



# The Roadmap To Universal Health Coverage for Eye Health through Integrated People-centred Eye Care



# THE CHALLENGE

**Over 1 billion people worldwide do not have access to the eye care that they need**

- Inequities in access
- Changing population demographics and a growth in demand
- Inadequate government prioritisation
- Fragmented services that are poorly integrated into health systems and coordinated with other health areas
- Insufficient and uncoordinated workforce
- Lack of resources and financial protection
- Gaps in data

# **WORLD REPORT ON VISION - Strategic Framework**

- **Make eye care an integral part of Universal Health Coverage**
- **Implement integrated people-centred eye care in health systems**

*So all people have access to the eye care they need, where and when they need it without suffering financial hardship*

# A NEW PARADIGM FOR EYE CARE

***The World Report on Vision defines Integrated People Centred Eye Care -***

*‘services that are managed and delivered so that people receive a continuum of health interventions covering promotion, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, to address the full spectrum of eye conditions according to their needs, coordinated across the different levels and sites of care within and beyond the health sector, and that recognizes people as participants and beneficiaries of these services, throughout their life course’.*



# ACHIEVING IPEC 1.

## EMPOWERING AND ENGAGING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

- Increase demand on eye care services including rehabilitation, through improving felt need and rights-based approaches
- Improve timely and appropriate health seeking
- Increase access via community - based approaches, telehealth and other means to reach underserved and remote communities

# ACHIEVING IPEC 2.

## REORIENTING THE MODEL OF CARE

- Increase emphasis on primary care and accounting for the life course
- Facilitate access across the levels of care from promotion to rehabilitation, with appropriate referral systems
- Improve timeliness of diagnosis and interventions to catch diseases and conditions early
- Establish quality assurance and monitoring mechanisms at all levels of eye care
- Promote affordability and access

# ACHIEVING IPEC 3.

## COORDINATING SERVICES WITHIN AND ACROSS SECTORS

- Ensure individual continuity of care/ patient-centred care
- Coordinate eye health within healthcare including neonatal, NCDs, occupational health
- Reframe eye health as also a development issue contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals
- Work across sectors and ministries including work, education and with private sector

# ACHIEVING IPEC 4.

## CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

- Enhance eye health planning integrated in health strategies
- Establish effective governance and strong regulatory systems
- Prioritise investment in and development of the eye health workforce, with needs-based planning and distribution
- Establish quality control and accreditation systems for training institutions
- Integration of eye care data within health information systems

# ADVOCACY TO IPEC

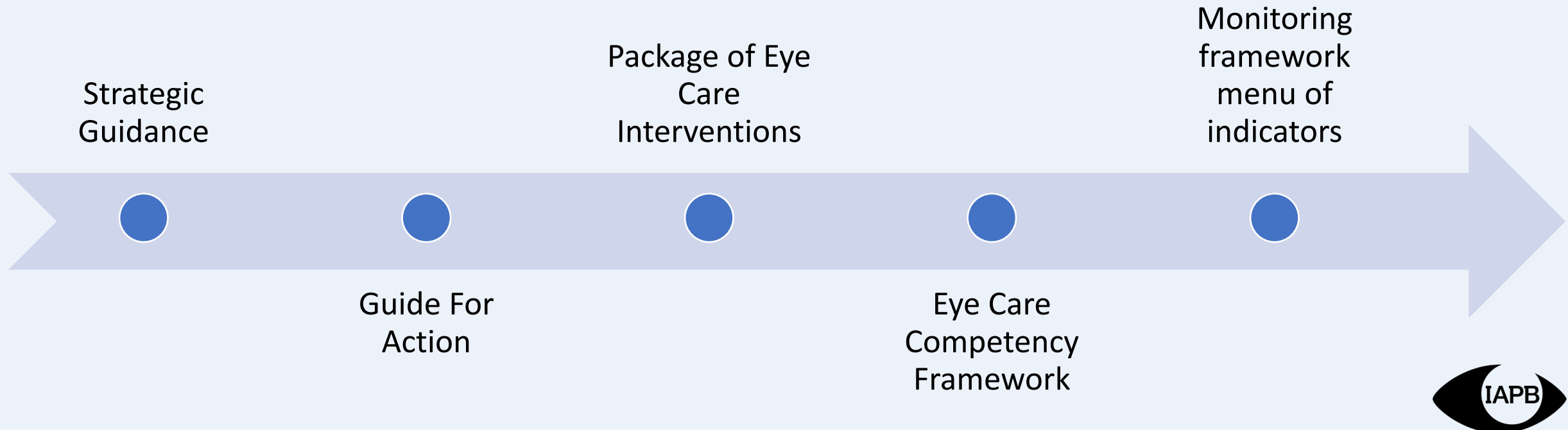
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WHO Global targets for IPEC 2021

**WHO suite of instruments 2020-2021**

Advocacy and policy at national level 2021



# WHO's tools for IPEC

1. Strategic Guidance on IPEC
2. Guide for Action
3. Package of Eye Care Interventions (PECI)
4. Global Targets and Menu of indicators
5. mMyopia Toolkit
6. Eye Care Competency framework

- Sets out core components of IPEC, steps for implementation, roles and responsibilities
- Comprehensive guide and instruments for government for situation assessment, planning and implementation of IPEC
- Resource for intervention selection, prioritization, budgeting to integrate in health insurance essential packages
- Tool to collect data on global targets on cataract and refractive error, and menu for comprehensive measurement of progress at national level
- Handbook and library to guide governments to scale health programmes on myopia
- A golden standard of competencies to assist planning and set practice standards for eye health workforce

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**Advocacy and policy at national level 2021+**

- Participate in WHO and IAPB's webinar series
- Lead on in-country Policy dialogues/ support a national implementation process
- Discuss this agenda at Eye Care Working Group, National Prevention of Blindness Committees
- Promote IPEC and integration of eye health within UHC schemes such as national health insurance to national and district stakeholders, including governments





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