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ABBREVIATIONS

In text

ARV	antiretroviral
BMGF	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
CCHS	Catholic Church Health Services (Papua New Guinea)
CSO	civil society organization
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
DHIS	District Health Information Software
DOTS	directly observed treatment, short-course
DR-TB	drug-resistant tuberculosis
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
GDP	gross domestic product
Global Fund	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GNI	gross national income
MDTF	Multi-Donor Trust Fund
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
NCD	noncommunicable disease
NGO	nongovernmental organization
OOP	out-of-pocket (payment)
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (United States of America)
PFM	public financial management
PhilHealth	Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
STI	sexually transmitted infection
TB	tuberculosis
UHC	universal health coverage
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
WHO	World Health Organization

In figures: countries and areas

ASM	American Samoa (United States of America)
AUS	Australia
BRN	Brunei Darussalam
KHM	Cambodia
CHN	China
COK	Cook Islands
FJI	Fiji
PYF	French Polynesia (France)
GUM	Guam (United States of America)
HOK	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (China)
JPN	Japan
KIR	Kiribati
LAO	Lao People's Democratic Republic
MAC	Macao Special Administrative Region (China)
MYS	Malaysia
MHL	Marshall Islands
FSM	Micronesia, Federated States of
MNG	Mongolia
NRU	Nauru
NCL	New Caledonia (France)
NZL	New Zealand
NIU	Niue
MNP	Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of the (United States of America)
PLW	Palau
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PHL	Philippines
PCN	Pitcairn Islands (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
KOR	Republic of Korea
WSM	Samoa
SGP	Singapore
SLB	Solomon Islands
TKL	Tokelau (New Zealand)
TON	Tonga
TUV	Tuvalu
VUT	Vanuatu
VNM	Viet Nam
SLK	Wallis and Futuna (France)

FOREWORD

Over the past few decades, much progress has been made in the Western Pacific Region in reducing the burden of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis (TB), malaria and HIV/AIDS. TB prevalence has decreased more than half and TB deaths by over 73% since 1990. The HIV/AIDS burden has lowered as antiretroviral therapy coverage has increased in the Region. Nine out of 10 malaria-endemic countries achieved their Millennium Development Goal malaria targets. Millions of deaths and disabilities have been prevented through immunizations. This success against communicable diseases has accelerated progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) in countries.

While working to sustain and improve upon these achievements, countries in the Region face a long and evolving list of challenges. Noncommunicable disease rates continue to rise, accounting for nearly 80% of preventable deaths. The Region is an epicentre for outbreaks and health emergencies, with an average of 200 health security threats each year. Demand for high-quality health services continues to grow, as reductions in external funding for health take hold in many countries.

To meet these challenges, countries must look to sustainable financing mechanisms to strengthen health systems towards UHC. This whole-of-system approach is detailed in the *Regional Framework for Action on Transitioning to Integrated Financing of Priority Public Health Services in the Western Pacific*. The Framework provides guidance to help secure essential public health functions that can ensure the sustainability and resilience of health systems. The Framework spells out actions for countries to transition smoothly to sustainable financing for priority public health services. The guidance will assist countries facing external funding cuts that need to strengthen domestic or integrated financing. At the same time, the Framework addresses the needs of countries undergoing service delivery and budgeting reforms to advance UHC and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

WHO developed the Framework at the request of Member States, based on their expe-

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