Major Groups’ Recommendations on Health

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On target a)

• We believe that maternal health should be addressed through a comprehensive target on sexual and reproductive health and rights: By 2030 end preventable new-born and child deaths in all countries by reducing child mortality to 25 or fewer deaths per 1000 births and newborn mortality to 12 or fewer deaths per 1000 births
On target b)

• We suggest that the target should emphasize rights-based, evidence-based approaches towards ending HIV, TB, malaria & neglected tropical diseases: by 2030, end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases by guaranteeing equitable, universal and affordable access to prevention, treatment, care and support for all people across the lifecourse and reduce by \((x\ \text{percent})\) the emergence of new infectious diseases.
Target c

We appreciate the inclusion of mental health and non-communicable diseases but we suggest this target be worded as follows, or addressed in three separate targets, which would give each of these issues the attention they deserve: **by 2030, achieve through prevention and treatment a relative reduction of premature mortality by 34% from non-communicable diseases (NCDs); reduce road traffic injuries by 50%; and promote mental health and wellbeing**
Target d

We appreciate the retention of target 3(d) on universal health coverage, however, we suggest: by 2020 achieve universal health coverage (UHC) and universal access to physical and mental health services for all people of all ages and abilities, including financial risk protection, with particular attention to the most marginalized and increase financing, development and training of the health and mental health workforce.
On target e) we emphasize that ensuring universal access to affordable and essential medicines and vaccines for all is already within reach and a target date of 2030 is too late.
Target f

We strongly support the retention of target f) on sexual and reproductive health, but we suggest that the target be worded as follows: By 2030, ensure universal access to high-quality comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services for all, including modern contraceptives, maternal health services, safe abortion services, and the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmissible infections and reproductive cancers, and sexual and reproductive rights.
Target g

• We strongly appreciate the inclusion of target 3 g), but suggest rewording the target as follows: By 2030, eliminate preventable deaths and illnesses from chemicals, indoor and outdoor air pollution, and other forms of environmental degradation, particularly for vulnerable groups of children, women and specific occupational groups at higher risk of exposure.