1. Pacific Health Ministers Meeting and the Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework

The 20-year review of Healthy Islands concluded that it remains the unifying vision for the development of the health sector in the Pacific. In addition to the findings from the review, WHO and the Pacific Community drafted the *Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework* and submitted it for endorsement at the Twelfth Pacific Health Ministers Meeting (PHMM) in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, in August 2017.

The framework includes 48 mandatory indicators (33 core and 15 complementary) and 31 optional indicators to track progress of the health status of populations across the Pacific. The framework also enables progress to be tracked against the health-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals. This step helps ensure that countries are on track towards universal health coverage in the Region.

The first progress report, published at the August 2017 PHMM, offers baseline data for the indicators as well as a snapshot of achievements and challenges that underscore opportunities and priority actions. The PHMM tasked the Pacific Heads of Health to work closely with WHO and the Pacific Community to collect data and publish the second report, including suggested amendments.

As stronger health information systems will bolster the monitoring framework, continued support from development partners is necessary to strengthen overall systems, including digitalization and building national capacity for data management and analysis. The resolution of the Twelfth PHMM commits PICs to further strengthening regional networks to share best practices and improving digitalization of health information systems.