Health and Energy Platform of Action work plan 2023-2025

Background: In November 2018, during the first World Health Organization (WHO) Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, announced his vision to build a "Health and Energy Platform of Action" (HEPA) to enhance multisectoral collaboration between the health and energy sectors and mobilize the political and financial commitments needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 and 7. In response, WHO, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank, and in cooperation with International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and other key stakeholders launched HEPA in May 2019, with an initial focus on improving health through promoting clean fuels and technologies for cooking and accelerating access to electricity for health-care facilities. Energy is linked to many of the sustainable development priorities, including public health, gender equality, food security, clean water, education, economic growth, youths' and women's empowerment and climate action.

HEPA membership and work plan development: HEPA is a voluntary, multistakeholder network serving as a mechanism for strengthening political and technical cooperation among health and energy actors. To date, the platform has over 20 members consisting of governments, international, non-governmental and civil society organizations, international business associations, philanthropic foundations, and academic institutions.

This document was built on the HEPA work plan for 2020-2022 in consultation with members of HEPA during the months of May-June 2023. The HEPA work plan for 2023-2025 outlines 5 overarching objectives, as well as activities, indicators and expected outputs that would fall under each, to strengthen the cooperation between the health and energy sectors and elevate energy access as a key development priority area for public health, gender equity, climate and sustainable development more broadly.

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Activity #	Activities*	Indicators and expected outputs
Objective 1. Mobilize political commitments, support, and resources, and encourage new public and private commitments from the energy and health sectors, as well as from the climate change action and other arenas		
1.1	Support and expand the High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy: • Facilitate regular meetings and interactions between High-Level Coalition and relevant health and energy multilateral agencies and mechanisms, such as UN Energy, to advocate for the interconnectedness of health, energy and climate • Develop common messages and talking points for the High-Level Coalition to use at events, also based on position papers developed as part of Activity 1.3	Number of new members invited to the High-Level Coalition Number of members who attend convened meetings High-Level Coalition meetings or events Production of common messages and talking points for High-Level Coalition
1.2	Organize and facilitate high-level multi-stakeholder meetings: • Organize, support and facilitate high-level multi-stakeholder meetings (e.g. inter-ministerial dialogues related to international initiatives and organized by regional bodies) • Facilitate meetings with ministers, heads of organizations, or health, energy and environment ambassadors (e.g. High Level Political Forum, SDG Summit, World Health Assembly, COP)	Number of high-level events hosted to facilitate the following: • Inter-ministerial dialogues • Dialogues on initiatives related to health, energy and climate • Engagement with regional bodies • Support of a number of regional programs • Number of participants from high-need regions and countries

1.3	Develop and contribute to position papers that highlight key messages and policy recommendations, and communicate progress on political commitments:	Production of policy briefs, reports and other outreach materials that:
	• Support and disseminate materials, such as policy briefs, that offer evidence-based lessons and successes, and crystallize key messages and policy recommendations for senior government officials • Compile and develop communication materials and position papers on problem identification, solutions and opportunities, and study findings for the High-Level Coalition • Prepare and contribute to reports and briefings to highlight health, energy and climate linkages and identify where they are recognized and included within specific roadmaps/commitments (e.g. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), SDG 7 Tracking Progress Reports, UN Climate Summit's Clean Air Initiative, UN Energy's Energy Compacts, Global Roadmap for Achieving Net-Zero Clean Cooking by 2050)	• Highlight health and energy linkages, and climate when appropriate, in the framework of global, regional or national roadmaps/commitments and initiatives aiming to accelerate clean cooking or electrification of health-care facilities • Showcase progress and highlight good examples from countries Dissemination of key messages on problem identification, solutions and opportunities, and study findings (e.g. through communication materials and position papers)
1.4	Coordinate with or promote innovative finance mechanisms and funding opportunities (e.g. climate financing) to mobilize public and private commitments, investments and resources in public health protection through sustainable energy access	Number of finance mechanisms and funding opportunities facilitated or shared by HEPA members

Objective 2. Promote development of global-, regional- or country-level implementation roadmaps for the priority areas of action		
2.1	Facilitate the coordination and preparation of global-, regional- and country-level technical reports to provide updated estimates of access and impacts, outline challenges and opportunities for transitions to clean energy on health and synthesize key policy messages Promote tracking and monitoring of country-level data on energy access and health	Number of data-driven reports on electrification of health-care facilities or clean cooking and its impacts developed by HEPA partners (e.g. assessments)
2.2	Support governments in the coordination of technical support and intersectoral cooperation on country assessments, strategies, plans and policies that address interlinkages between energy and health, clean cooking and health-care facility electrification, such as: *Energy in health-care facilities* - Conducting assessment of current energy status and energy needs at country level - Identifying additional financial and human resources needed to ensure reliable electricity supply in health-care facilities - Leveraging HEPA thematic working groups to coordinate peer review process, integrate sustainable, adequate and reliable energy for each health-care facility as a key element of health system planning and/or climate change mitigation and adaptation strategy	Number of countries where HEPA members help develop country assessments, strategies, plans and policies that aim to accelerate clean cooking and health-care facility electrification *Energy in health-care facilities* - Number of countries with assessments on the current status of energy access and energy needs in health-care facilities - Number of initiatives aiming to provide reliable electricity supply in health-care facilities at country level, including by increasing financial and human resources - Number of countries with health-care facility monitoring systems that integrate or enhance data collection to better measure and track energy access - Number of countries that adopt strategies, plans, policies and

- Facilitating integration of more robust data collection and monitoring of energy access in health-care facilities and enhancing national surveys to measure and track progress of related indicators (e.g. Service Procession Assessments or SPA, Harmonized Health Facility Assessment or HHFA, Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System or HeRAMS)

- Providing technical support to governments to accelerate electrification of health-care facilities, including on strategies and policies that address interlinkages between energy, health and climate

Clean cooking

- Promoting and technically supporting countries to conduct rapid situational needs assessments and stakeholder mappings as means to inform intersectoral policy and programmatic planning

- Leveraging HEPA thematic working group on clean cooking to integrate and account for health, socioeconomic, gender, climate and environmental impacts into household energy policies and programmatic planning

- Facilitating and technically supporting the development and adoption of national clean cooking standards which account

financing support measures to accelerate the electrification of health-care facilities

Clean cooking

- Number of countries conducting rapid situational needs assessments and stakeholder mappings

- Number of countries implementing standards for cookstoves

- Number of countries that enhance monitoring of clean cooking access and related impacts

- Number of countries that adopt clean cooking at a programmatic, local, or national level

- Number of households adopting clean cooking solutions

	for and minimize adverse health and other (e.g. climate, gender) impacts • Enhancing the monitoring and evaluation of access to clean cooking and its impacts at a project, national, and regional level • Providing technical support to governments in strategies and policies that address interlinkages between energy, health and climate and promote clean cooking (e.g. workshops and intersectoral working groups at the country level)	
2.3	Increase the awareness and capacity of relevant in-country stakeholders to utilize currently available technical guidance, tools and information resources in policy and programmatic planning for the acceleration of clean cooking and electrification of health-care facilities	Number of countries and regions completing capacity-building trainings and workshops focused on the available tools and information resources to facilitate policy and programmatic planning for the acceleration of clean cooking and electrification of health-care facilities Number of countries using available tools and resources produced by HEPA partners Number of stakeholder awareness and capacity building events conducted

Objective 3. Demonstrate leadership by identifying significant actions and initiatives with relevant stakeholders, with the overall objective of generating action and maximizing impact on the ground		
3.1	Identify, promote and collaborate with relevant initiatives to maximize impact: • Identify and promote initiatives able to generate investments and program implementation on the ground • Facilitate the integration of energy access issues into relevant health and climate initiatives, programmes and monitoring systems, such as The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and Harmonized Health Facility Assessment	Number of new HEPA-supported initiatives that: • Mobilize investments on the ground • Generate action to increase clean energy access in households and health-care facilities • Integrate energy access issues into health and climate initiatives, programmes and monitoring systems

Objective 4. Conducting advocacy and outreach at all-levels of engagements related to SDGs and net zero by 2050, especially on health, energy, gender, environment and climate change		
4.1	Identify and publicize policy, regulatory, technology and economic models that can be implemented at scale: • Identify and communicate different costs and benefits of fuels and technologies used in health and energy programs and interventions to achieve high impact on the ground • Document and share stories to publicize research and successful policies on behaviour change, technology and economic models with high impact or replicability • Communicate targeted recommendations to governments, donors and development partners, private sector, financing institutions and others	Preparation and dissemination of briefs which analyse and communicate costs and benefits of fuels and technologies for health and energy programs Webinars and workshops hosted to facilitate knowledge exchange on benefits, costs, and trade-offs between fuels and technologies in terms of health, socioeconomic, gender, climate and environmental considerations as well as policy, regulatory and delivery models Number of communication products developed (e.g. newsletters, stories, case studies, briefs, videos) to document projects with high impact or replicability Number of communication products targeted to donors, countries, private sector and finance providers
4.2	Raise awareness at all levels, including through community, national, political, social media/multimedia campaigns, such as: Coordinate awareness raising campaigns to make the 'health', 'equity', 'gender', 'climate', 'environment' arguments for energy access and health in line with the SDGs and net zero emissions by 2050 *Energy in health-care facilities* • Build the capacity and knowledge of the health and energy	Develop and launch communication campaigns at global, regional, national, and subnational levels with links to intergovernmental processes, such as the High-Level Dialogue on Energy, High-Level Political Forum, SDG Summit, World Health Assembly, COP and other processes as part of HEPA´s global advocacy activities Metrics reflecting engagements to campaigns or other technical outreach events, such as number of visitors, and exchanges in the interactive spaces

	sectors on the impacts associated with reliable electricity supply in health-care facilities and available solutions • Target awareness campaigns to policy makers to enable those impacted by the lack of reliable electricity supply in health-care facilities to share their experiences and call for action *Clean cooking* • Build the capacity and knowledge of the health sector on the risks associated with more traditional cooking practices and available solutions • Target awareness raising to policy makers to enable those impacted by the lack of access to clean cooking to share their experiences and call for action • Advocate for the establishment of an International Day for Clean Cooking with the aim to rally the world to raise awareness, mobilize political will, technical and financial resources, and celebrate and reinforce achievements and best practices	*Energy in health-care facilities* • Number of countries where actors from the health and energy sectors are trained on the impacts from reliable electricity supply in health-care facilities and available solutions • Development, refinement and dissemination of targeted communication materials on health-care facility electrification and its impacts on individuals and communities *Clean cooking* • Number of countries where health sector actors are trained on the health and other (e.g. gender, climate) risks from household air pollution and available 'healthy' interventions • Development, refinement and dissemination of targeted communication materials on clean cooking and its impacts on individuals and communities • Provide summary briefs, host information sessions and events to disseminate progress made, challenges experienced and recommendations for next steps on clean cooking

Objective 5. Promoting an interdisciplinary approach engaging a variety of stakeholders at the global, regional and national levels and building on existing initiatives, while avoiding duplication of effort, fostering alignment and creating strong synergies		
5.1	Engage and actively participate in meetings that aim to coordinate activities, such as: • Monthly HEPA calls to keep HEPA partners abreast of events, activities and developments within the Platform • Periodic thematic calls on clean cooking and electrification of health-care facilities to facilitate deep dives on technical matters and activities on the two themes • Country-level coordination activities to help minimize redundancies and maximize program and organization support • Task-based work groups that contribute to the achievement of the overall HEPA work plan	A triennial activity report which serves as a central point of reference for the Platform Number of new members joining HEPA to engage at a technical level Number of countries where two or more HEPA members are working together on the ground
5.2	Actively maintain and expand HEPA Knowledge Platform for knowledge exchange and sharing: • Update HEPA Knowledge Platform so that it provides a repository of resources documenting experiences, guidance, standards, tools, pilots, and business/delivery models that can be scaled up • Map the activities, projects, and interventions undertaken by	Update knowledge portal to share global, regional and country activities, provide an open-access source of information on all Platform's work and serve as an interactive space for members and others to interact with each other Metrics reflecting website usage, such as number of visitors, number of downloads, and exchanges in the interactive spaces Up-to-date list of activities, projects, and interventions undertaken by

		HEPA members that are advancing the two aims of HEPA: 1) clean cooking, and 2) electrification of health-care facilities • Facilitate the mapping of tools and resources so that they are organized by cluster of activities (e.g. clean cooking, electrification of health-care facilities), streamlined and harmonized • Coordinate the circulation of information and activities from HEPA members including events, policy briefs, reports, tools and resources, and job and funding opportunities	HEPA members that are advancing the two aims of HEPA: 1) clean cooking, and 2) electrification of health-care facilities Up-to-date list of tools and resources that are organized by cluster of activities (e.g. clean cooking, and electrification of health care facilities), streamlined and harmonized Monthly circulation of HEPA newsletter
5.3		Promote interdisciplinary approaches at the policy, programmatic and research levels: • Demonstrate the socioeconomic, gender, climate and environmental benefits of looking at health and energy together with special attention to defining short-, medium- and long-term benefits and reduction of costs • Make the socioeconomic, gender, climate and environmental arguments for clean cooking in households or reliable electricity in health-care facilities with various outputs, such as guidance note that maps out a long-term program meeting energy and health needs, and an individual research program on cost benefit analyses • Mobilize support for regional activities promoting interdisciplinary and multisectoral approaches	Production of briefs on socioeconomic, gender, climate and environmental benefits of looking at health and energy together in the context of clean cooking and health-care facility electrification Number of new products (e.g. studies, reports, tools, resources) developed on clean cooking and electrification of health-care facilities Number of regional programs adopting interdisciplinary approach promoted or supported by HEPA

5.4	Develop and disseminate technical briefs and guidance reflecting lessons learned on adopting an interdisciplinary approach: • Summarize specific studies with the aim of sharing lessons learned, good practices and innovative approaches and advocate for their adoption in national policies • Coordinate the synthesis and dissemination of practical guidance on factors and enabling environments that have been successful in accelerating clean energy transitions which maximize health and other (e.g. gender, climate) benefits (e.g. checklists, policy recommendations)	Production of briefs that summarize lessons learned, good practices and innovative approaches Production of practical guidance on factors and enabling environments that have been successful in accelerating clean energy transitions while maximizing health, socioeconomic, gender, climate, environmental and other benefits

* Depending on resource availability.

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