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PDP PRESS RELEASES
PATH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 Nov: PATH partners with BBC StoryWorks and GCHA in new series "The Climate and Us"• 16 Nov: IOC, WHO, and PATH join forces to strengthen the role of community sport in promoting healthy lives• 17 Nov: USAID, CHRI, and PATH launch a new program on climate and health
FIND
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 Nov: African voices unite to drive cervical cancer elimination across the continent through new civil society coalition – ACHA• 24 Nov: Testing to combat antimicrobial resistance in low-resource settings gets US\$10 million boost from extended FIND–GAMRIF partnership• 29 Nov: FIND calls for commitments to implement the WHA Resolution on diagnostics, signs an agreement with Rwanda Biomedical Centre and launches a new report on diagnostics for global health security
GARDP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Nov: Positive results announced in largest pivotal phase 3 trial of a first-in-class oral antibiotic to treat uncomplicated gonorrhoea• 20 Nov: The RIGHT Foundation invests in new treatments for neonatal sepsis
IVI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 Nov: New typhoid conjugate vaccine Bio-TCV® approved in Indonesia• 16 Nov: IVI signs MOU with University of Cambridge, University of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club to establish the Hong Kong Jockey Club Global Health Institute• 28 Nov: CEPI, IVI and MRC Unit The Gambia partner to bolster clinical research capacity in West Africa to combat regional viral threats
IVCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Nov: New experts in entomology and in epidemiology join IVCC's External Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC)

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- 17 Nov: IVCC supports events to celebrate the role of science and innovation in addressing global health issues

IAVI

- 20 Nov: IAVI and Partners Announce the 7th Global Forum on TB Vaccines in 2024 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

DNDi

- 7 Nov: Seventh meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) for a WHO instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response
- 23 Nov: World's first clinical trial for devastating fungal disease mycetoma shows efficacy of new, promising treatment
- 23 Nov: DNDi@20 charity run shines the spotlight on neglected diseases in Kenya

MMV

- 6 Nov: MMV leadership to change in 2024
- 13 Nov: MMV congratulates Professor David Fidock, new President-Elect of ASTMH
- 27 Nov: Africa-Europe partnership launches study to evaluate emergency response tools for severe malaria in highly isolated rural settings

TB Alliance

- 7 Nov: New WHO Global TB Report Shows Recovery in Effort to Combat TB, But Stronger Investments are Needed to Help Reach UN Goals
- 9 Nov: New Drug-Resistant TB Treatments Reach Patients in Pakistan as Association for Social Development Accelerates Pilot Implementation
- 13 Nov: TB Alliance Applauds Macleods' Launch of a Key Component of WHO-Recommended Drug-Resistant TB Treatment Regimen
- 15 Nov: High Cure Rate with Drug-Resistant TB Regimen: Results of Operational Research in Central and Southeast Asia

FUNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6 Nov: Unitaid partners with the Climate Action Accelerator. UNITAID
- 15 Nov: Landmark Clinical Trial Redefines Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis Treatment Options. UNITAID

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- 15 Nov: [GHIT Fund Welcomes EIKEN CHEMICAL as New Sponsor](#). GHIT
- 22 Nov: [Executive Board approves ambitious new areas of work for Unitaid during its 43rd meeting](#). UNITAID
- 28 Nov: [New report shows 10 lifesaving health products contribute 3.5 megatons of carbon emissions per year – while also being at risk from climate change](#). UNITAID

NEW PDP PUBLICATIONS

- 30 Nov: [Will AI crack the code for antigens?](#). IAVI

OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Nov 8: [Meeting Report: Optimizing Efficiency and Impact in the African Clinical Trials Ecosystem](#). Africa CDC and African Union
- Nov 28: [From milligrams to megatons: A climate and nature assessment of 10 key health products](#). UNITAID
- Nov 30: [World malaria report 2023](#). WHO

RECENTLY RELEASED GENERAL R&D PDP RELATED ARTICLES AND BLOGS

- 1 Nov: [What is the world's top vaccine priority?](#). Healio
- 1 Nov: [Govind Narayanan becomes MPP's new Board Member](#). Medicines Patent Pool
- 1 Nov: [USITC Report Confirms Inadequacy of Voluntary License, Tier Pricing, International initiatives to Support Access in Developing Countries](#). Third World Network
- 3 Nov: [Swiss, Singapore and Korean regulatory agencies become first to receive new WHO listing](#). Health Policy Watch
- 3 Nov: [The Gates Foundation's new AI initiative: attempting to leapfrog global health inequalities?](#). BMJ
- 4 Nov: [£17m awarded to develop globally important vaccine hubs](#). Mirage News
- 6 Nov: [IFPMA announces leadership change in 2024](#). IFPMA
- 7 Nov: [Taking A Smart Approach To Making Medicines In Africa Will Save Lives](#). Forbes

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- 10 Nov: [Accelerating Vaccine Development for Global Health Impact - a WHO Initiative to Prioritize Key Endemic Pathogens.](#) WHO
- 10 Nov: [How can we quantify the value of a vaccine?.](#) GAVI
- 10 Nov: [Second World Local Production Forum Launches New Collaborations; Civil Society Protests IP Barriers.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 10 Nov: [To Prevent the Next Pandemic, Follow the Science.](#) Project Syndicate
- 10 Nov: [U.K. recommendation could lead to world's first use of meningitis vaccine to curb gonorrhoea.](#) STAT
- 15 Nov: [Accelerating Vaccine Manufacturing in Africa: Three Considerations for Gavi.](#) CGD
- 16 Nov: [No more needles? Gates Foundation funds patch-style vaccine technology.](#) Reuters
- 17 Nov: [Second World Local Production Forum Recommendations.](#) WHO
- 17 Nov: [WHO Is an Essential Forum for Debates on Intellectual Property and Public Health.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 17 Nov: [FIND Joins the Global Health Campus.](#) The Global Fund
- 18 Nov: [UK puts City of London finance at heart of new development strategy.](#) Devex
- 20 Nov: [Balancing the Scales: Navigating the Cost-Benefit Divide of Global Health Technologies.](#) CGD
- 21 Nov: [WHO releases priorities for research and development of age-appropriate medicines for treatment of neglected tropical diseases.](#) WHO
- 21 Nov: [Global Observatory on Health R&D: Bridging the Gap in Global Health Research and Development.](#) WHO
- 22 Nov: [Want to Boost Regional Vaccine Manufacturing? Let Countries Prioritize, Ensure Tech Transfer.](#) Geneva Health Files
- 22 Nov: [Could this trailblazing ODA strategy spark a new approach to global health? Experts discuss future perspectives on Korea's ODA for global health.](#) Korea BioMed

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- 23 Nov: [Why African pharmaceutical manufacturers struggle for sustainability.](#) Devex
- 24 Nov: [South Africa, Colombia and others are fighting drugmakers over access to TB and HIV drugs.](#) AP
- 24 Nov: [Rethinking international financing for health to better respond to future pandemics.](#) BMJ
- 27 Nov: [Renewed partnership to boost the skills needed to drive drug discovery and development in Africa.](#) IFPMA
- 27 Nov: [Increasing Africa’s Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity Will Bring ‘Second Independence’ for the Continent.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 27 Nov: [Indian drug manufacturers benefit from Big Pharma interest beyond China.](#) Reuters
- 28 Nov: [Success from the South: the rotavirus vaccine story and its lessons.](#) The Lancet
- 28 Nov: [Report provides insight into USAID health R&D programs; shows increase in funding and projects supported but remaining needs.](#) GHTC
- 29 Nov: [These 10 lifesaving medical products are contributing to climate change.](#) Devex
- 29 Nov: [The Role of Regulation in Advancing African Vaccine Manufacturing: Policy Options for Gavi.](#) CGD
- 30 Nov: [Opinion: Why set up new pandemic finance mechanisms when 2 already exist?.](#) Devex
- 30 Nov: [Designing the global vaccine supply chain: balancing intellectual property rights with post COVID-19 vaccine equity.](#) BMJ
- 30 Nov: [How do advance market commitments and volume guarantees shape healthcare markets?.](#) Med Access

PDP DISEASE AREA RELATED NEWS/ ARTICLES

HIV/AIDS	• 9 Nov: Long-acting cabotegravir PrEP: a time for cautious optimism. The Lancet HIV
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TB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Nov: South African TB study finds evidence of bedaquiline-resistance transmission. CIDRAP • 6 Nov: Ending TB Is Within Reach — So Why Are Millions Still Dying?. New York Times • 7 Nov: Tuberculosis response recovering from pandemic but accelerated efforts needed to meet new targets. WHO • 7 Nov: TB Diagnosis Has Improved Post-COVID, But Detection of Drug-Resistance Still Lags. Health Policy Watch • 10 Nov: Emergence of bedaquiline-resistant tuberculosis and of multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis strains with rpoB Ile491Phe mutation not detected by Xpert MTB/RIF in Mozambique: a retrospective observational study. The Lancet Infectious Diseases • 10 Nov: Minimising the threat of bedaquiline-resistant tuberculosis: better diagnosis as prevention. The Lancet Infectious Diseases • 13 Nov: Indian drugmaker to supply key component of drug-resistant TB regimens. CIDRAP • 14 Nov: J&J patent decision to enable generic tuberculosis treatment. The Lancet • 14 Nov: WHO launches new 5-year roadmap to prevent and treat TB in children and adolescents. WHO • 15 Nov: Landmark clinical trial redefines multidrug-resistant tuberculosis treatment options. MSF • 16 Nov: Study: Common antibiotic reduces risk of drug-resistant tuberculosis. Devex • 16 Nov: Trial Finds Four New Treatment Options for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis . Health Policy Watch • 17 Nov: Not Finished Yet: Now is the Time to End Childhood Tuberculosis. Geneva Health Files
Malaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Nov: New injectable medication for treating severe malaria unveiled. The Nation

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- 7 Nov: RTS,S vaccine pilot: 13% mortality reduction fuels hope for malaria control. GAVI
- 7 Nov: Kenya manufacturer is first in Africa to get WHO approval for malaria drug. The Guardian
- 7 Nov: Top in ID: Progress with vaccines for mosquito-borne diseases. Healio
- 9 Nov: Successful development of two vaccines is the greatest breakthrough in the field of malaria. News Ghana
- 9 Nov: First evidence of how the Asian malaria mosquito is spreading drug-resistant malaria in Africa. Lancaster University
- 15 Nov: Universal radical cure: prospects and challenges for malaria elimination. The Lancet
- 17 Nov: Simple soap solution could be a game-changer in the fight against malaria. News Medical
- 18 Nov: RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine pilot implementation in western Kenya: a qualitative longitudinal study to understand immunisation barriers and optimise uptake. BMC Public Health
- 21 Nov: Malaria: two groundbreaking vaccines have been developed, but access and rollout are still big stumbling blocks. The Conversation
- 22 Nov: 'Super mosquito' driving malaria surge in Africa, study confirms. The Telegraph
- 22 Nov: Malaria vaccine shipments in Africa signal shift to broader, routine use. CIDRAP
- 22 Nov: Shipments to African countries herald final steps toward broader vaccination against malaria: Gavi, WHO and UNICEF. WHO
- 27 Nov: First Malaria Vaccines Arrive In Cameroon. Forbes
- 27 Nov: New hope for fighting malaria: Decoding human antibodies. MedicalXpress
- 27 Nov: Pocket-sized DNA sequencers track malaria drug resistance in Ghana in near real-time. Phys.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Nov: World at risk of losing malaria fight as cases rise, report says. Reuters • 30 Nov: Cameroon receives first shipment of malaria vaccine. Africa News
NTDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Nov: Africa makes history in the fight against sleeping sickness. Pan African Visions • 9 Nov: FDA approves first vaccine against chikungunya virus. CNN • 10 Nov: Accelerating access to the world’s first Chikungunya vaccine. CEPI • 23 Nov: Cheap over-the-counter nail drug found to work on crippling flesh-eating disease. The Guardian • 27 Nov: EMA accepts Valneva’s Chikungunya vaccine marketing authorization application for accelerated assessment. Valneva • 27 Nov: Roche grows hepatitis diagnostics roster with new immunoassays. Fierce Biotech
Emerging Infectious Diseases/Pandemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Nov: Lassa fever spreading across West Africa, higher mortality in pregnant women, children —Experts. Nigerian Tribune • 2 Nov: New Gonorrhoea Treatment Shows Positive Results in Trial Sponsored by Non-Profit Partnership. Health Policy Watch • 2 Nov: No decision in sight on whether to extend COVID-19 vaccine waiver. Euractiv • 2 Nov: CEPI, Oxford launch project to develop arenavirus vaccines. CIDRAP • 3 Nov: Equity and technology in the pandemic treaty. BMJ • 6 Nov: New experts appointed to join CEPI Scientific Advisory Committee. CEPI • 6 Nov: The Netherlands bolsters world’s pandemic preparedness with increased CEPI funding. CEPI • 7 Nov: Dengue is spreading. Can new vaccines and antivirals halt its rise?. Nature

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 Nov: Estimated Future Mortality from Pathogens of Epidemic and Pandemic Potential. CGD• 27 Nov: 'The power of open innovation for drug discovery': COVID-19 Moonshot pioneers share their story. Fierce Biotech• 27 Nov: Future pandemic agreement talks: why it's complicated. Geneva Solutions• 28 Nov: CEPI, IVI and MRC Unit The Gambia partner to bolster clinical research capacity in West Africa to combat regional viral threats. CEPI• 29 Nov: African Civil Society Groups Launch New Alliance to Combat Pandemics and Climate Change. Health Policy Watch• 29 Nov: Africa Epidemics Fund slated for approval in February. Devex
AMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Nov: Global Health Crisis: Antibiotics for Common Childhood Infections Are No Longer Working. SciTechDaily• 6 Nov: Don't ignore the threat of antimicrobial resistance. The Indian Express• 9 Nov: Potent new drug has all the power of nature's strongest antibiotic, without the toxicity. Fierce Biotech• 14 Nov: Collaboration to improve the quality of in vivo antibiotics testing. Bioengineer.org• 15 Nov: Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance Within Global Processes to Improve Pandemic Preparedness and Response. MSF• 16 Nov: Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance Together: A Conversation with Dr. Beverley Isherwood. News Medical• 17 Nov: World AMR Awareness Week: preventing antimicrobial resistance together. WHO• 20 Nov: WHO: 'Collective action' needed to effectively reduce antimicrobial resistance. CIDRAP• 20 Nov: Antibiotic resistance causes more deaths than malaria and HIV/Aids combined. What Africa is doing to fight this silent epidemic. The Conversation

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