Pandemic Action Network
Global Policy and Advocacy Priorities

The Pandemic Action Network advocates for the leadership, evidence-based policies and funding necessary to ensure that the world is better prepared to prevent, detect, and respond to COVID-19 and emerging pandemic threats. A core principle of the Pandemic Action Network is that no one in the world is safe until everyone is safe. We are focused on **breaking the cycle of panic and neglect** that has characterized recent global responses to epidemics and pandemics.

We believe that *every* country must take action to become better prepared; however, our efforts will focus particular attention on **the needs of people in low- and middle-income countries and the most vulnerable communities** with the weakest health systems.

The Pandemic Action Network's policy, advocacy, and communications hub **catalyzes** political action, **collaborates** with partners, and **connects** leaders and influencers across the public and private sectors to achieve **four overarching objectives:**

- **Ensure full and transparent funding** for the global COVID-19 response and future pandemic preparedness
- **Strengthen the global health security architecture** to deliver more timely and effective pandemic preparedness and response
- **Accelerate equitable access to lifesaving supplies, tools and innovations** to combat COVID-19 and emerging pandemic threats
- **Promote evidence-based communications and policies** to address the global infodemic crisis on infectious disease threats

To advance each of these four objectives, the Pandemic Action Network core team will prioritize action in the following areas**:**

Ensure full and transparent funding for the global COVID-19 response and future pandemic preparedness

- **Shape and influence the outcome of key global summits and pledging opportunities in 2020-21** (including e.g. the Global Goals: Unite for our Future, G7/G20, UN General Assembly, World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings, World Health Assembly and other dedicated international moments) to secure maximum funding and political support to close the gaps in the global COVID-19 response and bolster pandemic preparedness in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

- **Call on world leaders to develop and adopt an ambitious global, costed strategic plan** to ensure the world is better prepared for future pandemic threats, which prioritizes increased domestic and international funding to develop and implement National Action Plans for Health Security.

- **Inform and drive innovative multilateral funding solutions** e.g. establishing a Global Health Security Challenge Fund, developing "resilience" budgets, regional and/or other mechanisms to prioritize investments in pandemic preparedness.

- **Secure and sustain increased funding for pandemic preparedness and response in overseas aid budgets** in Europe, US, UK and selected donor nations.

Strengthen the global health security architecture for more timely and effective pandemic preparedness and response

- **Ensure that the WHA-endorsed international review of the COVID-19 response is rigorous, transparent, inclusive and actionable,** informed by the perspectives of a diverse range of stakeholders and lessons learned on the most effective policy interventions, with a view toward needs of LMICs and vulnerable communities.
- **Secure political and financial support to strengthen the World Health Organization (WHO) and promote institutional and policy reforms** designed to strengthen WHO's preparedness, early warning and rapid response capacity.
- **Build global consensus and political will on the systemic changes necessary to improve leadership and accountability for pandemic preparedness**, including e.g. reducing fragmentation and bolstering the International Health Regulations (IHRs), the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), GHS Index and/or other efforts to drive national and global action.

Accelerate equitable access to lifesaving supplies, tools and innovations to combat COVID-19 and emerging pandemic threats

- **Secure political and financial support for procurement, stockpiling and deployment of critical supplies and tools** to support the frontline COVID-19 response and increase readiness to manage future outbreaks in Africa, including personal protective equipment, diagnostics and surveillance tools.
- **Shape and inform major global policy mechanisms and decisions to ensure equitable access to a COVID-19 vaccine, diagnostics and therapeutics,** including:
    - **ensuring that the governance and activities of the ACT Accelerator** incorporate the diverse perspectives and needs of LMICs and civil society
    - **promoting adoption of international norms and principles** for COVID-19 vaccine distribution plans that prioritizes access and removes financial barriers for the poorest and most vulnerable populations.

Promote evidence-based communications and policies to address the global infodemic crisis on infectious disease threats

- **Identify and share evidence-based resources** to amplify across the Network and **directly address misinformation and myths,** including by pairing communications with community engagement activities whenever possible.
- **Develop compelling content to promote key behaviors** that will be most effective to help people protect themselves and their communities to stop COVID-19 spread
- **Engage high-profile influencers** (e.g. celebrities, sports captains & other leaders) to increase social norming around protective behaviors, such as wearing masks.
- **Prepare for emerging behavior change communications needs** including a strategy around building confidence in vaccinations.