

PLANETARY HEALTH: Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector

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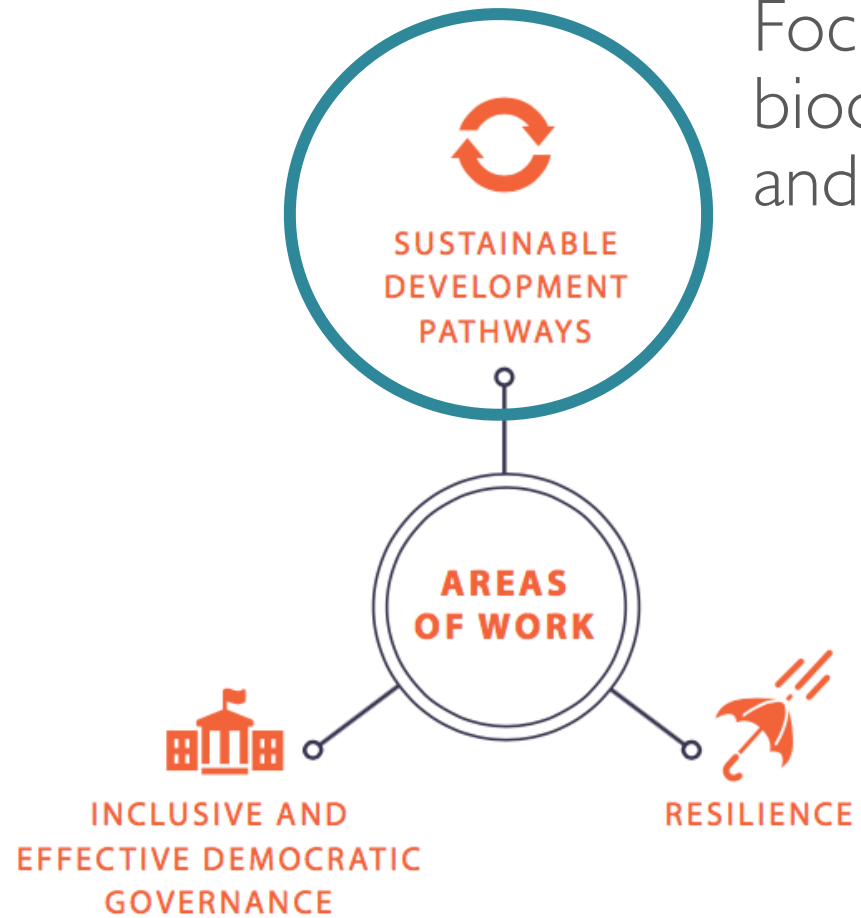
Presentation outline

1. UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017
2. **Global perspectives** on health and environment
 - **Planetary Health**
 - **Health Procurement** and current environmental issues
 - **Building Resilience in the Health Sector**
 - **Saving Lives Sustainably**
3. What will it take to move from concept of planetary health to **meaningful action** on the ground?



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I. UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017



Focus on
biodiversity
and health



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I. UNDP Strategic Plan 2014-2017: Sustainable Development Pathways





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Planetary Health:

Key entry points for UNDP

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Building resilience in the Health Sector:

UN informal Interagency Task Team on Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector

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Saving Lives Sustainably:

Lowering the environmental impact of health procurement, with a final aim of improving human health and well-being



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Planetary Health:

Key entry points for UNDP*

- Large policy and programmatic UNDP portfolios + significant presence at the country level => UNDP uniquely placed to advocate for planetary health as support to SDG implementation and acceleration
- Accelerating ongoing work in:
 - i. Supporting multi-sectoral policies and regulations to respond to increased planetary health burdens
 - ii. **Building resilience of the Health Sector**

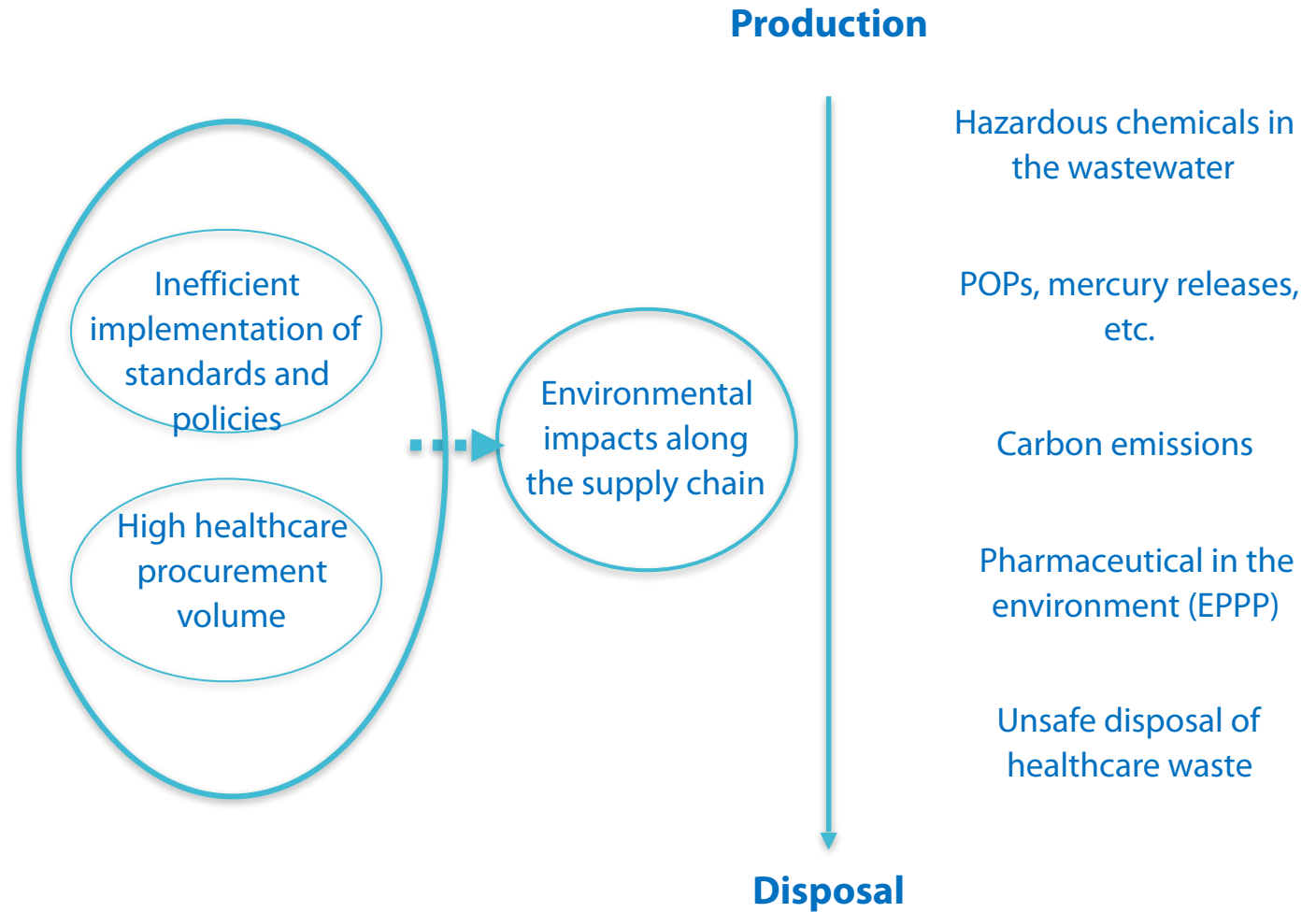
* As outlined in the [UNDP Issue Brief on Planetary Health](#)



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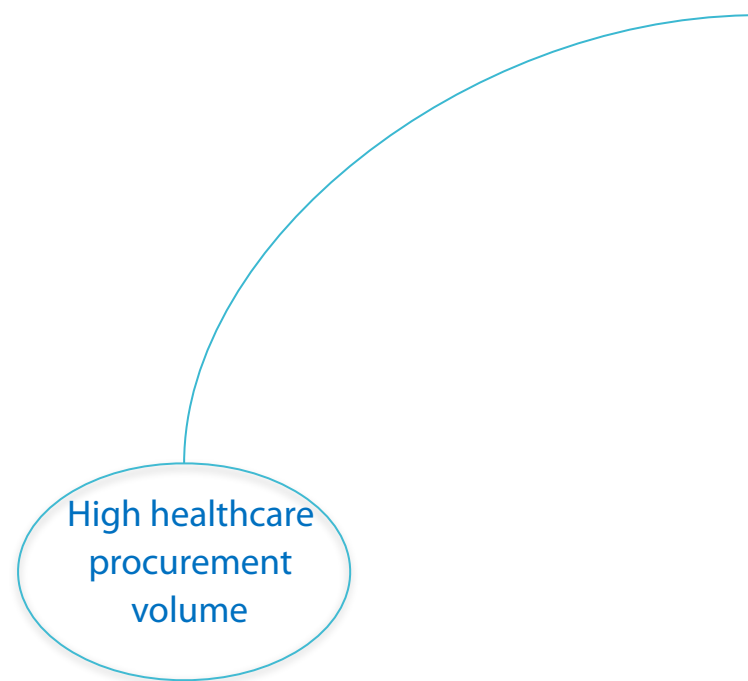
Healthcare Procurement and Current Environmental Issues





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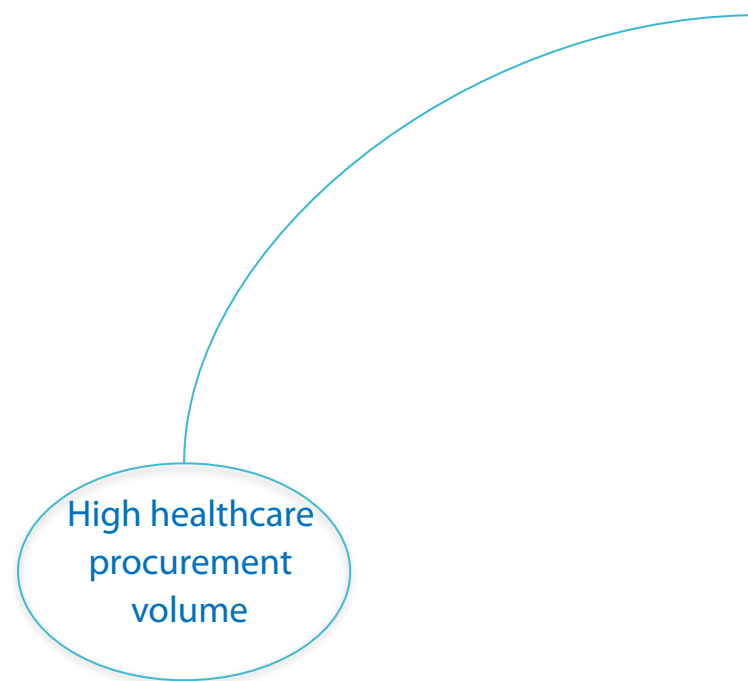
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... WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?



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Building Resilience

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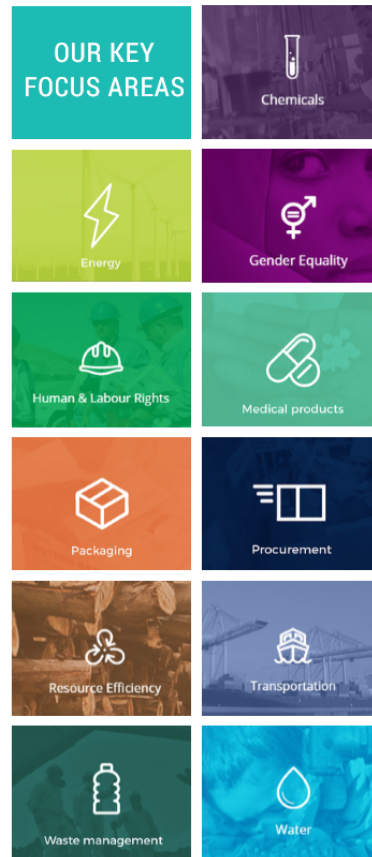
- SPHS Task Team is, through a transparent and inclusive engagement process, leveraging its normative and market power, lowering the environmental impact of its US\$ 5 billion procurement, with a final aim of improving human health and well-being.
- UNDP hosts the Secretariat for the SPHS Task Team

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- SPHS Secretariat and its Member Agencies identify opportunities and promote sustainable production and consumption patterns in the health sector, a few examples:
 - Project implementation:** Reducing UPOPs and Mercury Releases from the Health Sector in Africa, [REAP project](#), [Solar 4 Health](#), [Packaging Reduction](#), [Environmentally Friendly Condoms](#)
 - Capacity-development:** [Sustainable Health Procurement Trainings](#), [SPHS online webinar series](#)
 - Tools:** [Environmental Questionnaire](#), Online Assessment Tool of Supplier's Performance, Sustainable Health Procurement Guidelines, [Guide on Compliance with International Environmental Conventions on Chemicals](#), List of Chemicals of Concern to Health and Environment ;
 - Communications:** [Engagement Strategy](#), Online Engagement Platform (400 good practices) www.savinglivesustainably.org



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3. What will it take to move from concept of planetary health to meaningful action on the ground?*



Achim Steiner
Administrator, UNDP

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Robust partnerships. Partnerships with private sector, civil society and academia led by governments as well as partnerships across the UN to support countries in planning, financing and operationalizing development solutions that simultaneously improve human health and that of the environment.

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Cross sectoral approaches and innovations. Simultaneously promote sustainable use of resources, resilience and economic growth while prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable.

* As highlighted in [the speech of Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator, Sep 22, 2017](#)

Thank you for your attention.

We look forward to working with you on a more
sustainable global health sector.

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