

BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND  
DIE BUNDESKANZLERIN



  
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
The Prime Minister

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Dear Dr. Tedros,

We as members of the United Nations have adopted in September 2015 the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 SDGs. Being closely interrelated with other SDGs such as equality, clean air, nutrition, liveable cities education and ending poverty, the goals and targets enshrined in SDG 3 aim at ensuring a healthy life for everybody throughout the lifecycle. We are, as many other leaders, fully committed to do our utmost to reach these noble goals.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, we are already two years into the period of implementation. Global health is benefiting from strong investments by many dedicated state and non-state actors. Many organisations in the global health sector are already taking the right direction by setting up their operations and strategic plans along the lines of SDG 3 commitments and indicators.

However, more needs to be done to achieve our shared goals and we believe it is necessary that all relevant actors rally fully behind the SDG 3 and related targets. We believe that all efforts should be developed further into *one* joint "Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All". Such action plan should include concrete milestones on the road to 2030 while reflecting the interdependency with other SDGs. It would, thus, create an added value for governments as well as global actors to regularly monitor the progress achieved, and to identify necessary adjustments for full implementation of SDG 3 by 2030. As we believe that increasing domestic resources and efficient service delivery will be critical for faster progress towards the SDGs, the Global Action Plan could also serve as a sound basis to mobilize those resources.

As a first step, global actors such as WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNODC, UNDP, the World Bank, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization, the Global Financing Facility and other relevant organisations could be brought together to streamline their efforts. We would like to propose that WHO, as the leading global health institution, guides – together with the heads of the other relevant organisations – the elaboration of such a plan to be presented by October 2018 at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Health Summit in Berlin. It could then serve as a nucleus for WHO member states to discuss and support this important vision by complementing it with their own initiatives.

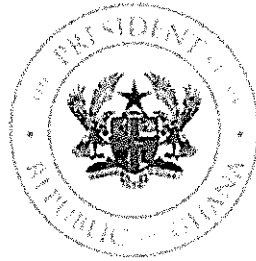
We on our side stand ready to support you in any way we can in this important endeavour.

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