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Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives

A Global Initiative to strengthen Health Systems

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**World Health
Organization**

“The starting point must be that every country should ideally be able or be enabled to put in place its own health system, designed to ensure maximum resilience. Building robust health systems is a key task”

Chancellor Merkel, WHA, Geneva, 18th May 2015

“Properly managed and adequately financed, a fair and equitable health system contributes to social cohesion and stability. A world that is greatly out of balance in matters of health is neither stable nor secure”

Margaret Chan, Interview, April/May 2011



New emphasis on health systems

Lessons learned MDGs: Shift from silo-structure and disease specific programmes towards HSS

Lessons learned from the Ebola crisis: HLP on Global Response to Health Crises

Chancellor Merkel's 6-Point Plan for for crisis management

**Healthy Systems
Healthy Lives**

German G7 presidency 2015: Provide support for strengthening health care systems and the implementation of the IHR in 60 countries

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

SDG 3.8: "Achieve UHC, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all."

Our vision for a healthy future

Ensure that every dollar invested for health is also a dollar that helps strengthening health systems



- **What is needed for that?** – Joint understanding & set of concrete recommendations and actions (“action plan”)
- **Who can take part?** – All relevant stakeholders: Global Health Agencies, bilateral donor agencies, partner countries, CSOs
- **Why is this important?** – To improve the manner in which Global Health Agencies support partner countries in HSS & contributing towards the achievement of the health-related SDGs, the realization of UHC and health security
- **What has to be considered?** – Report of HLP on the Global Response to Health Crises; existing initiatives and partnerships; analysis of existing experience

What will be the result?

- An action plan to be endorsed by the relevant stakeholders by May 2016.
- Action plan will include joint understanding of UHC, HSS and resilience, concrete recommendations for priority actions and steps for implementation
- Overall impact: improved support to HSS by all participating stakeholders & contributing to the implementation of SDG 3, especially SDG 3.8 on achieving UHC.



What's new?

No additional structures but bringing together the experience of existing interagencies` initiatives relevant for HSS



Re-thinking of current HSS and UHC concepts and aspects of health security/resilience:

„HSS is what we do. UHC, resilience, and health security are what we want, not just now, but with the ability to withstand shocks and adapt to changing circumstances over time“



Bringing good principles into practice and re-focus on the interlinkages: It is not about piling bricks, but about the mortar

Different countries need a context-specific approach: Fragile States, Transition and MIC



What has happened so far

Sept. 2015
UN Summit

- The initiative “Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives” was launched by the German Chancellor and the WHO Director General at a high level side event



Sept. 2015 Global
Health Agency
Leaders Meeting

- The initiative was presented to and welcomed by the Global Health Agency Leaders at their meeting on 26 Sept 2015
- Germany and WHO invited the Global Health Leaders to provide their input and feedback on the initiative in order to develop a joint action plan

Nov. 2015 Internal
Retreat at WHO

- WHO Assistant Director General and other Directors discussed together with representatives of Germany and Japan the concepts of UHC, HSS, Resilience and Health security
- Linkages and synergies of the initiative „Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives“ with the Japanese plans for a health initiative in the context of the Japanese G7 presidency 2016

Way forward 2015/ 2016

Several informal technical & strategic consultations are taking place on the margins of official events for developing a joint action plan together with interested stakeholders

18th Nov 15
IHP+ Steering
Committee
Meeting/
1st Technical
Consultation



16th Dec 15
UHC
Conference in
Tokyo/ 1st
strategic
consultation



**Jan – March
2016**
further
technical
consultations



**2016 and
beyond**
Phase for
implementati
on



May 16
action plan to
be endorsed



Apr 16
Global Health
Agency
Leaders
Meeting

Way forward 2015/ 2016



Way forward 2015/ 2016

Today

18th Nov 15
IHP+ Steering
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Consultation

Aim for the 18th Nov:

- Inform interested stakeholders about the progress so far and request their strategic guidance
- Provide interested stakeholders with an opportunity to give input into the process and feedback
- Outline together the next steps

Launch of the website „Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives“

- Information about the political background and progress of the global Initiative
- Recent events and upcoming events
- Papers and documents

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'Healthy Systems - Healthy Lives' Initiative

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Organization

Official kick-off of 'Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives'

▶ Launch of the initiative at the UN Summit

Pause

What's on

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The 'Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives' Initiative

Seeking a common ground on health systems

After its launch at the UN summit in New York, stakeholders of the

Official kick-off of 'Healthy Systems – Healthy Lives'

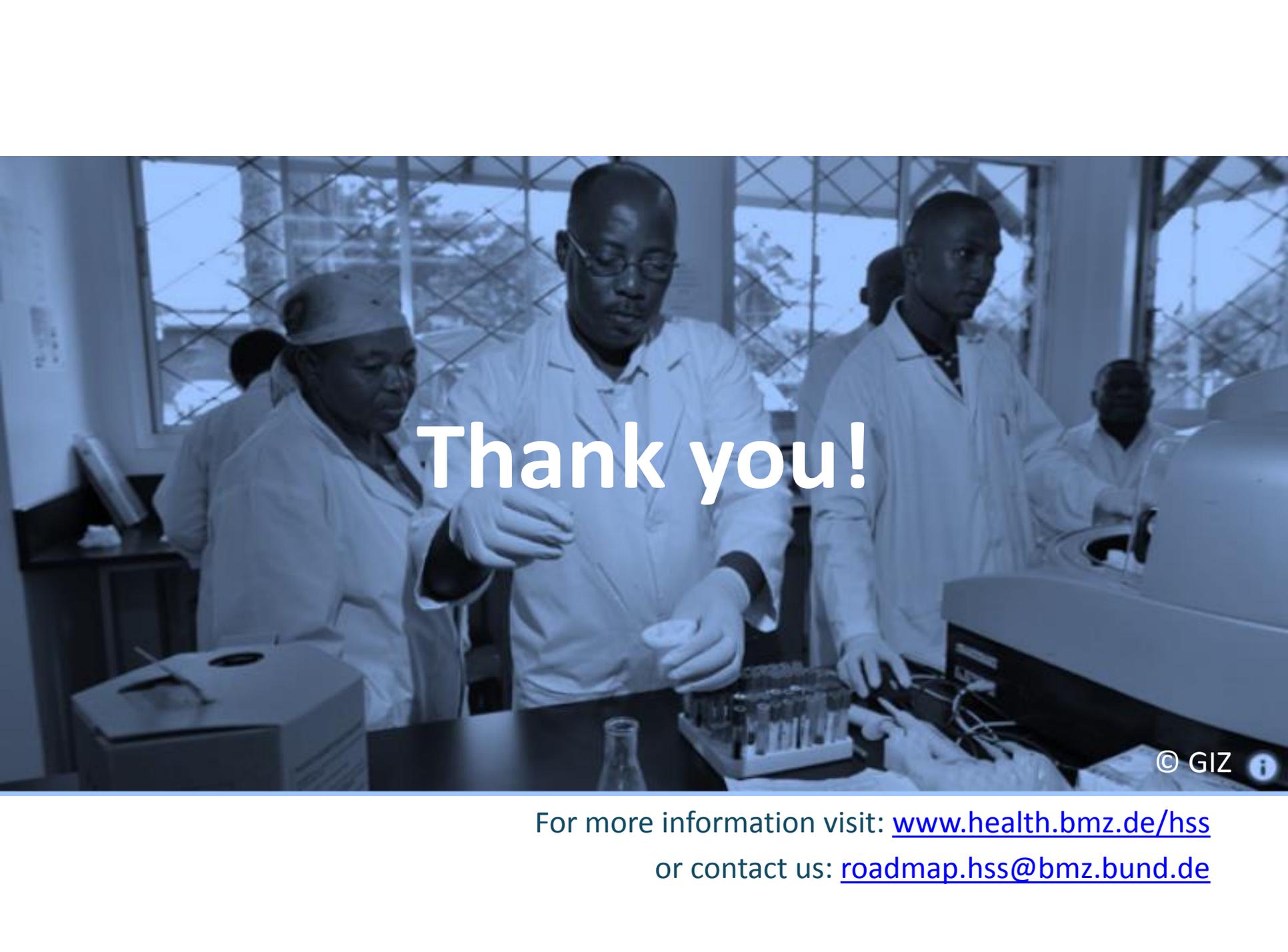
During a high-level side event of the UN Summit on the 2030 Agenda, Ger-

The Millennium Development Goals have led to significant improvements on specific global health issues like HIV and malaria. Not least through the Ebola crisis in West Africa we have learned that an integrated approach and cross-cutting investments are needed to build resilient and sustainable health systems.

Leading questions

- How to bring existing principles for effective development cooperation and Seven behaviours of IHP+ really into practice?
- What hinders, what supports improvements towards the achievement of HSS and UHC at international and at country level?
- What are good practice examples for HSS? (key words: government leadership; good financial governance; domestic resources; WHO building blocks)
- What do countries have to change at national level to improve the coherence in the field of health?
- Where do international players need to change the way they support countries in building strong and resilient health systems?
- How can we ensure that in-country coordination mechanisms for the health sector play a stronger role ensuring ownership and alignment of efforts?
- How to engage interested stakeholders and actors in the further dialogue and process of the initiative Healthy Systems-Healthy Lives?





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