



## **Global vaccine action plan**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

1. The attached document EB136/25 was considered and noted by the Executive Board at its 136th session.<sup>1</sup>

#### **ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

2. The Health Assembly is invited to note the report.

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<sup>1</sup> See summary records of the 136th session of the Executive Board, second meeting.



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1. In May 2012, the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly endorsed the global vaccine action plan<sup>1</sup> and requested the Director-General to monitor progress and report annually, through the Executive Board, to the Health Assembly, until the Seventy-first World Health Assembly, on progress towards achievement of global immunization targets, as a substantive agenda item, using the proposed accountability framework to guide discussions and future actions.<sup>2</sup>
2. In May 2013, the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly noted the report by the Secretariat,<sup>3</sup> including the proposed framework for monitoring and evaluation and accountability, as well as the process for reviewing and reporting progress under the independent oversight of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization.<sup>4</sup>
3. In accordance with the monitoring, evaluation and accountability process,<sup>5</sup> the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization reviewed progress against each of the indicators for the goals and strategic objectives of the global vaccine action plan, based on data from 2013, and prepared the 2014 Assessment Report of the Global Vaccine Action Plan.<sup>6</sup>
4. A summary of the 2014 Assessment Report by the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization is included in the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> The global vaccine action plan can be found at: [http://www.who.int/immunization/global\\_vaccine\\_action\\_plan/en/](http://www.who.int/immunization/global_vaccine_action_plan/en/) (accessed on 19 November 2014).

<sup>2</sup> Resolution WHA65.17.

<sup>3</sup> Document A66/19.

<sup>4</sup> See document WHA66/2013/REC/3, summary record of the tenth meeting of Committee A, section 2.

<sup>5</sup> See document A66/19, paragraphs 16 and 17.

<sup>6</sup> The 2014 Assessment Report of the Global Vaccine Action Plan is posted at: [http://www.who.int/immunization/global\\_vaccine\\_action\\_plan/sage\\_assessment\\_reports/en/](http://www.who.int/immunization/global_vaccine_action_plan/sage_assessment_reports/en/) (accessed on 24 November 2014).

## **ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

5. The Executive Board is invited to take note of the report and to consider the recommendations for actions to be taken by the various stakeholders of the global vaccine action plan, in particular by Member States.

## ANNEX

**A SUMMARY OF THE 2014 ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE GLOBAL  
VACCINE ACTION PLAN BY THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP  
OF EXPERTS ON IMMUNIZATION**

1. The Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) has two great ambitions, to make 2011–2020 the Decade of Vaccines:

- To deliver vaccination to all – and through this: to end inequity in vaccination, eradicate polio globally, eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus globally, and eliminate (guided by regional targets) measles and rubella.
- To unleash vaccines' vast future potential – because their impressive history is nothing in comparison to what they could yet achieve.

2. The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization noted that there has been success in introducing new vaccines, and positive achievements in numerous countries in several areas, including the establishment and strengthening of National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups. However, progress is far off-track. Five of the six goals set by the GVAP with deadlines at the end of 2014 or 2015 still require substantial progress to get the goals on track (poliovirus transmission interruption, maternal and neonatal tetanus, measles and rubella elimination, and DTP3 coverage targets). Indeed, most have seen very little progress. Some have been missed multiple times before.

3. To get the Action Plan back on track, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization recommends that action focus particularly on addressing five priority problems. Each problem is major, but each can be tackled, with a reasonable expectation that doing so will improve progress considerably. Each problem is detailed in the full 2014 Assessment Report of the Global Vaccine Action Plan<sup>1</sup> of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization, and is summarized below.

**Weak GVAP implementation**

4. Three years after its start date, implementation of the GVAP is patchy and slow. All countries and organizations that have committed to this endeavour should re-examine the level and nature of

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