

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 lifecycle and reduce by (x 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**

Target e

- 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.**