

REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE



Stronger
collaboration,
better health



RHA Second Annual Meeting, 2021

WORKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTH RELATED SDGs: A PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS ACHIEVING HEALTH FOR ALL, BY ALL.

What is the RHA?

The “Regional Health Alliance” (RHA) is a United Nations (UN) regional collaborative platform that brings together 17 multilateral health, development, and humanitarian agencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR).

As part of the "ONE UN" effort to accelerate the progress on health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the RHA goal is to provide streamlined support to countries addressing their needs and ensuring no one is left behind among the agencies that play a significant role in health.

WHO, as the RHA Secretariat, coordinates the joint work and ensures that actions complement and are aligned to the global and regional health agenda and priorities.

The RHA commitments

The RHA translates the “Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being” (GAP) commitments into action in the EMR based on the regional contexts and priorities. GAP is a set of global commitments by 13 major multilaterals in health to improve **engagement** with countries; **accelerate** progress through joint actions; **align** efforts to more harmonized approaches; and strengthen shared **accountability**.

RHA Key Features

- ▶▶▶ Applying a whole-of-government approach and innovative population-level interventions to meet the targets of health-related SDGs;
- ▶▶▶ Leveraging regional efforts to support country needs and reinforcing the efforts of UN Country Teams within the UN Sustainable Development Country Framework;
- ▶▶▶ Scaling up collective actions to build and strengthen strategic partnerships towards effective impacts in public health;
- ▶▶▶ Expanding region-based knowledge and data sharing among countries.

ENGAGE

with countries better to identify priorities, plan and implement together.

ACCELERATE

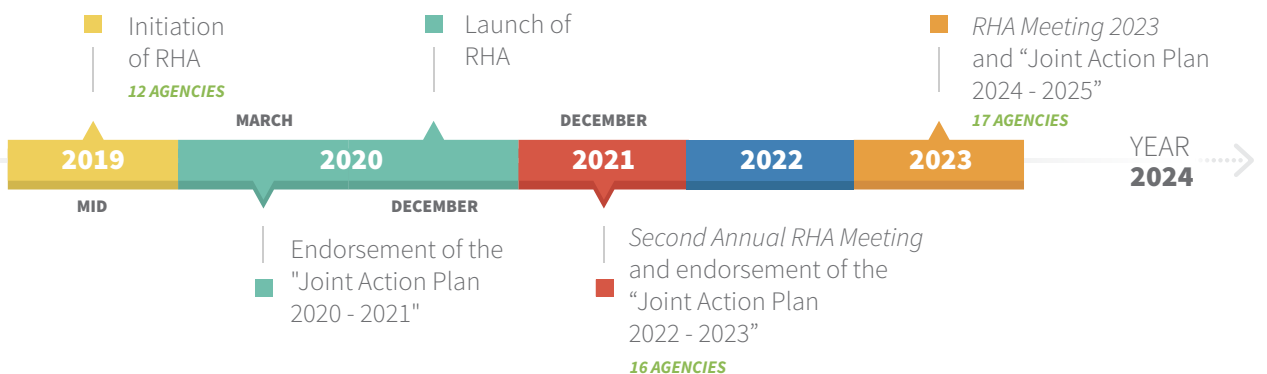
progress in countries through joint actions under seven programmatic themes, as well as on gender equality and the delivery of global public goods.

ACCOUNT

by reviewing progress and learning together to enhance shared accountability.

ALIGN

in support of countries by harmonizing operational and financial strategies, policies and approaches.



Linkages to other initiatives

The RHA activities and deliverables respond to the call of the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina Mohammed, Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, for more country-focus support that strengthens alignment to national operational and financial strategies, policies and approaches.

The RHA also links with the Arab States UN Regional Collaborative Platform through the Issue-based Coalition on Inclusive Social Services and which WHO is a co-convener with UNESCO.



Ms. Amina Mohammed

Deputy UN Secretary General, Chair of United Nations Sustainable Development Group

RHA Joint Action Plan

The RHA works through a biannual Joint Action Plan which outlines the key actions and deliverables across 7 accelerator themes plus gender equality. The Coordination Team coordinates the work of the Accelerator Working Groups (AWG) and a gender advisory group, where the agencies participate based on their mandates, oversee its implementation.



How to become a member

- RHA Secretariat receives a "Letter of Interest" from the agency's Regional Director.
- The request is presented as an agenda item in the regular RHA Coordination Team meeting.
- The RHA Coordination Team is given 5 working days to provide feedback and consent to join.
- The RHA Secretariat reviews feedback before formally welcoming the agency as an RHA member.
- Membership of the of the RHA is limited to UN multilateral agencies. Other organizations may participate in AWG meetings and joint work, if agreeable with its members.



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