



June 15, 2022

Dear G7 Leaders,

Ahead of this month's G7 Leaders' Summit and in the face of multiple global challenges, civil society groups from around the world urge you to take action on pandemics to both align the global response to make COVID-19 a controllable respiratory disease across all countries and step up efforts to prepare the world against the next pandemic threat. While the outcomes of the last Global COVID-19 Summit and G7 Ministerial Meetings showed renewed political commitment and a much needed reset to the global response, ending this pandemic still demands further action. As noted in May's G7 Foreign, Health, and Development Ministers communiqués, the pandemic won't be over until it is over for all. We are calling on you to invest now to end the current crisis and prevent the next, including by addressing poverty and inequality as barriers to ending pandemics and through investment in national health capacity and community systems.

Specifically, we encourage you to prioritize the following actions:

**1. Fill the financing gaps to advance the delivery of COVID-19 tools still needed such as tests and treatments, increasing transparency to foster coordination and enhance value for money**

- Contribute to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) to ensure at least 50% of its funding is achieved by the end of June 2022, fund all delivery costs set out in the ACT-A strategy.
- Ensure other funding efforts and replenishments in 2022 are successful including the new Global Health Security and Pandemic Preparedness Fund (see point 2 below), the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as well as fully funding the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) 2.0 strategy to advance research and development on key global pandemic threats with an equitable approach.
- Provide funding for investment in country systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to address the systemic and delivery barriers that are preventing LMICs from achieving their COVID-19 national, regional, and global targets.
- Fully fund the 100 Day Mission launched by G7 in June 2021 to ensure diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines are available within 100 days of the WHO declaring a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

**2. Advance new, equitable, inclusive, and innovative sources of financing for pandemic preparedness and response, including through the new Global Health Security and Pandemic Preparedness Fund (Pandemic Prep Fund)**

- Commit to making the new Pandemic Prep Fund an example of best practice in terms of inclusion, representation, and equity by giving voice and decision-making power to LMIC governments, CSOs, and communities, to make sure that everyone contributes, everyone benefits, and everyone decides;
- Build on early seed funding for the new Pandemic Prep Fund by securing additional commitments to help reach US\$10 billion per year; ensure these funds enable countries and regions to respond to pandemic threats and fill country-identified gaps, using existing assessments such as the Global Health Security Index to help identify gaps and use new sources of financing that do not divert scarce ODA resources;
- Deliver, without further delay, the US\$100 billion committed in recycled Special Drawing Rights through Multilateral Development Banks and the IMF's Resilience and Sustainability Trust, leveraging these funds for global health and climate.

- Secure ambitious investments for primary health care to ensure effective responses to health threats while maintaining effective delivery of essential health services.
- Support regional efforts such as the proposal by the African Heads of States to establish the Africa Epidemic Fund to provide an additional pool of resources at the regional level.
- Ensure fund principles result in equality of leadership positions for women; health workers are properly compensated and have safe and decent working conditions and that gender dimensions of policies and programs are taken into account.

### **3. Build on the G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness Concept Note of May 20 to drive support for a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to pandemic preparedness**

- Work with CSOs, communities, and LMICs to define the technical, political, and financial support needed at the country and regional level to best fulfill the Pact's collaborative surveillance and pandemic readiness objectives, including as regards the development of the general roadmap for practical cooperation.

Alongside new and sustained financing for pandemic preparedness and response, it is crucial the G7 works to ensure high-level political leadership and coordination to monitor and address future health threats before they become pandemics. The G7 Summit can be an opportunity to **publicly endorse the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response's recommendation to establish a Global Health Threats Council and commit to advancing the proposal during the upcoming United Nations General Assembly**. This Council would ensure that high level political leadership and attention to pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response are sustained over time in the service of a vision of a world without pandemics, and also ensure a governance role for civil society, as set out in the terms of reference.

Amid the pressing issues that the international community faces, we must intensify our work together to accelerate momentum on the global COVID-19 response and ensure comprehensive pandemic preparedness in all countries. We offer our full support to you on this agenda to ensure we make progress on these issues in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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