Fellow advocates and friends,

Though I joined Global Health Council nearly two thirds of the way through 2021, I can’t help but take enormous pride in the efforts of the team and what we, in collaboration with all of you, were able to accomplish throughout the year. Having been a member of GHC for 15 years, I had long been impressed with its mission and impact. Now, witnessing the efforts from within the organization, I am truly astonished at what this small but mighty team is able to accomplish.

In many ways, 2021 was a year of transition – for the world, for our community, and certainly for GHC. While COVID is still very much with us, after two years in the spotlight, the public and decision makers are eager to move on, diverting focus not only from the pandemic, but from global health more broadly. This is a significant challenge for our community; we understand all too well how progress has been stymied by COVID-19 and how much ground must still be covered in order to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. We will have to work that much harder to mobilize attention and resources in order to safeguard the world against disease and build healthier, more sustainable communities.

In addition to a change in leadership, GHC began a transition to a broader membership over the last year, as well. We have been cultivating a more diverse, global set of stakeholders, representing low and middle income countries (LMIC) as well as donor countries. One of the ways we did this was by inviting representatives from marginalized populations in the U.S. and LMIC’s to share and assess inequities faced during COVID-19. The powerful contributions from this conversation resulted in our newest publication, *The Health Impacts of COVID-19 on Those Most Left Behind*.

We hosted our annual Global Health Landscape Symposium virtually for the second time. We applied what we from our first year of hosting this convening digitally, we leveled up to an even more user friendly platform and engaging a diverse community of speakers and attendees.

We also sought to drive change at key moments including at *Global COVID-19 Summit: Ending the Pandemic and Building Back Better*, hosted by President Biden and through the publication of our *Security to Solidarity: Examining Language to Make the Case for U.S. Investment in Global Health*, which is intended to shift the narrative around global health security. In addition, we continued our “bread-and-butter” work, convening roundtables, advocating for effective global health policies and funding, and hosting a delegation (albeit virtually) to the 74th World Health Assembly.

What has not changed – nor will it, despite continued transition in the world, our community, and GHC itself – is our focus on increased global health funding, equitable and inclusive policies, and access to care for all people. Our goal, as always, is supporting this community, even in the midst of a constantly changing environment.

As the world continues to evolve, GHC will do the same. In the coming months, we will be unveiling a refreshed strategic plan to help guide our work. And we have several other exciting programs and projects in development that we will share soon. In the meantime, let’s take one last look back at 2021 and celebrate what we were able to achieve together.
Global Health Council is the leading member organization devoted to advancing global health priorities by uniting advocates, implementers, policy makers, and other stakeholders.

Using the power of our community’s collective voice, we work across disease areas to drive sustainable funding and equitable policies that improve global health and well-being for all. We work with more than 100 organizations—including associations and coalitions, corporations, foundations, NGOs, academic institutions and think tanks—across 150 countries and focus on a broad range of global health issues.
Our Work: Advocacy

Hosted more than 30 Global Health Advocacy Roundtables and webinars on subjects including the bi-annual Global Health Briefing Book and our Security to Solidarity Report;

Provided more than 25 bi-weekly advocacy updates to share the latest global health news from the U.S. administration, Congress, and multilateral institutions;

Collaborated with multiple stakeholders including national and regional Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to influence policy design and implementation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC);

Shared our expertise with media outlets including DevEx and A Shot in the Arm, a podcast on health and human rights;

Led and supported more than 40 community sign-on letters and “Dear Colleague” letters to policymakers in the U.S. government and to multilateral organizations;

Helped to advance the pending Global Health Security Act in Congress, supplemental funding for COVID-19, and annual funding recommendations to Congress;

Advocated for strong global health policies at major events such as the COVID-19 Summit hosted by the White House;

Collected community input to develop Security to Solidarity: Examining Language To Make The Case for U.S. Investments In Global Health;

Provided community-based organizations and other members with training and funding opportunities.
Our Work: Access

Virtually hosted more than 200 attendees at the Global Health Landscape Symposium convening global health policy and program experts - across sectors - to simulate conversations, break down barriers, and share best practices;

Brought together members and advocates for important U.S. and UN policy discussions, including monthly stakeholder meetings and periodic thought leadership forums, with high-level attendees;

Hosted a diverse virtual delegation of advocates at the World Health Assembly, where we collectively weigh in on key policy discussions, provide interventions, and host side events to call attention to specific issues.

Our Work: Amplification

Prepared joint messaging, sharing important calls to action, and provided a platform for our members and civil society at large;

Shared our Global Health Community Calendar to provide details on upcoming, relevant events;

Elevated the work and experiences of global health advocates and our members through focus group and more than a dozen member spotlights.
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