Sustainable Development Goal 3 Global Action Plan
Joint Evaluation Assessment
Call for Expressions of Interest
14 February 2020

Background
The Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All was conceptualized in 2018 with the objective of enhancing collaboration and thus accelerating country progress on the health-related SDG targets. In 2019 the Global Action Plan (GAP) was agreed by 12 global organizations engaged in health, development and humanitarian response that are working to advance the SDG 3 targets as well as other health-related targets in the 2030 Agenda. The GAP is intended as an opportunity to more effectively leverage the 12 agencies’ individual mandates, comparative advantages and capacity for enhanced collective results.

A coalition of evaluation offices representing most of the signatory agencies is undertaking a joint evaluability assessment of the SDG GAP partnership. This assessment will examine evaluability broadly – that is, not just the technical elements that need to be in place surrounding programme logic and measurement, but rather also the key strategic elements that should be in place in the partnership in order to maximize the likelihood that the GAP will be successful in supporting achievement of the SDGs.

More information on the SDG GAP is located [here](#). Terms of reference for the assignment are attached.

Objectives and Purpose
Within the broad definition of evaluability indicated above, the exercise will be framed around the overarching question, *To what extent does the GAP partnership have the key strategic and technical elements in place to manage effectively toward results in the years ahead, and to credibly demonstrate such results in future evaluations?*

The objective of the evaluability assessment will thus be to determine, as systematically and objectively as possible, the present state of evaluability of the SDG GAP and to suggest concrete ways to improve its evaluability moving forward. The main purpose of the evaluability assessment will be to foster early learning among the signatory agencies, and thus help improve coordination, collaboration and overall management toward results in the partnership moving forward.

Deliverables and Timeline
Key deliverables will include the following:

- **A short (5-7-page) inception note**, outlining: the specific documents to be reviewed and specific interviewees to be consulted, subquestions to operationalize each of the overarching evaluability questions indicated in the TOR; any data collection instruments to be used in the assessment; and a specific timeline indicating interim milestones;

- **A PowerPoint presentation**, to be presented to the Steering Group (May) and subsequently to other key stakeholders;
- **A draft report (15-20 pages)** reflecting a thorough review of the available evidence, presented in a clear, credible manner and complemented by graphical elements that convey key messages in a compelling, accessible manner; and

- **A final report** incorporating feedback received from the Steering Group and the GAP membership more broadly.

The project will take place on an accelerated timeline, commencing at the beginning of March and ending with a final report in May 2020. After a brief inception phase in early to mid-March, data collection (which will rely on a desk review of key documents and interviews with key stakeholders representing the SDG GAP signatory agencies) will take place from mid-March to early April. The draft report will be due to the Steering Group in late April and must be finalized by mid-May.

**Consultant Profile**

The Steering Group is seeking 1-2 consultants whose collective experience, knowledge and skills fit the following profile:

- Postgraduate qualifications in a subject area related to the focus of this exercise;
- At least 10 years of relevant experience designing and conducting complex reviews, assessments and evaluations, including institutional evaluations of organizations' overall strategic positioning and strategic direction;
- Excellent communication, facilitation and drafting skills in English (oral and written);
- Expertise in the use of infographics and other visual elements to convey key issues in compelling, user-friendly ways;
- Demonstrated track record delivering high-quality written reports under tight timelines;
- Experience conducting evaluability assessments in the broadly scoped manner described above;
- Strong familiarity (through evaluative work or otherwise) with as many of the signatory agencies as possible;
- Demonstrated experience undertaking evaluative assessments of partnerships; and
- Experience with SDG-related evaluative work (desirable).

Daily fees for this assignment are dictated by a pre-determined band range established by WHO. The specific rate offered will be calculated based on the level of experience of the selected candidate(s).

**Other**

This exercise is supervised by a Steering Group comprised of evaluation representatives of the 12 GAP signatory agencies. The WHO Evaluation Office, as lead agency, will supervise, support and guide the selected consultant(s) in close consultation with, and on behalf of, the Steering Group membership. The consulting team will report to the Chief Evaluation Officer / Coordinator of the WHO Evaluation Office, on behalf of the Steering Group, in the day-to-day conduct of its work.

**How to apply**

Interested candidates should submit an expression of interest to evaluation@who.int by end of day Friday, 21 February 2020. Please specify “Expression of Interest – SDG GAP Joint Evaluability Assessment” in the email subject line.
The expression of interest should include:

- A cover letter or cover email;
- Recent CVs for all team members proposed;
- Examples of recent, relevant engagements (up to 5); and
- An indication of availability from early March to end May 2020.

Short-listed candidates may be invited to a short telephone or Skype interview with a subset of Steering Group members as part of the final selection process.