



## **Statement Concerning the United States Government's Decision to Terminate Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)**

We, the undersigned organisations, note with grave concern the United States Government's decision to terminate relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the midst of a global pandemic.

WHO is the only organization with the global mandate to coordinate the public health response to COVID-19 during this perilous time.

WHO plays a vital role in supporting countries to protect their citizens from public health threats, through coordination, developing vaccines, treatments and tests, training of health workers, and securing critical supplies particularly in humanitarian settings. This is as true for the current COVID-19 pandemic as it is for the many other health issues which continue to affect people throughout the world.

Challenging WHO's mandate in these difficult times will cost lives. The current pandemic affects every one of us, and does not respect borders. No one is safe until everyone is safe. The only way to end the pandemic is to bring us closer together.

At this critical moment in the global response, we call for collaboration, constructive criticism and redoubling our efforts to fight this disease. We welcome Resolution WHA73.1 from the recent World Health Assembly, and in particular the call for an impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation of WHO's response to COVID-19. Equally, we encourage all governments to evaluate their national responses to the epidemic.

Amidst the horror that the pandemic brings is a chance, through partnership and multilateralism, to create a world that is better than the one we had before; a world more equitable and able to serve the health needs of all people.

In September 2019, at the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, world leaders endorsed the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history and committed to providing the opportunity for health to every person by 2030. It is now time that those world leaders back up their words with meaningful action.

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Support Africa

ACON

Action for Global Health

African Network of Adolescents and

Young Persons Development (ANAYD)

Afrihealth Optonet Association

AIHMS-Global

Alliance Myanmar

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Jewish World Service

American Public Health Association  
(APHA)

American Society for Clinical Pathology

American Society for Microbiology

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
 Americas TB Coalition  
 Amref Health Africa UK  
 APCASO  
 APCOM  
 Asociacion de Mujeres Gente Nueva (AMUGEN)  
 Associação Coalizão da Juventude Moçambicana  
 Association d'assistance au Développement  
 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
 Association for Promotion Sustainable Development  
 Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
 Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine  
 Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations  
 AWTAD Anti-Corruption Organization  
 Balanced Stewardship Development Association (BALSDA)  
 BHOE  
 Blood Patients Protection Council  
 Bolivian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS  
 Bread for the World  
 BURKINABE OBSERVATORY FOR HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY  
 Caribbean Vulnerable Communities  
 Global Focus on Cancer  
 Center for Biological Diversity  
 Center for Reproductive Rights  
 Centre for Community-Driven Research  
 Centre for Sustainable Access to Health in Africa  
 CERAMES  
 CHEN - patient fertility association – Israel  
 Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP)  
 Christian Aid  
 Church World Service  
 Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) of UHC2030

Civil Society Scaling up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN)  
 Collectif pour le droit à la santé au maroc  
 Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat)  
 Community Health Promotion and Sustenance Initiative  
 Consortium for the Advancement of Right for Key Affected Population ( CARKAP)  
 CORE Group  
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 Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)  
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 Engineering Association for Development and Environment  
 ENHANCE CHILDREN AND WOMEN OF TANZANIA (ECWOT).  
 ETR  
 European Coalition of Positive People  
 Every Mother Counts  
 Faiths for Safe Water  
 Federation of American Scientists  
 FIA Foundation  
 FMAIRTO  
 Food for the Hungry  
 Foundation for African Research and Development (FARD)  
 Foundation for Integrated Rural Development (FIRD)  
 Foundation for Sustainable Health Promotion and Development (FOSHPAD)  
 Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria  
 Frontline AIDS  
 Fund for Global Health  
 Fundación Ecuatoriana Equidad  
 Fundacion Huesped  
 GAVI CSO Constituency  
 GBCHealth  
 Global Focus on Cancer  
 Global Health Council  
 Global Health Technologies Coalition  
 Global Network of Sex Worker Projects (NSWP)  
 Global Water 2020

God Bless the Child e.V.  
GRACE CENTER DRC  
Greater Accra  
Haiti Cholera Research Funding  
Foundation, Inc. (USA)  
Harare  
Harm Reduction International  
Health Alliance International  
Health Economists Association Armenia  
Health Education Literacy Programme-  
HELP  
Health Poverty Action  
Health Professionals for Global Health,  
UK  
Healthcare Information and Management  
Systems Society (HIMSS)  
Healthcommunicators Nigeria  
Helen Keller International  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope for Future Generations  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Instituto para el Desarrollo Humano –  
Bolivia  
International Women's Health Coalition  
InterSurgeon  
IntraHealth International  
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Association  
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Latin American and Caribbean Women's  
Health Network (LACWHN)  
League of Women Voters of the United  
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Let There Be Light International  
Living Goods  
Making Waves Network  
Malaria No More  
Malawi Health Equity Network  
Mandioversa  
Marie Stopes International  
Mecanismo Social de Apoyo y Control de  
Colombia (MSCAV)  
Medibeth Global Health Centre  
Medical IMPACT  
MEMISA  
Meningitis Research Foundation

Neonatal Nurses Association of South  
Africa  
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New Life Organisation  
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Développement Inclusif au Niger)  
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Development (OHISD)  
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PAI  
Pandemic Action Network  
PATH  
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People's Health Movement Tanzania  
(PHM Tanzania)  
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Positively UK  
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STOPAIDS

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 Sukaar Welfare Organization (Pakistan)  
 Synergia - Iniciativas por los derechos humanos  
 T1International  
 TB Alert  
 Thailand National CAB on HIV Research  
 The Access Challenge  
 The Crossing at Grasslands  
 The FAAAT Archive (FAAAT think & do tank)  
 The George Institute for Global Health  
 The Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma and Anesthesia Care (The G4 Alliance)  
 The Hunger Project  
 The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity  
 The Sabin Vaccine Institute  
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 Treatment Action Group  
 Ugenya Youth and Community Development Project

Ukana West 2 Community Based Health Initiative (CBHI)  
 Vaccine Advocacy Resource Group  
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 WACI Health  
 WaterAid America  
 WECARe+ (Women in Europe and Central Asia Regions plus)  
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 White Ribbon Alliance  
 Women Deliver  
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 Working Fingers International Initiative  
 World Child Cancer  
 World Child Cancer USA  
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 World Organization of Family Doctors  
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