Joint evaluability assessment of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All

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The overall objective of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All is to enhance collaboration among 12 global organizations engaged in health, development and humanitarian responses to accelerate country progress on the health-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals.
The joint evaluability assessment sought to determine, as systematically and objectively as possible, the present state of evaluability of the Global Action Plan partnership and to foster early learning among the signatory agencies and thus help to improve coordination, collaboration and overall management towards results.
EVALUATIVE QUESTIONS

To what extent does the Global Action Plan partnership have in place:

1. the **strategic elements** to manage effectively towards the achievement of results in the years ahead and to maximize the likelihood that the partnership will succeed in achieving its objectives?; and

2. the **technical elements** to credibly monitor its progress and demonstrate such results in future evaluations?
## KEY FEATURES

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<td><strong>Time frame</strong></td>
<td><strong>Rapid</strong>: Three months</td>
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<td><strong>Footprint</strong></td>
<td><strong>Light</strong>: Mainly desk review and limited number of interviews</td>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td><strong>Inexpensive</strong>: $60,000</td>
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<td><strong>Timing</strong></td>
<td><strong>Early</strong>: Design or very early implementation</td>
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<td><strong>Evaluation management</strong></td>
<td><strong>Joint</strong>: 12 evaluation offices</td>
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<td><strong>Short-term aim</strong></td>
<td><strong>Utilization-focused</strong>: Fix issues and gaps <em>before</em> they become entrenched problems <em>later on</em></td>
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<td><strong>Ultimate aim</strong></td>
<td><strong>Results-focused</strong>: Help signatories address critical gaps to improve partnership so that it succeeds in contributing to the health-related SDGs</td>
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POSITIVE BY-PRODUCT

Strengthened evaluation partnership among 12 disparate entities, many of which had never worked together previously, thus laying the foundation for further Sustainable Development Goal-related work.
RESULTS

Overarching: While recognizing the early stage of the joint evaluability assessment in the partnership and the complexity of the partnership, many of the elements assessed were found to be absent, or they were present but required significant strengthening if the Global Action Plan is to maximize the likelihood of the partnership’s success.
The joint evaluability assessment found:

1. A lack of shared clarity on how the Global Action Plan should operate at country level.

2. A lack of a clearly articulated strategy or theory of change on how it can enable acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. A need for stronger accountability to deliver on priorities, and greater clarity on what is expected from partners.
The joint evaluability assessment found:

4. Weaknesses in ensuring adequate human resources and capacity allocated to Global Action Plan activities within agencies.

5. Differing effectiveness of the accelerator groups and overlaps in their scope.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Jointly review and revisit the purpose and shared objectives of the Global Action Plan to clarify how the plan is intended to operate and add value to what is already in place.

2. Based on recommendation 1, articulate a clear and detailed theory of change corresponding to the agreed way forward.
RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Make the Global Action Plan more concrete and accountable, e.g., by
   o Mapping agreed activities of partners
   o Consistently involving senior leaders across all 12 agencies and follow through into workplans and staff time allocations.

4. Review overall resourcing alongside decisions on scope, role and priorities to better balance resources with priorities for work.
RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Revisit linkages among the accelerator groups to help them to support each other, while clarifying what is realistically expected from each group.

6. Map out steps to the 2023 evaluation and ensure they are well understood.
Thank you.