping of priorities	Transition strategy agreed	Transition plan drafted and costed <i>(detailed costing are still being finalized in some countries)</i>	Transition plan finalized and funding agreed
Afghanistan							
Angola	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Bangladesh	Complete	N/A	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Cameroon	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Chad	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
DR Congo	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Ethiopia	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
India - WHO	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Indonesia	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Myanmar	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Nepal	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Nigeria	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process	In process
Pakistan							
Somalia	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process	Not yet started
S. Sudan	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process
Sudan	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In process	Not yet started

The key goal of polio transition is to strengthen country capacities impacted by the scaling down and eventual closure of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

Context for Polio Transition Planning



- GPEI Budget rampdown 2017 – 2019 for polio-free countries in AFRO, EMRO, SEARO
- **HR Risks:** Impact on over 900+ WHO Staff and over 6,000 others working on polio eradication
- **Financing Risks:** Polio Programme Budget (\$1.16 Billion in 2016-17 biennium, 25% of WHO's expenditure; and over 40% in AFRO and EMRO)
- **Programmatic Risks:** Impact on Immunization, Health Emergencies, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Health Systems – programmes that have been benefitting from the polio infrastructure
- **Strengthen country ownership and capacity** – Immunization systems, capacities for IHR implementation, Health Systems;
- Opportunity to increase **domestic financing** to support health systems

Strategic Plan responds to:

Member State Decision - WHA 70(9)

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Develop a strategic action plan on polio transition 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;

Strategic Action Plan: Objectives



- Sustain a polio-free world after eradication
- Strengthening immunization systems, including vaccine preventable diseases surveillance to achieve GVAP goals
- Strengthen emergency preparedness, detection and response capacity in countries to also fully implement IHR

Process of developing the strategic action plan

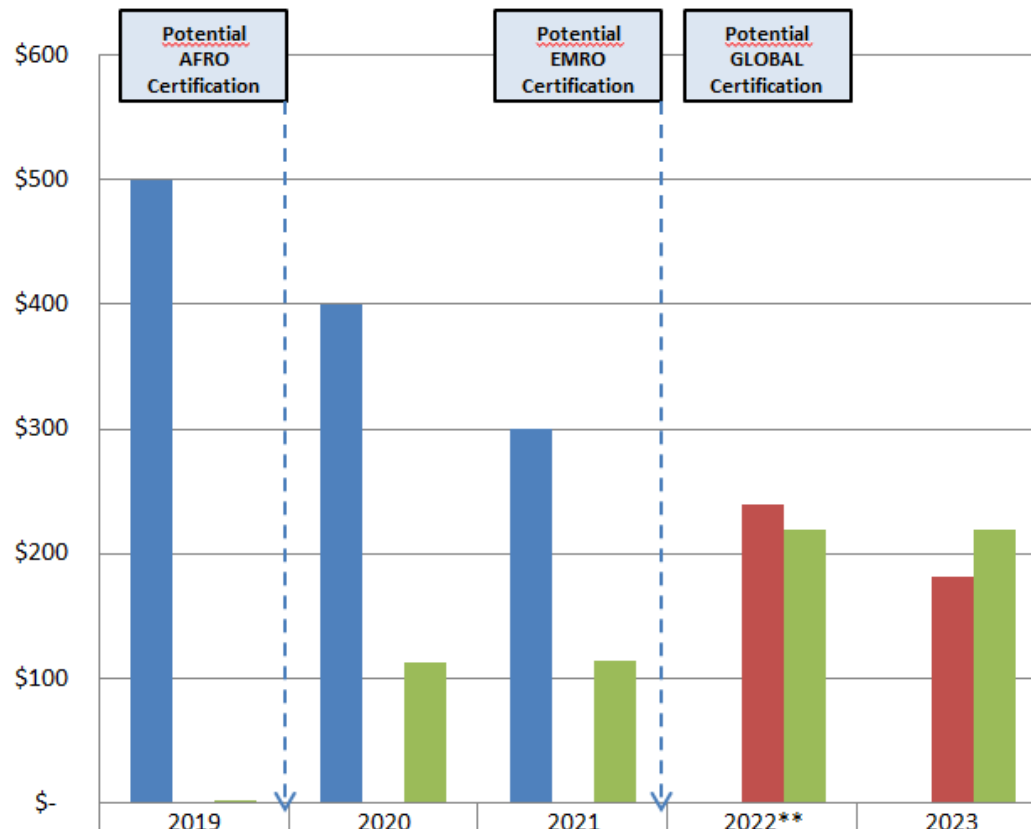


- Close coordination with Country Offices, Regions, and relevant departments in HQ
- Detailed costing of polio essential functions (based on GPEI budget categories) for 64 countries that currently receive GPEI funding
- Key assumption: Certification will be achieved in 2021
- Cost of integrating essential polio functions (2019 – 2023) is \$667 M
- These costs will be moved to the WHO's core budget (2019-2023)
- Development of Roadmap with milestones, M&E framework, Audit

WHO Current Estimated Costs* 2019-2023: Polio Eradication and Polio Transition



US \$ Millions



	2019	2020	2021	2022**	2023
■ Polio Eradication Costs	\$500	\$400	\$300	0	0
■ One-time Pre-cessation bOPV immunization campaigns & vaccine stockpile Costs	0	0	0	\$239	\$181
■ Integration of essential polio functions into base budget to strengthen health systems (Immunization, Health Emergencies, UHC) (Transition)	\$2	\$113	\$114	\$219	\$219

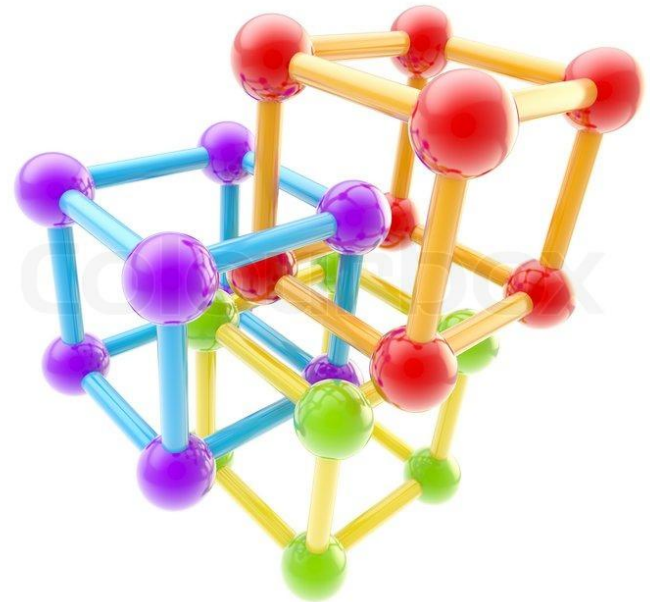
*Estimated Costs are subject to change based on actual date of stopping wild poliovirus transmission and global certification, and associated development of GPEI budgets for 2019 and beyond.

**As polio eradication expenditures will continue until global certification, additional costs are anticipated beyond 2021 for polio eradication. Revised projections for these costs, based on evolving epidemiology, will be available after the GPEI Polio Oversight Board meets in September 2018.

Potential Impact: *What will \$667 million buy?*

- Impact in 19 priority countries and 50+ other countries in AFRO, EMRO, SEARO, EURO.
- Support Integrated VPD surveillance to cover approx. 790 million children under 15 years;
- Contribute to increased immunization rates for 294 million children under 5 years of age, and GVAP goals;
- Sustain and expand the scope of 20 Laboratories, many of them serve multiple countries, and other disease programmes;
- Re-purposing / Mainstreaming 700+ WHO Staff, and non-staff to support Immunization systems, emergencies and IHR core capacities in countries with weak health systems

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Risks and uncertainties



- **Date of Polio Eradication and Global Certification**
- **GPEI funding post 2019 – Endemic countries, Other high-risk countries**
- **Transition Countries – domestic funding and absorption of capacities**
- **Financing of WHO's GPW13**
- **Implementation of Polio Post Certification Strategy (PCS) (e.g. governance and financing options)**
- **WHO Transformation Agenda and new Operating Model**
- **HR: Staff Retention - 2019; Liabilities after March 2019**



Thank you