

## **Biden Administration's 2nd Global COVID-19 Summit** **Global Health Council's Commitment**

As the world continues to grapple with the far-reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that our strategy must continue to evolve. We can work to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 by protecting those at highest risk with vaccinations, access to prompt diagnosis and treatment, actions to protect the health workforce, minimize disruptions to routine and essential health services, and support the ACT-Accelerator multilateral mechanism.

Global Health Council commits to advocate for the resources necessary to end the COVID-19 pandemic and building a stronger global health security architecture.

### **Vaccinate the World**

GHC will continue to advocate with U.S. Congressional leaders to accelerate financing for vaccine coverage and shots in arms. The urgently needed global COVID-19 supplemental funding package would support national and sub-national vaccination campaigns in making progress toward the 70% target, while immediately prioritizing fully vaccinating frontline health workers, the elderly, and the immunocompromised. This funding will allow the U.S. Agency for International Development's Global Vaccination initiative to continue its life-saving work. In collaboration with our members, GHC will continue to mobilize experts, advocates, and policymakers to increase equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and other tools.

### **Build Better Health Security**

GHC will continue to advocate to accelerate financing and political support for a strengthened global health security architecture. This includes educating policymakers and civil society partners on the importance of establishing a new financial intermediary fund, housed at the World Bank, to help address critical health security and pandemic preparedness financing gaps.

GHC will continue to advocate to bolster commitments among stakeholders within multilateral organizations, like the United Nations and World Health Organization (WHO), and ensure these bodies are sustainably-resourced and well-equipped to address the world's most pressing health needs.

The ongoing health security strengthens efforts within WHO are integral to making the global health security architecture stronger and more cohesive. GHC will continue to raise civil society voices within these efforts, including: the work and recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing, the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies, amendments to the International Health Regulations, and the negotiations of a new pandemic instrument.

To ensure future global health security, GHC is committed to advocating for investments in strengthening health systems and the health workforce, through mechanisms such as a health resilience fund at USAID and a health workforce initiative. Investments in both of these areas are critical to resiliency, and access to quality, effective healthcare for all, especially for historically marginalized and underserved populations.

GHC will continue to elevate and unify diverse voices across our membership to ensure that global health programs are effective, equitable, and better equipped to detect, prevent, and respond to infectious disease threats, and meet the needs of the communities they serve.