

May 22, 2022

Dear Member State Delegates to the 75th World Health Assembly,

On behalf of the undersigned non-profit organizations, civil society and community groups, philanthropies and concerned individuals, we have an urgent message for those gathering in Geneva: act now to ensure WHO has the resources it needs to end the COVID-19 pandemic, prevent future health emergencies, and deliver on the Triple Billion Targets.

Member States have an historic opportunity at WHA75 to strengthen and invest in WHO's role as the leading intergovernmental health organization dedicated to advancing global health and wellbeing for all people.

We commend the notable efforts made by Member States over the past 1.5 years to reach agreement on financially empowering WHO to fulfill its mandate. The consensus achieved in the April 2022 meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing is a significant signal of the power of multilateral cooperation to achieve shared aims to benefit populations across the world.

We call on all Member States to wholeheartedly endorse the recommendation of the Working Group to increase the level of assessed contributions so that by the 2030-2031 biennium or sooner, these contributions constitute 50% of the WHO base budget.

This decisive commitment will affirm Member States' willingness to ensure that WHO is fit for purpose and able to deliver on Member States' expectations. More importantly, a sustainably financed WHO is a prerequisite to achieving the goals of the General Programme of Work (2019-2025) and Sustainable Development Goal 3 - Good Health and Wellbeing.

The world needs a strong, sustainably financed WHO. In turn, Member States deserve assurance that the organization is transparent, efficient, and accountable for its financial and programmatic performance, which the Director-General has committed to advance.

A stronger WHO is in the interest of all governments and their citizens. Investments in WHO produce an economic return of 35 US dollars for every 1 US dollar invested. The current pandemic has more than demonstrated the urgency to **ensure WHO is better prepared to prevent future health crises and help countries re-accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.**

This is a decisive moment that will have a lasting impact on WHO's future work and impact the Organizations' ability to prevent future health emergencies. We call on all Member States to fully adopt the report of the WGSF at WHA75.

Sincerely,

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Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

Cordaid

CORE Group

Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)

ECOM - Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity

Every Breath Counts Coalition

FIND

Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria

GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance

Girls Advocacy Network-Ghana

Global Coalition of TB Advocates

Global Health Advocates Network (GFAN)

Global Health Council*

Global Health Technologies Coalition

Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE)

Global TB Prevention Justice Network (GTPJN)

Good Health Community Programmes

Harm Reduction International

Harm Reduction Zambia Network

HIV Justice Network

International Youth Council-Yemen (IYCY)

IntraHealth International*

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Most At Risk Populations' Society in Uganda (MARPS In Uganda)

National TB Network Nepal

ONE Campaign

Pandemic Action Network

PATH*

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The Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB, and Malaria*

The Reformed Drug and Substance Abuse Initiative (REDSAI), Nigeria

The Task Force for Global Health*

Treatment Action Group

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*signifies Non-State actors or Organization in official relations with WHO

