

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	Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT)	Tanzania
2	Global Health Advocates	France
3	Impact Sante Afrique (ISA)	Cameroon
4	Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME)	Global
5	GFAN Africa	Africa Region
6	WACI Health	Kenya
7	Princess of Africa Foundation	South Africa
8	KANCO	Kenya
9	CITAMplus	Zambia
10	NGO: ADET	Togo
11	ASAPSU	Côte d'Ivoire
12	Hope for Future Generations	Ghana
13	Réseau Camerounais des Adolescents et Jeunes Positifs (RéCAJ+)	Cameroon
14	Community of women living with HIV Lesotho	Lesotho
15	Eswatini Youth and Women for Change	Eswatini
16	HODSAS	Democratic Republic of the Congo
17	Positive Women's Network	South Africa
18	Women Against Cancer	South Africa
19	HOPE worldwide Kenya	Kenya
20	INERELA+	Kenya
21	Ghana HIV and AIDS Network	Ghana
22	Amref Health Africa France	France
23	The Youth Platform Three Sixty	Zambia
24	Thriving Youth Leaders Initiative	Lesotho
25	Coalition of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (COWLHA)	Malawi
26	Association For Promotion Sustainable development	India
27	Afrique Esperance NGO	Benin
28	Almagda Community Development Initiative	Nigeria
29	Trevesom.organization	Somalia
30	UNIVERSAL MAIDENS ASSOCIATION CAMEROON (UNIMAC)	Cameroon
31	Wote Youth Development Projects CBO	Kenya
32	Mouvement gabonais pour la promotion de la bonne gouvernance	Gabon
33	ITPC MENA	Morocco
34	Consolation East Africa (CEA)	Kenya

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35	Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization	Sri Lanka
36	Community Forum For Advanced and sustainable future (COFAS)	Kenya
37	LiveWell Initiative LWI	Nigeria
38	Women in Hepatitis Africa WIHA	Nigeria
39	Global Public Health University GPHU	Nigeria
40	Extraordinary Women Advancing Healthcare Awards EWAH	Nigeria
41	Quest For Growth and Development Foundation	Nigeria
42	Resilient40	Uganda
43	EL-AGED CARE LTD/GTE	Nigeria
44	Medical Impact	Mexico
45	RaHaSolutions	Kenya
46	BCH Africa Cameroon	Cameroon
47	Education For All	Cameroon
48	Cameroon Green Land Network	Cameroon
49	Botswana Network on Ethics/Human rights, Law and HIV/AIDS (BONELA)	Botswana
50	Individual volunteer	India
51	Malaria & NTDs Youth Corps Guinea	Guinea
52	PENDO AFRICAN INITIATIVE FOR GOOD JUSTICE (PAIGJ/ONG)	Democratic Republic of the Congo
53	MBULU EDUCATION NETWORK -MBUENET	Tanzania
54	CSYM HUDUMA,*	Tanzania
55	Women Against AIDS and Poverty Mbulu Tanzania East Africa	Tanzania
56	CODEPHA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPLES HEALTH ADVANCEMENT.. MBULU TANZANIA EAST AFRICA	Tanzania
57	Amref Health Africa	Global
58	Global Action Network for Sickle Cell & Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID)	United States
59	Emony Yefwe International	Kenya
60	West African Institute of Public Health	Nigeria
61	Former USAID	United States
62	Jeunesse du Monde en Action	France
63	CARE INTERNATIONAL	Somalia
64	Masvingo Association of Residential Care Facilities	Zimbabwe
65	Commonwealth Medical Trust	United Kingdom
66	RESTORE HOPE FOR HOPELESS	Democratic Republic of the Congo

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67	Christian Action for Development and Support (CADS)	South Sudan
68	Vision for Accelerated Sustainable Development Ghana	Ghana
69	Children Education Society (CHESO)	Tanzania
70	Rose Academies	United States
71	Commission de coordination One Health (CCUS)	Democratic Republic of the Congo
72	Community And Family Aid Foundation-Ghana	Ghana
73	African Alliance for Health Ressearch Economic Development	Kenya
74	VIKASH-SAMUKHYA	India
75	AIHMS-GLOBAL	India
76	Sinatsisa Lubombo Women and girls Empowerment Organisation	Eswatini
77	E-Warehouse Consulting	Nigeria
78	ASAJIPEDC	Cameroon
79	Most at Risk Young Mothers and Teenage Girls Living with HIV Initiatives(MOYOTE)	Kenya
80	Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Developpement (UNASCAD)	Haiti
81	ASPAT PERU	Peru
82	Good Health Community Programmes	Kenya
83	NEPHAK	Kenya
84	Southern Africa Miners Association (SAMA)	South Africa
85	RRP+	Rwanda
86	Africa platform for Social Protection (APSP)	Kenya
87	Kenya Occupational Therapists Association	Kenya
88	Volunteers Welfare for Community Based Care of Zambia (VOWAZA)	Zambia
89	Results Canada	Canada
90	Samasha	Uganda
91	Santé Sud	France
92	Kandoli Youth Organization (KAYO)	Malawi
93	Community Working Group on Health (CWGH)	Zimbabwe
94	Ahang Mphakathi Solutions	South Africa
95	Indigenous Professions of Southern Africa	South Africa
96	Gwebindlala Hiv/ Aids Organisation	South Africa
97	ICamagu Natural Health and Medicine	South Africa
98	Zicabangeleni Project	South Africa
99	Real Mans Movement	South Africa

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100	Ilchamus disability net work	Kenya
101	Oagil Tshepo	South Africa
102	Openhands foundation	South Africa
103	Health NGO's Network (HENNET)	Kenya
104	SOLTHIS	France
105	LENDING HANDS INITIATIVE	Kenya
106	KYUSA initiatives Ltd	Uganda
107	Humanity & Inclusion	Global
108	ACTION Africa	Africa Region
109	LE GRENIER DU DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL, GDR	Democratic Republic of the Congo
110	KIDS & TEENS RESOURCE CENTRE	Nigeria
111	Coalition PLUS	France
112	Médecins du Monde France	France
113	Rare Diseases International	Global
114	AIDES	France
115	International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)	Global
116	African Medicines Agency Treaty Alliance (AMATA)	United Kingdom
117	Resilience Action Network Africa	Kenya
118	The Fred Hollows Foundation	Global
119	Premiere Urgence Internationale	Global