

Statement

Meeting of Civil Society representatives & CSO secretariats of Global Health Initiatives

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As civil society representatives from various health-related initiatives, we gathered to discuss how to strengthen collaboration and identify opportunities to shape advocacy initiatives that reinforce our respective agendas and accelerate progress to achieve universal health coverage (UHC).

Together, we call for action by advocates working at all levels on a host of issues including but not limited to health systems strengthening, healthcare workforce, financing, service delivery and specific diseases and health concerns. Our goal is to strive for solutions that support a comprehensive and coherent approach to health while promoting integrated, people-centered health services and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Collectively, we will advocate for civil society to participate in country - and global - level universal health coverage policy and implementation decision-making processes to hold governments and development partners accountable for their human rights and public health obligations.

We commit to providing ongoing knowledge sharing and to identifying capacity building opportunities for civil society actors to strengthen and harmonize their voices within national, regional and global spaces. Acknowledging the current gaps and challenges in health financing, we commit to make equitable health financing and budgeting at the global and country level a priority of our collaboration.

Through the CSEM platform, we commit to sharing information regularly on our advocacy activities, messaging, success stories and lessons learned. We will organize an annual virtual gathering to take stock of our progress and discuss how we can continue to move our agenda forward. We will invite other civil society constituencies to join in these efforts.

Recognizing that strong collaboration among CSOs is not systematically encouraged given the structure and modalities of funding support, we call on all agencies and donors to harmonize efforts in support of civil society organizations leading advocacy, policy and accountability efforts that can benefit our collective goal of making health for all a reality.

Participating Global Health Initiatives:

Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM)

GAVI CSO Constituency

Global Financing Facility (GFF) Civil Society Coordinating Group

ICSS – Global Fund Advocacy Network

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Civil Society Network

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH)