

Dear Excellencies,

The undersigned organizations welcome the United Nations' High-level Meeting (HLM) on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (Pandemic PPR), scheduled to take place on 20 September 2023. The Pandemic PPR HLM is a critical opportunity to bring world leaders together to commit to a whole-of-government, whole-of-society, global approach to addressing pandemic threats. It is also a key moment to advance the political commitments and accountability necessary to drive progress on Pandemic PPR, in close coordination with and reinforcing ongoing international processes, including the negotiations around a Pandemic Accord, review of the International Health Regulations (IHRs), renewal of the Global Health Security Agenda, and the newly established Pandemic Fund at the World Bank.

An ambitious but targeted political declaration from this HLM can serve as a timely catalyst to bolster and accelerate global cooperation, leadership, equity, and action on Pandemic PPR. As negotiations for the HLM outcome document take shape, we urge you to prioritize the following:

- ***Agree to establish a robust set of monitoring and accountability mechanisms to catalyze high-level political accountability for Pandemic PPR and break the recurring cycle of pandemic panic and neglect.*** The HLM political declaration should establish:
 - An **annual leader-level summit**, similar to the Conference of Parties for Climate Change, to assess Pandemic PPR progress and gaps and priorities for action. This should commence in conjunction with the [Summit for the Future](#) in September 2024;
 - An **independent monitoring and accountability framework**, to be aligned with the formal processes that may be later adopted under the proposed Pandemic Accord, provided such processes are independent, and which calls for an annual, independent, rigorous, public report on the global state of pandemic PPR;
 - Support for **strengthening existing Pandemic PPR-related assessments, measurements, and tools**, including the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic experience.
- ***Endorse creation of a standing United Nations council at Head of State/Head of Government-level to drive ongoing vigilance and timely, concerted global response to current and future health crises and pandemic threats.*** Such a high-level council should:
 - Ensure **inclusive representation** of governments from all regions as well as non-governmental leaders, with diverse geographical and gender representation;
 - Be informed by **rigorous, regular, independent assessments** to identify and monitor areas for priority action and investment;
 - Promote **international cooperation on pandemics beyond the health sector**, in recognition that pandemics pose an existential threat to the global economy, to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to our collective security;
 - **Build and sustain momentum for political action**, including e.g. holding member states to account for developing, publicizing, delivering, and regularly updating evidence-based, whole-of-government National Action Plans for Health Security.
- ***Reach consensus on a standing global platform to ensure timely, equitable, and affordable global access to, and delivery of, pandemic countermeasures (PCM) for all.*** Such a ready, end-to-end PCM platform should:
 - Be **designed and convened** by low- and middle-income country partners;
 - Ensure **equity in PCM access from research and development (R&D) through to delivery**, including through enabling knowledge sharing, capacity building,

- technology transfer, and investments in R&D hubs, clinical trials and manufacturing in LMICs, in mutually respectful and beneficial contexts;
 - Link **public financing** for medical research to equitable access provisions and removing trade-related barriers in the event of a crisis;
 - Prioritize **protection** of frontline health workers and the most vulnerable populations;
 - Identify **synergies** between disease-specific programs and PPR, and reinforce efforts to end the continuing threats of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and cholera.
- **Commit to secure the necessary, additional financing at scale to close critical funding gaps for Pandemic PPR as a global public good.** Financing commitments should include:
 - Agree to fully and sustainably capitalize the **Pandemic Fund** to reach its annual target of USD \$10.5B in new international financing, with all countries contributing;
 - Commit to full funding for the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)** and other global financing mechanisms that support Pandemic PPR;
 - Establish a **global pandemic surge financing mechanism** to trigger immediate release of funds to the aforementioned PCM platform and affected countries to enable rapid disbursement in the event of a PHEIC declaration;
 - Each country commits to mobilize **additional, long-term domestic PPR financing** as their economies grow.
- **Reinforce the importance of a multisectoral approach to Pandemic PPR.** Priority areas for multisectoral action should include:
 - **One Health:** All countries commit to comprehensive plans to address the upstream drivers that lead to virus spillover and for early detection of outbreaks in humans, domestic animals, and wildlife, e.g. aligning National Action Plans for Health Security with National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);
 - **WASH:** Strengthen and sustainably invest in primary infection prevention and control capabilities to break disease transmission pathways, e.g. by increasing access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in healthcare facilities;
 - **Primary Health Care (PHC):** Ensure that targeted Pandemic PPR investments leave a legacy of strong, resilient PHC systems that can protect delivery of essential health services in a crisis and advance Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Moreover, the HLM should affirm global solidarity and the commitments of member states to advance equity within and among countries and to safeguard and strengthen economic, social and cultural rights in Pandemic PPR. This should include commitments to gender equity, to respect, protect, and fulfill the right to health, food, water, sanitation, an adequate standard of living, social security, and education, and to prioritize the rights of those at higher risk or in vulnerable situations, including older people, children, persons with disabilities, and those in situations of conflict and other humanitarian contexts.

The Pandemic PPR HLM must not be a one-off event. We urge you to support these priorities and to ensure that this HLM elevates and sustains the political leadership, actions, investments, and accountability necessary to help protect humanity from another devastating pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

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 Action for Animal Health Coalition
 Amis des Étrangers au Togo
 Amref Health Africa
 Alpha Action for Social and Economic Development
 Association For Promotion Sustainable Development

AVAC
 Black Emergency Managers Association International
 CARE International
 Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development Initiatives
 Centre for Emergency and Development Support
 Centre for Health and Development Initiative Africa
 Coalition for Health Research and Development
 Community Initiative Action Group Kenya
 Conservation International
 CORE Group
 Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
 Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organisations
 FIND
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 Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
 Frontline AIDS
 Fundacion Huesped
 GHSA Consortium
 Global COVID Community Board
 Global Health Advocacy Incubator
 Global Health Council
 Global Health Technologies Coalition
 Global Public Health Policy Lab, University of Miami
 Healthcare Foundation Organization
 Heart that Cares for Better Health Organization
 Infectious Diseases Society of America
 International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
 International Alliance of Patients Organizations
 International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
 International Medical Corps
 Internews
 Korean Advocates for Global Health
 Live Well Initiatives
 Malaria Youth Army
 Management Sciences for Health
 ONE Campaign
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Initiative
 Pandemic Action Network
 PATH
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 Pour Demain
 Project HOPE
 Project Liaison
 Results UK
 Right2Health Action
 SAMOCRI
 SightSavers
 Spark Street Advisors
 Stowarzyszenie Higieny Lecznictwa
 Task Force for Global Health
 Technologies for Pandemic Defense
 Uganda Child and Aid Development Foundation
 Uganda Peace Foundation

Universal Health and Development Foundation
WACI Health
WaterAid
What to Expect Project
Wider Aid & Development Agency - South Sudan
Wote Youth Development Projects