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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

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REACHING THE UNREACHED

The Regional Committee,

Affirming that reaching the unreached is of fundamental importance to achieving health for all people, in line with Sustainable Development Goals and the vision for WHO's work with Member States and partners to improve health in the Western Pacific presented in *For the Future:*Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region;

Appreciating that Member States have made good progress on many health targets and in reaching unreached populations, although some gains were reversed during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Building on innovations and new ways of working that were rapidly put into effect to address health challenges, including reaching the unreached, during the pandemic;

Stressing that, despite this progress, too many people remain unreached with limited or no access to good-quality health services and poorer-than-expected health outcomes, a situation exacerbated by the pandemic;

Recognizing that investment is necessary to transform health systems so that they are comprehensive, people-centred, integrated and built on primary health care, to reach everyone

everywhere in order to achieve the highest attainable standard of health and contribute to sustainable development,

1. ENDORSES the Regional Framework for Reaching the Unreached in the Western Pacific (2022–2030);

2. URGES Member States:

- (1) to use the Regional Framework to guide strategies and actions to reach the unreached at all levels within health systems;
- (2) to foster high-level commitment and intersectoral collaboration among government agencies and with unreached communities to ensure that health systems reach everyone everywhere;
- (3) to ensure adequate resources for the development of health systems, focused on primary health care, that reach the unreached;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (1) to provide technical support for Member States to develop strategies and actions to reach the unreached at all levels within health systems;
- (2) to facilitate dialogue and the exchange of knowledge, experiences, lessons and innovations among Member States;
- (3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the *Regional Framework for Reaching the Unreached in the Western Pacific* (2022–2030).

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