

NO HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY WITHOUT PEOPLE-CENTERED PARTNERSHIPS



CIVIL SOCIETY STATEMENT AHEAD OF THE 2026 AFRICA FORWARD SUMMIT

We, African, French, and international communities and civil society organizations committed to fighting health inequalities, call on African and French leaders to place people, equity, and country-led priorities at the heart of health cooperation.

We regret that civil society has had limited opportunities to meaningfully participate in the Africa Forward Summit, despite its essential role in delivering prevention, care, and shaping public health policies and ensuring accountability. Today, we reclaim our seat at the table and present to you our vision and recommendations for a stronger, more resilient future.

- **Strengthening health systems to leave no one behind**

We recommend that you consider health as the key driver of our collective security and shared prosperity. As His Excellency President John Mahama said at the One Health Summit in April in Lyon: “A healthy and thriving Africa will be a positive force for global progress, not a threat to anyone.” Now is the time to invest in the women and men who deliver care and to ensure that innovation protects everyone, not just the privileged few, against diseases and the impact of poverty, conflict and climate change.

- **Guaranteeing an equitable health architecture to maintain true sustainable partnerships**

We recommend that you reshape the global health architecture into one that is fair, inclusive and built on trust. National priorities should inform health compacts, established through a whole-of-country approach, including governments, civil society, communities and the private sector committed to the common good. In the field of research, supporting regional manufacturing means empowering countries to stand on their own strength, while remaining deeply connected to its partners.

- **Optimising financing to ensure global health security**

We recommend that you invest in health in line with its strategic potential. We ask that the global community does not give up on the goals to end epidemics and increase funding needed as a health threat in Africa is a health threat for everyone everywhere. Health sovereignty and global solidarity are not opposites; they are two expressions of the same commitment to a healthier, safer world. External financing should catalyse sovereignty via targeted initiatives, not perpetuate dependence, and domestic resources for health should complement international solidarity thanks to progressive tax systems.

At the end of the day, the true measure of success is simple: are people cared for, protected, and able to live with dignity? Health is not a technical issue alone: it is a common public good that must be reclaimed as such. It is a political choice that shapes whether people survive, thrive, and participate fully in society.

At a time of shrinking aid, rising health needs, and growing inequalities, equitable partnerships backed by predictable growing resources are what will make global health security sustainable. You have the chance and the responsibility to create a system where health threats are tackled collectively and effectively so that people can survive and thrive: take it, and accept our support in this journey.

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SIGNATORIES

1	ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership - Africa region
2	Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP) - Kenya
3	African Alliance for Health Research Economic Development - Kenya
4	Afrique Esperance NGO - Benin
5	Ahang Mphakathi Solutions - South Africa
6	AIHMS-GLOBAL - India
7	Almagda Community Development Initiative - Nigeria
8	Amref Health Africa - Global and France
9	ASAJIPEDC - Cameroon
10	ASAPSU - Ivory Coast
11	ASPAT PERU - Peru
12	Association For Promotion Sustainable Development - India
13	BCH Africa Cameroon - Cameroon
14	Botswana Network on Ethics/Human Rights, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA) - Botswana
15	Cameroon Green Land Network - Cameroon
16	CARE International - Somalia
17	Children Education Society (CHESO) - Tanzania
18	Christian Action for Development and Support (CADS) - South Sudan
19	CITAMplus - Zambia
20	Coalition of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (COWLHA) - Malawi
21	Community Development for the Peoples Health Advancement (CODEPHA) - Tanzania
22	Commission de coordination One Health (CCUS) - Democratic Republic of Congo
23	Commonwealth Medical Trust - United Kingdom
24	Community And Family Aid Foundation - Ghana
25	Community Forum for Advanced and Sustainable Future (COFAS) - Kenya
26	Community of Women Living with HIV in Lesotho - Lesotho
27	Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) - Zimbabwe
28	Consolation East Africa (CEA) - Kenya
29	CSYM HUDUMA - Tanzania
30	E-Warehouse Consulting - Nigeria
31	Education For All - Cameroon
32	El-Aged Care LTD/GTE - Nigeria
33	Emony Yefwe International - Kenya
34	Eswatini Youth and Women for Change - Eswatini
35	Extraordinary Women Advancing Healthcare Awards EWAH - Nigeria

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36	Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) Africa - Africa Region
37	Ghana HIV and AIDS Network - Ghana
38	Ghana HIV and AIDS Network (GHANET) - Ghana
39	Global Action Network for Sickle Cell & Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID) - USA
40	Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) - Global
41	Global Health Advocates - France
42	Global Public Health University GPHU - Nigeria
43	Good Health Community Programmes - Kenya
44	Gwebindlala HIV/ AIDS Organisation - South Africa
45	Health NGO's Network (HENNET) - Kenya
46	Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT) - Tanzania
47	HODSAS - Democratic Republic of Congo
48	Hope for Future Generations - Ghana
49	HOPE Worldwide Kenya - Kenya
50	Humanity & Inclusion - Global
51	ICamagu Natural Health and Medicine - South Africa
52	Ilchamus Disability Network - Kenya
53	Impact Sante Afrique (ISA) - Cameroon
54	Indigenous Professions of Southern Africa - South Africa
55	INERELA+ - Kenya
56	IIPC MENA - Morocco
57	Jeunesse du Monde en Action - France
58	KANCO - Kenya
59	Kandoli Youth Organization (KAYO) - Malawi
60	Kenya Occupational Therapists Association - Kenya
61	Kids & Teens Resource Centre - Nigeria
62	KYUSA Initiatives Ltd - Uganda
63	Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization - Sri Lanka
64	Le Grenier Du Developpement Rural (GDR) - Democratic Republic of Congo
65	Lending Hands Initiative - Kenya
66	LiveWell Initiative LWI - Nigeria
67	Malaria & NTDs Youth Corps Guinea - Guinea
68	Masvingo Association of Residential Care Facilities - Zimbabwe
69	Mbulu Education Network (MBUENET) - Tanzania
70	Medical Impact - Mexico
71	Most at Risk Young Mothers and Teenage Girls Living with HIV Initiatives (MOYOTE) - Kenya
72	Mouvement Gabonais pour la Promotion de la Bonne Gouvernance - Gabon

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73	NEPHAK - Kenya
74	ADET - Togo
75	Openhands Foundation - South Africa
76	Pendo African Initiative for Good Justice (PAIGJ/ONG) - Democratic Republic of Congo
77	Positive Women's Network - South Africa
78	Princess of Africa Foundation - South Africa
79	Quest For Growth and Development Foundation - Nigeria
80	RaHaSolutions - Kenya
81	Real Mans Movement - South Africa
82	Réseau Camerounais des Adolescents et Jeunes Positifs (RéCAJ+) - Cameroon
83	Resilient40 - Uganda
84	Restore Hope for Hopeless - Democratic Republic of Congo
85	Results Canada - Canada
86	Rose Academies - United States of America
87	RRP+ - Rwanda
88	Samasha - Uganda
89	Santé Sud - France
90	Sinatsisa Lubombo Women and girls Empowerment Organisation - Eswatini
100	SOLTHIS - France
101	Southern Africa Miners Association (SAMA) - South Africa
102	The Youth Platform Three Sixty - Zambia
103	Thriving Youth Leaders Initiative - Lesotho
104	Trevesom Organization - Somalia
105	Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Developpement (UNASCAD) - Haiti
106	Universal Maidens Association Cameroon (UNIMAC) - Cameroon
107	VIKASH-SAMUKHYA - India
108	Vision for Accelerated Sustainable Development Ghana - Ghana
109	Volunteers Welfare for Community Based Care of Zambia (VOWAZA) - Zambia
110	WACI Health - Kenya
111	West African Institute of Public Health - Nigeria
112	Women Against AIDS and Poverty Mbulu Tanzania East Africa - Tanzania
113	Women Against Cancer - South Africa
114	Women in Hepatitis Africa (WIHA) - Nigeria
115	Wote Youth Development Projects CBO - Kenya
116	Zicabangeleni Project - South Africa