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PDP PRESS RELEASES
PATH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 Sep: PATH lauds government of Kenya for fully ratifying the African Medicines Agency Treaty• 14 Sep: Southeast Asia countries commemorate their achievements from Japanese Encephalitis sustainability and COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment• 19 Sep: PAHO and PATH sign agreement to advance health equity in the Americas• 21 Sep: African vaccine manufacturing capacity is a mixed picture: Form/fill/finish capacity is strong while end-to-end local vaccine production will require additional investment
GARDP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Sep: Critical agreement paves way for new model to accelerate access to important antibiotics for serious bacterial infections
FIND
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 Sep: FIND statement on Cepheid GeneXpert TB cartridge price reduction• 20 Sep: PAHO and FIND sign agreement to improve access to diagnostics in Latin America and the Caribbean
IVI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Sep: IVI and CEPI renew partnership to accelerate development of vaccines against emerging infectious disease threats• 4 Sep: IVI and EuBiologics sign memorandum of understanding with DEK Vaccines Limited to support fill and finish of oral cholera vaccine in Ghana• 14 Sep: IVI and Grid Biosciences partner for Epstein-Barr virus vaccine development with a commitment to global access
DNDi
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 Sep: Biotech leader Delali Attiogbe Attipoe joins DNDi as North America Director

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- 14 Sep: [DNDi's Centres of Excellence: Towards the sustainable elimination of visceral leishmaniasis in India](#)

TB Alliance

- 15 Sep: [Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan Update National Guidelines for Drug-Resistant TB Treatment to Advance National Rollout of Three-Drug, Six-Month Regimen](#)
- 22 Sep: [UN Commitment on Tuberculosis Needs Leadership to Match Ambition](#)
- 29 Sep: [World Leaders Cite the Benefit and Importance of New, Six-Month Drug-Resistant TB Treatment at United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis](#)

FUNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 14 Sep: [UN High-Level Meetings must prioritize medical oxygen to save lives, say world's leading agencies. UNITAID](#)
- 21 Sep: [UK announces "transformational" support to boost global health at UNGA. UK.gov](#)
- 21 Sep: [USAID Announces Investment in Local South African Partner for HIV Vaccine Research and Development, Marking Progress in Localization Commitment. USAID](#)
- 21 Sep: [GHIT Fund Welcomes Remedy & Company Corporation as New Funding Partner. GHIT](#)
- 27 Sep: [Approximately USD 8 million Investment for New Vaccine and Drug Development against Malaria in Sumitomo Pharma, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma and new product development in NTDs. GHIT](#)

NEW PDP PUBLICATIONS

- Sep 21: [Current and planned vaccine manufacturing in Africa. PATH](#)

OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Sep 12: [Access is not an afterthought. UNITAID](#)
- Sep 14: [The HIV Prevention Choice Manifesto For Women and Girls In Africa. AVAC](#)
- Sep 21: [HIV Prevention Research & Development Investments. AVAC](#)

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- Sep 21: [Outcomes Research & AMR: Bringing Value to the Care Pathway: The Rising Role of Rapid Diagnostics](#). CIDRAP
- Sep 21: [A New Grand Bargain to Improve the Antimicrobial Market for Human Health](#). CGD
- Sep 26: [Spotlight on the generics industry: New analysis looks at access efforts of 5 major companies](#). Access to Medicines Foundation

RECENTLY RELEASED GENERAL R&D PDP RELATED ARTICLES AND BLOGS

- 2 Sep: [Bold moves for vaccine manufacturing equity](#). The Lancet
- 4 Sep: [Ghana Manufactures First Cholera Vaccine in Africa](#). All Africa
- 5 Sep: [A new model for public health in Africa can become a reality](#). Nature
- 5 Sep: [Vaccine experts urge more inclusivity in clinical trials](#). STAT
- 7 Sep: [In boon for scientists, U.K. strikes deal to join E.U. Horizon research program](#). STAT
- 9 Sep: [A new era for Africa CDC](#). The Lancet
- 11 Sep: [Tracking global resources and capacity for health research: time to reassess strategies and investment decisions](#). Health Research Policy and Systems
- 11 Sep: [Vaccine: Nigeria Has Potential To Become A Hub – Pate](#). Voice of Nigeria
- 12 Sep: [Comparing research and development, launch, and scale up timelines of 18 vaccines: lessons learnt from COVID-19 and implications for other infectious diseases](#). BMJ
- 12 Sep: [Gates Foundation Goalkeepers Report Says Seven Innovations Could Save 2 Million Mothers and Babies by 2030](#). Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 12 Sep: [Gates Foundation pushes for refocus on maternal and newborn health](#). Devex
- 12 Sep: [Whatever happened to the project to crack the wealthy world's lock on mRNA vaccines?](#). NPR
- 13 Sep: [Strengthening Africa's Medicines Regulatory Framework is 'Essential' for Local Vaccine Production](#). Health Policy Watch

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- 13 Sep: [‘From Vegetables to Potatoes to Shoes’: Experts Express Frustration at UN Declarations on Pandemics, Universal Health Coverage and Tuberculosis.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 14 Sep: [WHO Pandemic Treaty: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly – An Interview With Larry Gostin.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 14 Sep: [Failure to Integrate the UHC, TB, and PPPR Agendas will Squander Resources and Cost Lives.](#) PLOS Blogs
- 15 Sep: [From TRIPS to PPR: Addressing Intellectual Property Barriers on Lifesaving Medical Products.](#) MSF
- 15 Sep: [Supporting the Manufacturing of Medical Supplies in Africa: Collaboration Between Africa CDC, Partners, and Member States.](#) Global Health: Science & Practice
- 15 Sep: [Statement of the Governing Board Members of Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(Africa CDC\).](#) Africa CDC
- 18 Sep: [Afrigen presents Advances in mRNA Vaccine Technology for Global Health.](#) MPP
- 18 Sep: [BioNTech and CEPI announce partnership to advance mRNA mpox vaccine development and support CEPI’s 100 Days Mission.](#) CEPI
- 18 Sep: [Climate change impeding fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.](#) Reuters
- 19 Sep: [CEPI and Bio Farma partnership boosts rapid response vaccine manufacturing for the Global South.](#) CEPI
- 19 Sep: [Climate Change Impeding Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria.](#) VOA
- 19 Sep: [Opinion: What it takes to secure access to medicines.](#) Devex
- 19 Sep: [Why the pandemic treaty risks becoming COVID-19 groundhog day.](#) Nature
- 21 Sep: [How climate change makes global health issues harder to solve.](#) GAVI
- 21 Sep: [Advocates say the UN pandemic meeting was a dud. What's next?.](#) Devex
- 21 Sep: [Devex CheckUp: UNGA’s pandemic declaration — historic or disappointing?.](#) Devex
- 21 Sep: [The world hopes to enact a pandemic treaty by May 2024. Will it succeed or flail?.](#) NPR

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- 22 Sep: [Pandemic treaty draft lacks accountability](#). Devex
- 22 Sep: [A Truly Amazing Vaccine Breakthrough Is Hiding in Plain Sight](#). The Atlantic
- 23 Sep: [BioNTech Is Revising Plans for African Vaccine Factory Network](#). Bloomberg
- 25 Sep: [Redefining Global Health Security: A Novel Framework Sheds Light on Equity and Decolonial Approaches](#). UN University
- 25 Sep: [‘Benevolent’ patent extensions could raise billions for R&D in poorer countries](#). Nature
- 25 Sep: [Voluntary licensing and technology transfer deemed critical to support manufacturing capacity at UN General Assembly](#). Medicines Patent Pool
- 26 Sep: [Revital Healthcare EPZ Ltd. Achieves WHO Prequalification for Early-Activation Auto-Disable Syringe: A Milestone for African Manufacturing and Immunization Programming](#). Revital Health
- 26 Sep: [A comprehensive framework identifying barriers to global health R&D innovation and access](#). BMJ
- 26 Sep: [Building a resilient future: India's leadership in global diagnostics](#). ET Health World
- 27 Sep: [Symbolism versus action: Did global leaders meet the moment at the UN General Assembly?](#). GHTC
- 27 Sep: [mRNA Vaccine Manufacturing Comes to Africa](#). Biospace
- 27 Sep: [Enabling "Good" Clinical Research In LMICs With The Good Clinical Trials Collaborative](#). Clinical Leader
- 29 Sep: [The promise of data science for health research in Africa](#). Nature
- 29 Sep: [Impact of the WHO Regulation and Prequalification work; assessment outlines successes and opportunities for future work](#). WHO
- 30 Sep: [COVAX: the unspent billions](#). The Lancet

PDP DISEASE AREA RELATED NEWS/ ARTICLES

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TB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Sep: Cost-effectiveness analysis of interventions to improve diagnosis and preventive therapy for paediatric tuberculosis in 9 sub-Saharan African countries: A modelling study. PLOS Medicine • 7 Sep: Opinion: We won't get the innovation needed to end TB without more R&D. Devex • 12 Sep: Ahead of UN TB High-Level Meeting, US corporations J&J and Cepheid must pledge access to lifesaving TB medicines and tests for everyone in need. MSF • 13 Sep: Scientific advances and the end of tuberculosis: a report from the Lancet Commission on Tuberculosis. The Lancet

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- 6 Sep: [RTS,S/AS01E vaccine defaults in Ghana: a qualitative exploration of the perspectives of defaulters and frontline health service providers.](#) The Malaria Journal
- 7 Sep: [Vaccines alone won't stop malaria.](#) New Internationalist
- 7 Sep: [Kenya's hard won gains against malaria threatened by surging temperatures.](#) CNN
- 9 Sep: [Plasmodium falciparum population structure inferred by msp1 amplicon sequencing of parasites collected from febrile patients in Kenya.](#) Malaria Journal
- 11 Sep: [Could perfume be our secret weapon in the war on mosquitoes?.](#) GAVI
- 11 Sep: [Scientists identify malaria-causing parasites resistant to both treatment and detection in Ethiopia.](#) News Medical
- 12 Sep: [New malaria parasites evade detection and are hard to treat.](#) Futurity
- 13 Sep: [Fight against Malaria in Kenya, Horn of Africa threatened by Asian vector.](#) Down to Earth
- 14 Sep: [Gavi to prioritise Nigeria in malaria vaccine rollout- Minister.](#) The Premium Times Nigeria
- 16 Sep: [New strains of malaria-causing parasite a new danger in the Horn.](#) The East African
- 19 Sep: [Could vaccinating adults against malaria materially reduce adult mortality in high-transmission areas?.](#) Malaria Journal
- 19 Sep: [Malaria is thriving in Kenya thanks to climate change.](#) GAVI
- 21 Sep: [Stopping Malaria from Killing Children is a Matter of Urgency | Opinion.](#) Newsweek
- 23 Sep: [Could a new gene-editing technique be a major breakthrough in the battle against malaria?.](#) Geographical
- 25 Sep: [Higher dose antimalarial may be needed to combat relapsing malaria.](#) MedidcalXpress

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Emerging Infectious Diseases/Pandemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Sep: UN Draft Pandemic Declaration Offers ‘Little Hope’ for Strengthening Global Preparedness. Health Policy Watch • 1 Sep: Two years of the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence. Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence • 1 Sep: CEPI and IVI renew partnership to accelerate development of vaccines against emerging infectious disease threats. CEPI • 1 Sep: Costs divide rich, poor countries ahead of WHO pandemic treaty talks. Reuters • 4 Sep: How climate change is changing dengue fever. BMJ • 4 Sep: Negotiating public-health intellectual property licensing agreements to increase access to health technologies: an insider’s story. BMJ • 4 Sep: Climate and health crises are converging: we need to tackle them together. GAVI • 5 Sep: Assessing the Value: Are COVID-19 Oral Antivirals Cost-Effective for African Countries?. CGD • 5 Sep: ‘Bullying’ Pharma Giants Charged South Africa More Than EU for COVID-19 Vaccines. Health Policy Watch

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- 5 Sep: [The 100 Days Mission: how a new medical-countermeasures network can deliver equity and innovation](#). The Lancet
- 6 Sep: [SA was ‘bullied’ into overpaying for Covid vaccines, Health Justice Initiative reveals](#). The Citizen
- 7 Sep: [Devex Checkup: The secrets of South Africa’s COVID-19 vaccine deals](#). Devex
- 14 Sep: [CEPI partners with University of California, Davis to advance a vaccine against potentially deadly Rift Valley fever virus into clinical trials](#). CEPI
- 15 Sep: [Seven things you need to know about Nipah virus](#). GAVI
- 18 Sep: [African research consortium awarded \\$5.3M by EU Horizon Europe program to combat epidemics](#). Lab Pulse
- 18 Sep: [The deadly diseases that are spiking because of climate change](#). GAVI
- 19 Sep: [The CEPI centralized laboratory network for COVID-19 will help prepare for future outbreaks](#). Nature
- 20 Sep: [Nipah virus outbreak: what scientists know so far](#). Nature
- 20 Sep: [Leaders Suggest UN May Be More Appropriate to Lead Pandemic Response Than WHO](#). Health Policy Watch
- 20 Sep: [#UNGA78: How SA’s mRNA hub is teaching the world about preparing for the next pandemic](#). BHEKISISA
- 20 Sep: [UN High Level Meeting Approves ‘Historic’ but Non-Binding Declaration on Pandemic Preparedness and Response](#). Health Policy Watch
- 22 Sep: [World leaders commit to greater collaboration over future pandemics](#). BMJ
- 27 Sep: [Unmasking Nipah virus on a worldwide quest for insight and defence](#). CEPI

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

<p>October 15-17 World Health Summit Berlin</p> <p>October 18-22 ASTMH 2023 Annual Meeting ASTMH</p>
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[7th EDCTP Forum](#)
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