

# GLOBAL HEALTH & MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## What You Should Know

**Multilaterals are key to global health progress.** Multilateral organizations coordinate and leverage international support to advance global health goals. Partnerships with United Nations agencies; the Global Health Security Agenda; and other innovative organizations like the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, the Global Fund, and Gavi, allows the United States to deliver on its commitments to achieve the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and meet U.S. global health objectives.

**U.S. contributions to multilaterals are cost-effective.** Every dollar the United States contributes to these organizations is multiplied by other donors, making it a best buy for U.S. taxpayers.

**With U.S. support, multilaterals have an incredible impact.** Together, United States and global partners

have helped to tackle the world's most pressing health challenges. For example,

- UNICEF-procured vaccines reach 45% of children globally, saving an estimated 2.5 million children annually.<sup>1</sup>
- The World Health Organization (WHO) ACT-Accelerator coordinates the research, procurement, and delivery of COVID-19 tools for low- and middle-income countries in record time, including the delivery of 1.5 billion vaccine doses, 167.8 million tests, and over \$767 million worth of personal protective equipment.<sup>2</sup>
- UNFPA supports over 30 million women a year with sexual and reproductive health services.<sup>3</sup>

## Congressional Calls to Action

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### **Ensure high-level U.S. representation at global fora, like the World Health Assembly, the G7/G20, and the U.N. General Assembly.**

The United States must continue to work collaboratively with international partners to advance global health goals. U.S. leadership in discussions—like those focused on creating a pandemic framework or consultations to launch a pandemic preparedness fund—will shape future global health security and preparedness for health emergencies.

### **Pay U.S. fair share for U.N. health agencies and other multilateral partners, ensuring consistent and flexible contributions.**

The United States must ensure multilateral organizations have adequate funding to deliver on their mandates. Relevant U.S. agencies should also simplify funding streams and reduce reporting requirements to allow these institutions to rapidly respond to complex health challenges.

### **Support the launch of the Pandemic Fund**

The new World Bank-managed fund aims to mobilize an additional \$10 billion annually to close critical gaps in global, regional, and national prevention, preparedness, and response efforts. The Global Health Security Agenda, established by the United States and others in 2014, could serve as a ready-made platform for countries to identify capacity gaps and inform how the fund could be leveraged.

## Why is this investment important?

U.S. support for strong, effective, and fully funded multilateral organizations is critical to maintaining global health progress. U.S. investments help these organizations sustain their vital work and bolster U.S. bilateral efforts to eradicate diseases and save millions of lives annually.

Multilateral organizations help protect American lives and accomplish U.S. health priorities by

- Collaborating with U.S. agencies that safeguard American health and security at home and abroad.
  - Amplifying U.S. bilateral investments in global health to make populations healthier and to improve global health security.
  - Enhancing America's influence and agenda-setting ability on the international stage.
- Strengthening rapid, effective global response efforts to disease outbreaks and other health emergencies through research and development (R&D) coordination, capacity building, and data sharing.
  - Providing prevention, treatment, and care services for ongoing pandemics and health challenges such as HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, measles, and neglected tropical diseases.

Multilateral organizations have unique credibility, convening power, and necessary organizational mechanisms to coordinate health work on a global scale. U.S. agencies rely on the extensive networks of these organizations to access remote or unstable areas, quickly respond to health crises, and advance strategic U.S. health priorities worldwide.



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