

Dear G7 and G20 Leaders,

Ahead of the forthcoming G7 and G20 Leaders' Summit, 47 civil society groups from around the world urge you to ramp up action on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (Pandemic PPR) so every country and community has the tools to stop the spread of COVID-19 and improve resilience to, and prevent, future pandemics. The world remains far from breaking the cycle of panic and neglect, and G7 leadership in 2023 — measured by agreements, actions, and financing — will be crucial to help 'pandemic proof' our world. Key aspects include:

- **Fully fund the Pandemic Fund for year one and commit to a sustainable capitalization plan for the ensuing years.** To date, the Pandemic Fund has secured only US\$1.6 billion in pledges against the US\$10.5 billion agreed annual target for additional international financing to close critical global preparedness gaps. As a global public good, every nation should contribute to the Pandemic Fund based on an ability-to-pay formula, prioritizing non-health sources of funding beyond official development assistance, according to their ability to pay, and these investments must be *additional* to existing financial commitments for other global health and development priorities, given the spillover benefits of pandemic preparedness for climate, security, and economic growth.
- **Advance WHO sustainable financing.** Proceed on implementing the agreed timeline for increasing assessed WHO contributions in 2023 for the 2024 biennium. This can't wait as there are increasing, unfunded demands on WHO in terms of health emergencies.
- **Prioritize action on pandemic threats along with climate action for additional financing through multilateral development bank (MDB) reforms and at June's Summit for a 'New Global Financial Pact' in Paris.** The [Bridgetown Agenda](#) and G20 [Capital Adequacy Frameworks](#) Review (CAF) have laid out concrete recommendations for how the World Bank and other MDBs can prudently take on more risk, optimize their balance sheets, and unleash hundreds of billions in additional financing for global public goods. Currently these efforts focus almost exclusively on climate finance, with only cursory references to health and pandemic threats. In the run up to, and beyond, June's Summit in Paris pandemic clauses must be central to these efforts. Funds need to be unlocked to benefit the full resilience agenda, with human health and pandemic prevention and response at the core. G7 members should achieve consensus among themselves and with other World Bank shareholders and agree on an ambitious roadmap this year, incorporating the CAF recommendations and incentives for country action. Shareholders should then expeditiously follow suit on adopting similar reforms at the regional development banks.
- **Commit to a new approach for a future pandemic countermeasures platform.** A new framework and platform should be responsive to local and regional needs, with an end-to-end approach that addresses the needs of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs); involving researchers and manufacturers from LMICs from the start. Such a platform should ensure ready-to-use clinical trial protocols in the public interest and increase vaccine, diagnostics, treatments, and other health technology manufacturing support for LMIC companies. Policies to address trade-related barriers including intellectual property (IP), ensure knowledge and technology sharing and transparency, including for tools emerging from publicly financed R&D, should be backed. Regional R&D hubs should be supported to generate new technologies ensuring capabilities that meet public health needs. A new pandemic countermeasures platform should also prioritize access to oxygen, building

on lessons learned by the Oxygen Emergency Taskforce. It is essential that such a platform engage stakeholders early in the R&D process. Sustainable funding plans should be backed for both countermeasures and health systems strengthening, for example through the Global Public Investment model.

- **Advance the 100 Days Plus Mission by funding the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) 2.0, FIND, and public health institutes.** Invest US\$1.8 billion in CEPI to achieve the US\$3.5 billion target to accelerate research and development of new vaccines and support equitable access to diagnostics through FIND as well as robust R&D for therapeutics for emerging epidemic and pandemic threats. G7 countries should support the capacities of national and regional public health institutes in sub-Saharan Africa including in the fields of epidemiology, disease detection, and laboratory diagnosis.
- **Join up efforts to strengthen climate and pandemic resilience and improve health outcomes in an agenda for action and investment.** Invest in interventions that can drive progress in both areas, such as: strengthening climate and pandemic early warning systems by integrating clinical, epidemiological, and genomic data from health systems with diverse non-health data; ensuring every country has a gender-responsive [national health security action plan](#) that incorporates all hazards, including climate change; sustainably investing in increasing access to climate-resilient and gender-responsive water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, particularly in healthcare facilities; fostering infrastructure for gender-inclusive [risk communications and community engagement](#) initiatives to drive and sustain local planning, preparedness, acceptance, and adaptation to climate-safe and pandemic-safe healthier policies and behaviors.
- **Make global decision making structures fit for purpose** through low- and middle-income countries, particularly African, representation at all international levels including, G7 and G20, with a seat for the AU at the G20 as a first step.
- **Ensure head of government-level political ownership and accountability for the Pandemic PR agenda.** We urge you to participate in September's UN High-Level Meeting on Pandemic PPR and elevate this agenda as a top political priority. The high-level meeting outcome document should establish an annual global monitoring and accountability process and forum (a COP-like process or equivalent) and establish a head of government leadership body to ensure a coordinated approach on Pandemic PPR to accelerate decisive action on emerging pandemic threats.

Outbreaks can be prevented and new pathogens can be contained, but ongoing pandemics are a political choice. Older people, women, children, people living with HIV and NTDs, LGBTQIA+, forced migrants, and other vulnerable populations are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. It has also been found to have had a great impact on mental health across the world. Efforts must be doubled to ensure Pandemic PPR is gender-sensitive, recognizes the crucial role that health workers play and is inclusive of vulnerable populations.

We urge you to take action to bring us towards a more resilient world. We are ready to meet you and your team at your earliest convenience to discuss how we can support your work in these areas.

Sincerely,

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