



Delivering on **Global Health** During the Danish Presidency

As Denmark's Presidency of the Council of the European Union approaches, we, as civil society organisations working to advance global health, believe that under Denmark's leadership, the EU has an incredible opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen its promises to advance global health equity, leveraging and mobilising political and funding commitments, addressing the root causes of health inequalities globally.

To ensure that the Danish Presidency is successful in delivering concrete and ambitious global health goals, we call on the Presidency to:

1. Champion the EU's leadership in global health

- Ensure that the EU steps up its leadership to promote and advance global health, at a time when the US and other major donors are withdrawing from multilateralism and international cooperation, decreasing their humanitarian, research and development funding, risking rolling back hard-won progress;
- Ensure full and ambitious implementation of the EU Global Health Strategy, with adequate financial resources, and monitor the progress made, including through the findings of the upcoming first bi-annual implementation report;

2. Promote Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and strengthen health systems

- Ensure that health equity is at the core of the EU's international cooperation policies, with the objective to achieve UHC and strengthen health systems globally, with concrete efforts to prioritise Primary Health Care, address social determinants of health, and ultimately reduce poverty and inequalities, which is the primary goal of EU international cooperation as set out in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
- Ensure that development funds do not lead to the financialisation and commercialisation of health care in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) but are aimed at expanding equitable, publicly funded and delivered health care free at the point of need;
- Foster stronger political commitment in fighting climate-sensitive diseases and building climate-resilient health systems;
- Reaffirm the principle that, when EU public funding is used to develop biomedical tools, it must be accompanied by access conditions to guarantee the availability, affordability, and accessibility of medical products to all those in need, including to LMICs;

3. Transforming commitments into progress: Health in the EU-Africa partnership

- Assess the progress of the EU-Africa partnership on health, including the public health ambitions set out in the AU-EU Innovation Agenda, reconfirming the EU's strong commitment to its implementation;

- Adopt a health-specific final declaration in the context of the EU-Africa Summit later this year, confirming the parties' commitments to: upholding Africa's health sovereignty; recognising the key role of research and innovation (R&I) in advancing health; supporting a strong rights-based approach to health; recognising the importance of the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender equality; investing on the first 1000 days of life of children and fight against child mortality, especially from preventable causes; and integrating the key role of nutrition as well as enhancing Primary Health Care (PHC) to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030;
- Support the strengthening of African countries' health R&I capacities, including regulatory and manufacturing capacities, ensuring that health tools are context relevant, available, affordable and accessible to all those in need;

4. Scale-up EU financing for global health

- Ensure continued financial support to impactful multilateral Global Health Initiatives, making sure that both Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund are fully funded during their upcoming replenishments and ensure continued and ambitious funding to the UNFPA Supplies Partnership and Unitaid;
- Scale up investments to regional Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs) promoting health in Africa, and help build synergies among them and other ongoing initiatives, including those supported by Danish actors such as the Novo Nordisk Foundation;

In particular, as part of the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027:

- Support the adoption of an ambitious, well-funded and stand-alone instrument for international cooperation, with the promotion of global health as a key objective, and with at least EUR 200 billion in ODA over the next 7-year MFF;
- Support the adoption of an ambitious EU4Health programme, with the allocation of adequate financial resources, equivalent to at least its current budget, with a significant share of funding dedicated for international challenges;
- Support the adoption of an ambitious, well-funded and standalone Research & Innovation Framework Programme, as part of the next MFF, with dedicated funding for health research, with the objective of addressing pressing global health challenges, including in areas of unmet need such as infectious diseases and women's health, including sexual and reproductive health.

