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**KEY
RESULTS**





2021 was a year where health inequality was starkly illustrated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic demonstrated the critical need for the global community to improve its collective approach to global health. Countries and communities most affected by global health challenges remain in the 'backseat' of the current global health architecture. Rich countries and regional power blocs often impede equitable access to healthcare.

Ensuring that global health is a political priority for France and the European Union (EU) and that they account for their commitments remained a major focus in 2021. We concentrated on health equity and access – specifically the inequalities illustrated through the lens of COVID-19, and we engaged with new partners to deepen our work and enable us to focus on a wider set of issues.

GHA also broadened its focus during 2021. We launched our first campaign on sexual and reproductive health and rights, 'EssentiELLES' at the Generation Equality Forum. We continued our long-term cooperation with the ACTION advocacy partnership, raising the political profile of global health in twelve countries across the world. We kick-started our strategy renewal process for 2022-2027, with a new strategy to be launched during 2022.

Patrick Bertrand, Founder and Director



OUR KEY RESULTS

COVID-19 : ensuring health equity and access

With 88% of people living in low-income countries still unvaccinated, GHA called on France and the EU to remove intellectual property barriers that prevent scaling up and diversifying production of affordable vaccines. The pandemic highlights the need to consider health as a global public good, to prioritize people over profit, to ensure equitable access to health products and resources and to improve global health governance.

COVID-19 recovery was at the top of every political agenda, with many donors – including the EU and France – supporting the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, a global collaboration mechanism aiming to accelerate the development, the production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tools. However, the funding of the mechanism was essential to fulfill its mission.

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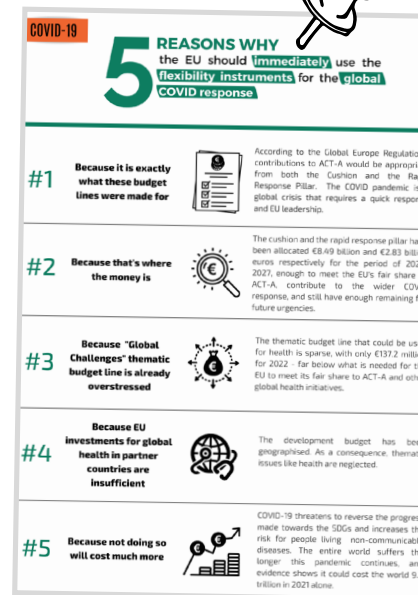
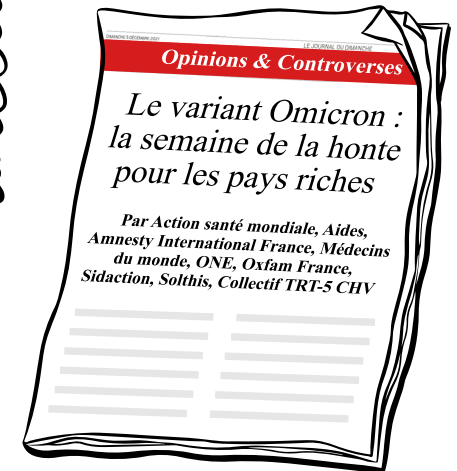
- **GHA was invited to the Elysée prior to the Carbis Bay G7 Summit, with six other NGOs, to dialogue with the French President Emmanuel Macron. He shared GHA's call to do more in the global fight against COVID-19, by saying that intellectual property rights must not hinder access to vaccines during a pandemic.**
- **By mid 2022, the European Commission pledged 1.2 billion USD to the ACT Accelerator.**

GHA together with partners [called on the EU to meet their "fair share"](#) and contribute an additional €1.3 billion from its flexibility instruments - a budget line planned for emergencies. Similarly, GHA [called on France to do its part](#) by making financial contributions in addition to dose donations.



Meeting with Emmanuel Macron at the Elysée: GHA coordinated civil society discussions on the Covid response in France and advocated for stronger involvement of France to the Access to Covid Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), including the need to temporarily lift Intellectual Property rules (the so-called TRIPS Waiver) and to support increased manufacturing capacities in Africa.

GHA and its partners pointed out G7 countries' responsibility for vaccine inequity, as they have been blocking negotiations at the WTO to waive intellectual property barriers to upscaling affordable & accessible vaccines production. [Read more](#)



OUR KEY RESULTS

Enhancing governance and accountability of public research funding for health

The mobilisation of public funds for research and development of vaccines and treatments has been unprecedented and it highlighted the extremely important and needed role that the public can play in biomedical research. In this context, governments need to introduce policies that promote transparency and equity in their relations with the pharmaceutical industry and enable greater accountability for public R&D spending.

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Throughout 2021, GHA sustained pressure in the framework of the French Social Security Financing Bill (PLFSS) that led to the adoption of provisions requiring pharmaceutical companies to disclose the amount of R&D related public subsidies they received each year.

GHA provided inputs to the cabinet of the Minister of Health on the drafting of the implementation decree.

GHA's Executive Director, Patrick Bertrand, during a High-Level Panel on 'Redefining the speed of innovation' at the Politico 2021 Health Care Summit.



GHA issued a discussion paper that explores the role of equity in the pandemic preparedness and response (PPR) political dialogue, through an analysis of current and future global health mechanisms, identifying shortcomings in the global health governance architecture. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC GOVERNANCE OF HERA IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE PUBLIC INTEREST-DRIVEN DECISIONS

HERA MUST ADOPT TRANSPARENCY STANDARDS AT ALL LEVELS TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

HERA'S END PRODUCTS MUST BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC GOOD TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

GHA and its partners raised concerns over the governance structure of the EU's new Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) by creating a social media campaign to present three guiding principles for HERA : i) guaranteed independence, autonomy and evidence driven decisions aligned with public interest and global health needs, ii) affordable products, available and accessible globally, iii) public accountability.



OUR KEY RESULTS

Enabling partnership with southern partners

The 6th European Union summit aimed to renew the relationship between the EU and the African Union but the EU's position was not up to the task in terms of supporting better health. Many southern Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) are mobilised to foster commitments from governments and donors and make progress on sustained and qualitative access to health services for all. GHA has developed a rich partnership with ASAPSU in Côte d'Ivoire, supporting them in their national and regional advocacy.

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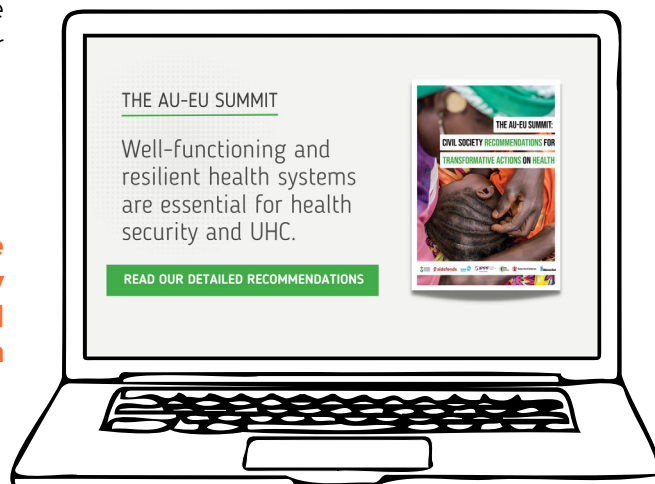
Health Systems is one of the pillar of the Global Gateway investment package announced by the EC during the EU/Africa Summit.

Prior to the 6th European Union - African Union summit, GHA worked with ACTION partner WACI health in Kenya to interview African civil society, sharing their insights with EU and summit officials. The EU's position on health lacked focus on longer-term sustainable change nor had a commitment to fully fund its own global health initiatives. [Read more.](#)



Through GHA's blog page OPINIONS, Maimuna Abdullahi, Health Economist at the Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) talks about the importance of including locally based CSOs in the monitoring of the World Bank's project. [Read more.](#)

Prior to the 6th European Union - African Union summit, GHA and its partners drafted 7 recommendations for transformative actions on Health, aiming to recognize well-functioning and resilient health systems as essential for both health security, and universal health coverage (UHC). [Read More.](#)



WACI Health was invited to speak on community health during the Slovenian Presidency's EU-Africa health event. GHA with other CSOs called for a 6th partnership pillar on health.

OUR KEY RESULTS

4 Breaking the silos

GHA worked more broadly on global health challenges with a view to break down silos to improve equity and access. GHA brought its voice and advocacy experience to the field of gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights at the Generation Equality Forum and nutrition at the Nutrition for Growth Summit. GHA also encourages decision-makers to think about the links between growing environmental destruction and increasing pandemics and how adopting a more holistic approach including the management of natural resources is required to protect public health.

RESULTS :

- **At the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Tokyo, the Commission announced a new pledge of €2.5 billion for 2021-2024 to reduce all forms of malnutrition.**

- **At the Paris-held Generation Equality Forum, the UN Women-convened summit to accelerate gender quality investment, France committed €100 million (US\$122 million) in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for the next five years.**



"When COVID-19 broke, GHA was already highlighting environmental destruction as one of the main causes of pandemics (especially zoonotic diseases). GHA joined the Strategic Partner Committee of the One Sustainable Health Forum joining NGOs, academics and scientists, coordinating policy recommendations for European governments on the operationalisation of the One Health approach." Fanny Voitzwinkler, Advisor to the Executive Director

Meeting with Deputy General Director of INTPA : GHA's worked through the Generation Nutrition (GN) coalition to mobilise the EU Commissioner for International Partnerships Jutta Urpilainen by linking the fight against malnutrition to other EU priorities, issuing recommendations linked to the EU Multiannual budget, malnutrition and COVID-19, malnutrition and education and issuing a financial ask for the Summit.

GHA created links with feminist organisations by developing new tools and tactics (podcasts, newsletter, cartoons) and established new partnerships with organisations working on SRHR. [Read more.](#)



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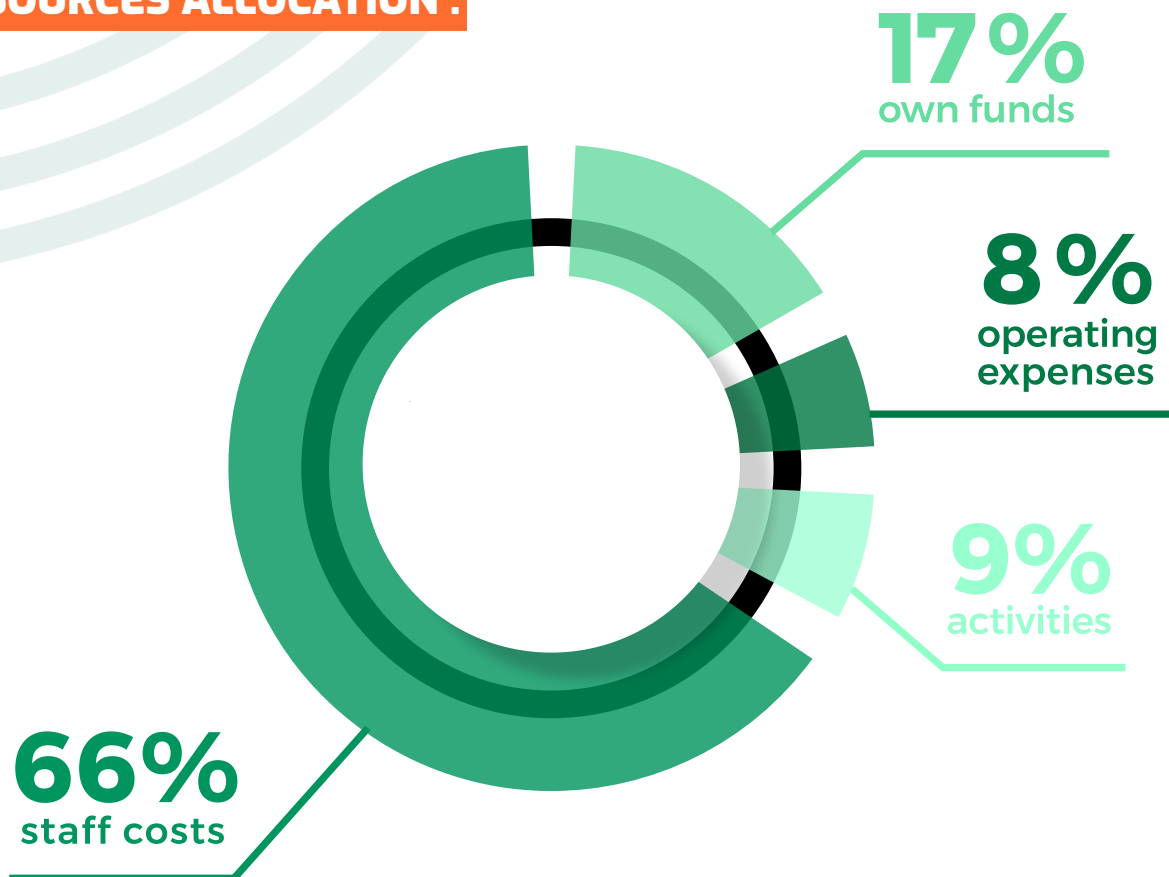
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