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PDP PRESS RELEASES
PATH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 Jan: PATH congratulates Thailand on granting conditional approval for emergency use to first locally produced COVID-19 vaccine• 30 Jan: Four opportunities for global health in 2024
TB Alliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 Jan: Funding for TB and Neglected Diseases Backslides
IAVI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 Jan: ReiThera Srl, the Ragon Institute and IAVI announce collaboration to advance highly networked T-cell HIV vaccine candidate towards Phase I clinical evaluation
DNDi
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 Jan: Clinical trial confirms the tolerability of the drug fexinidazole in the treatment of Chagas disease• 18 Jan: DNDi welcomes WHO communiqué on climate change, neglected tropical diseases, and malaria• 19 Jan: DNDi's briefing note for 154th Session of the WHO Executive Board• 30 Jan: DNDi receives USD 20 million to develop innovative treatments to further elimination goals for sleeping sickness and river blindness• 30 Jan: Unite. Act. Eliminate. – World NTD Day 2024
MMV
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 Jan: First Ogobara K. Doumbo Scholarship Fund beneficiaries complete training• 29 Jan: MMV delivers statements at the 154th session of the World Health Organization's Executive Board
IVCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Jan: IVCC welcomes the publication of Regulatory Guidance on the Vector Expedited Review Voucher Program

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FUNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17 Jan: [Wellcome Annual Report 2023](#). Wellcome
- 30 Jan: [Global Health EDCTP3 intensifies its efforts to combat Neglected Tropical Diseases \(NTDs\)](#). EDCTP

OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Jan: [Our Next Generation Market Shaping Approach Health Equity Through Partnership on Innovation, Supply Security and Sustainability](#). The Global Fund
- Jan 31: [G-Finder 2023 Neglected Diseases Report](#). Policy Cures

RECENTLY RELEASED GENERAL R&D PDP RELATED ARTICLES AND BLOGS

- 3 Jan: [New foundation is ready to help African pharmaceutical manufacturers](#). Devex
- 4 Jan: [Regulatory Collaboration Can Strengthen Medicines Access – African Scientific Conference](#). Health Policy Watch
- 4 Jan: [Devex CheckUp: African health institutions are en route toward independence](#). Devex
- 4 Jan: [Investing in Africa’s scientific future](#). Science
- 4 Jan: [Health Care’s Climate Footprint: Saving Lives without Costing the Earth](#). Think Global Health
- 5 Jan: [Devex Newswire: Africa looks to its own backyard for health security](#). Devex
- 5 Jan: [Will 2024 be Africa’s Decisive Year in Vaccine Manufacturing?](#). Medika Life
- 6 Jan: [Key drivers of investment initiatives in Uganda's pharmaceutical industry](#). Social Science & Medicine
- 8 Jan: [Devex Newswire: USAID spells out what locally led actually means](#). Devex
- 8 Jan: [A scientist’s AI regrets](#). Politico
- 8 Jan: [Drug discovery and development: what’s new in the world of vaccines?](#). Bio Techniques
- 9 Jan: [Shaping the future of global access to safe, effective, appropriate and quality health products](#). BMJ Global Health

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- 10 Jan: [Resilient, equitable and sustainable: How to deliver healthcare that maximizes the benefits of scientific innovation.](#) WEF
- 10 Jan: [From Decision to Action: The Africa Epidemics Fund.](#) CGD
- 10 Jan: [Vaccinating Africa: Expanding Vaccine Manufacturing for Health Security.](#) Nigeria Health Watch
- 11 Jan: [Gavi Board appoints Senator Dr Sania Nishtar as Chief Executive Officer.](#) GAVI
- 11 Jan: [Everything you need to know about Gavi's incoming CEO, Dr Sania Nishta.](#) GAVI
- 11 Jan: [To Prepare For The Next Pandemic, We Must Spend Now On TB And Other Major Diseases.](#) Health Affairs
- 12 Jan: [Lessons For Global Health From COVID-19: Views From Sub-Saharan Africa.](#) Health Affairs
- 12 Jan: [Kenya on course to manufacture human vaccines – BioVax.](#) The Star
- 12 Jan: [The quest for Africa’s diagnostic self-sufficiency.](#) Plos
- 15 Jan: [Record budget for Gates Foundation as wider global health funding stalls.](#) Reuters
- 16 Jan: [Centres of Excellence in AI for global health equity — a strategic vision for LMICs.](#) Nature
- 16 Jan: [Why Bill Gates wants a COP for global health.](#) Devex
- 16 Jan: [CARB-X to fund development of gonorrhoea vaccine.](#) CIDRAP
- 17 Jan: [‘Existential’ Climate Crisis Overshadows Davos Talks – Amid Concerns About AI and Antibiotic Resistance.](#) Health Policy Watch
- 17 Jan: [New initiative supports equitable regional vaccine manufacturing.](#) WEF
- 17 Jan: [Scientists explore how chrysalis-based ‘living bioreactors’ could accelerate new vaccine production.](#) CEPI
- 18 Jan: [Bill Gates Reveals Plan to Change Vaccines.](#) Newsweek
- 18 Jan: [Bill Gates at WEF: We Need Better, Needle-free Vaccines.](#) The New American

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- 18 Jan: Investment in African research and development will boost health and economic growth. Nature Medicine
- 18 Jan: The 4 most important calls for global health funds in 2024. Devex
- 18 Jan: CARB-X is funding syntiron to develop a maternal vaccine to prevent neonatal sepsis. CARB-X
- 22 Jan: Dr. Kristie Mikus named as new executive director of the Global Health Technologies Coalition. GHTC
- 23 Jan: AI risks in global health 'must be accounted for' – WHO. SciDevNet
- 23 Jan: How a locally-led initiative brought vaccines to remote villages in Ethiopia's Amhara. GAVI
- 24 Jan: WHO says AI risks in global health 'must be accounted for'. MedicalXpress
- 26 Jan: From pandemic spotlight to global progress: Navigating technology transfer for healthcare innovation. Pharmaphorum
- 26 Jan: New study opens unprecedented opportunities for bioengineering vaccine adjuvants. News Medical
- 26 Jan: EMA to support establishment of the African Medicines Agency. EMA
- 26 Jan: Vaccines save lives and generate profits. Why is investment lagging?. STAT
- 26 Jan: African regulators must take a stand against substandard medicines. Business Day
- 26 Jan: GHTC contributes to statements delivered at WHO Executive Board meeting on NTDs, TB, and AMR. GHTC
- 29 Jan: WHO Board Takes on Neglected Tropical Diseases and AMR. Health Policy Watch
- 29 Jan: African leadership is critical in responding to public health threats. Nature
- 29 Jan: EU Global Health Strategy: Council approves conclusions. European Union
- 30 Jan: Research funders must join the fight for equal access to medicines. Nature
- 30 Jan: Africa CDC in 2023: A Year of Transition. CGD

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- 30 Jan: WHO EB falls short of moment as health setbacks and deadlines loom large. GHTC
- 30 Jan: European priority review vouchers for neglected disease product development. BMJ Global Health
- 31 Jan: A new road for EU global health action. Eurativ
- 31 Jan: Inadequate funding strains Africa CDC's growth. Devex
- 31 Jan: WHO introduces the Health Technology Access Pool. WHO
- 31 Jan: Rethinking Trade Treaties and Access to Medicines after COVID-19: A Revised Research Agenda. BU
- 31 Jan: Gavi expands into new areas as multi-billion-dollar COVID money bin continues to grow. Development Today
- 31 Jan: WHO and MPP announce technology transfer license to enable greater patient access to multiple essential diagnostics. WHO
- 31 Jan: New international consortium for enabling access to medical innovations. Wemos

PDP DISEASE AREA RELATED NEWS/ ARTICLES

HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Jan: Team takes critical first step toward HIV vaccine. Futurity• 11 Jan: Unlocking the mechanisms of HIV in preclinical research. MedicalXpress• 16 Jan: People with HIV still running out of treatment options – not always because of resistance. Aidsmap• 17 Jan: NIH-developed HIV antibodies protect animals in proof-of-concept study. NIAID• 17 Jan: Researchers identify novel factor in HIV transmission. MedicalXpress• 23 Jan: HIV drug resistance to integrase inhibitors in low- and middle-income countries. Africa CDC
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Jan: New drug combo tackles malaria in HIV+ mums. SciDevNet • 29 Jan: Impact of HIV self-testing for oral pre-exposure prophylaxis scale-up on drug resistance and HIV outcomes in western Kenya: a modelling study. The Lancet HIV • 29 Jan: HIV self-testing, PrEP, and drug resistance: some insights. The Lancet HIV
TB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Jan: Optimising the vaccine strategy of BCG, ChAdOx1 85A, and MVA85A for tuberculosis control. The Lancet Infectious Diseases • 9 Jan: Phase 2 trial of a novel tuberculosis drug launched. The Lancet Microbe • 22 Jan: Expediting Access to the Tuberculosis Vaccine. Think Global Health • 22 Jan: Gates Foundation awards ProteinLogic, Stellenbosch University \$1.35M for TB treatment monitoring. 360Dx
Malaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Jan: A candidate antibody drug for prevention of malaria. Nature • 3 Jan: A Fight Against Time: Malaria, Climate Change, and the Quest for a Cure. BNN • 3 Jan: Millions Die of Malaria With Miracle Drugs at Hand. The New York Times • 3 Jan: Kenya: Climate change inducing vector-borne diseases including malaria. Africa News • 4 Jan: Why many children are not completing doses of malaria vaccine. The Star • 9 Jan: Tafenoquine following G6PD screening versus primaquine for the treatment of vivax malaria in Brazil: A cost-effectiveness analysis using a transmission model. PLOS Medicine • 11 Jan: ITM researchers prove anti-malarial drug to be also effective against another parasitic disease. Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp • 12 Jan: US leadership on malaria vaccinations: A prescription for improving our national security. The Hill

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Jan: A perspective on Oxford’s R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine and the future of global eradication efforts. Malaria Journal • 12 Jan: US leadership on malaria vaccinations: A prescription for improving our national security. The Hill • 12 Jan: A perspective on Oxford’s R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine and the future of global eradication efforts. Malaria Journal • 15 Jan: Ultrasensitive tools ‘detect asymptomatic malaria’. SciDevNet • 15 Jan: New drug treatment could reduce malaria rates for pregnant women with HIV. LSTM • 16 Jan: Benin Gets First Malaria Vaccines. Barron’s • 18 Jan: Structural study points the way to better malaria drugs. MedicalXpress • 19 Jan: Everything you need to know about the malaria vaccine. GAVI • 22 Jan: Rollout of a new malaria vaccine kicks off in Africa. STAT • 22 Jan: Malaria Jab Rollout In Cameroon A 'Turning Point': Gavi. Barron’s • 22 Jan: First mass malaria vaccination campaign begins in Africa. Financial Times • 24 Jan: Uganda to roll out first malaria vaccination in October. Daily Monitor • 24 Jan: The malaria vaccine that just rolled out has a surprise benefit for kids. NPR • 24 Jan: Ministry of Health, Gavi, WHO and UNICEF Announce Arrival of 112,000 Doses of Malaria Vaccine in Liberia. WHO • 25 Jan: Ultrasensitive tools ‘detect asymptomatic malaria’. GAVI
<p>NTDs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Jan: Treatment for acute sleeping sickness has been brutal—until now. NPR • 4 Jan: Nipah virus disease: what can we do to improve patient care?. The Lancet Infectious Diseases

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Jan: Shorter treatment in chronic Chagas disease: a new promise?. The Lancet Infectious Diseases • 10 Jan: Efficacy of three benznidazole dosing strategies for adults living with chronic Chagas disease (MULTIBENZ): an international, randomised, double-blind, phase 2b trial. The Lancet Infectious Diseases • 10 Jan: Neglected disease raises new ethical questions: Nipah virus control and research. Oxford • 10 Jan: Valneva vaccinates first participant in pediatric trial of single-shot chikungunya vaccine. Valneva • 11 Jan: Oxford starts human testing of Nipah virus vaccine. Reuters • 11 Jan: Yaws could soon be eradicated — 70 years behind schedule. Nature • 18 Jan: Opinion: It's official, noma is a neglected tropical disease. Now what?. Devex • 29 Jan: Expert Q&A: How India took on a deadly neglected disease. Gates Foundation • 31 Jan: Opinion: Rejuvenating efforts to combat neglected tropical diseases. Devex
Emerging Infectious Diseases/Pandemics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Jan: Lessons learnt from COVID-19 to reduce mortality and morbidity in the Global South: addressing global vaccine equity for future pandemics. BMJ Global Health • 3 Jan: Why the world's first pandemic treaty may never happen. Politico • 4 Jan: CEPI partners with Lemonex to advance mRNA vaccine delivery against future pandemic threats. CEPI • 8 Jan: Winding down COVAX – lessons learnt from delivering 2 billion COVID-19 vaccinations to lower-income countries. WEF • 11 Jan: WHO Consults Scientists Over Pathogens with Pandemic Potential. Health Policy Watch • 15 Jan: World leaders to meet to discuss threat of hypothetical 'Disease X' pandemic in Davos. The Independent

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- 17 Jan: Potent new pill provides COVID relief for the masses. Nature
- 17 Jan: Dengue control, if not by vaccination and vector strategies, then possibly by therapeutics. The Lancet
- 18 Jan: At Davos, Lessons from COVID Help Prepare for ‘Disease X’. Health Policy Watch
- 18 Jan: ‘Deadliest outbreak ever seen’: climate crisis fuels Bangladesh’s worst dengue epidemic. The Guardian
- 19 Jan: As Bangladesh’s dengue burden soars, a promising vaccine candidate clears phase 2 trials. GAVI
- 19 Jan: WHO Pandemic Accord: The Final Stretch Begins. Health Policy Watch
- 21 Jan: WHO calls for world pandemic treaty to prepare for deadly ‘Disease X’. The New York Post
- 22 Jan: How moths could be used to grow the next generation of pandemic vaccines. The Telegraph
- 22 Jan: Global pandemic agreement at risk of falling apart, WHO warns. The Guardian
- 22 Jan: Five Things We Need to See in the Pandemic Accord. MSF
- 22 Jan: ‘Lies’ and Entrenched Positions Undermine WHO Pandemic Negotiations. Health Policy Watch
- 23 Jan: Serum Institute of India joins CEPI global network to boost production of affordable outbreak vaccines. CEPI
- 23 Jan: Pandemic resilience effort must match Covid R&D funding, says health chief. Financial Times
- 23 Jan: Lessons from Lower-Income Countries’ COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts. GAVI
- 24 Jan: Global Pandemic Preparedness Report Reveals Lack of Investment in Therapeutics and Vaccines. Health Policy Watch
- 24 Jan: Japanese researchers develop one-minute bioluminescent COVID-19 test. 360Dx

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Jan: Preparing for future pandemics, and a landmark moment in global health. Devex • 25 Jan: Devex CheckUp: The 100 Days Mission has a loooong way to go. Devex • 25 Jan: The pipeline for pandemic products is bare. Here's why it matters. Devex • 25 Jan: Promising new 'circRNA' vaccines explored in CEPI-HMRI collaboration. CEPI • 25 Jan: COVID and beyond: labs unite to boost genomic surveillance globally. Reuters • 26 Jan: Poland Urges WHO Pandemic Accord Delay Amid Geopolitical Strife at Board Meeting. Health Policy Watch • 29 Jan: Are we getting close to a Marburg vaccine?. Gavi • 29 Jan: Biden's got pharma's back in global pandemic treaty negotiations. Politico • 30 Jan: Leaders Appeal for Effective, Binding Pandemic Accord to Protect All Countries. Health Policy Watch • 30 Jan: Pandemic accord: Former heads of state and global health leaders plead for progress. BMJ • 30 Jan: Children at centre of dangerous mpox outbreak 'accelerating' in DRC. The Telegraph • 31 Jan: The Fight Against Noma: How Inclusion on the NTD List Can Drive Research, Funding, and Prevention. Health Policy Watch
AMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Jan: An African One Health network for antimicrobial resistance and neglected tropical diseases. Nature • 3 Jan: A new class of antibiotics is cause for cautious celebration — but the economics must be fixed. Nature • 4 Jan: New antibiotic compound very exciting, expert says. BBC • 6 Jan: An end to antibiotics?. The Critic

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Jan: Antibiotic resistance is a growing threat — is climate change making it worse?. Nature• 9 Jan: Novo Nordisk Foundation partners with CARB-X to fight drug-resistant infections. Novo Nordisk Foundation• 16 Jan: Drug resistance: Could global goals be the answer to this worldwide health crisis?. WEF• 19 Jan: How chicken farms are breeding antimicrobial resistance. DW• 23 Jan: Antimicrobial resistance and the great divide: inequity in priorities and agendas between the Global North and the Global South threatens global mitigation of antimicrobial resistance. The Lancet• 24 Jan: Review highlights barriers for antimicrobial stewardship in low- and middle-income countries. CIDRAP• 24 Jan: Why drug resistance is becoming one of our biggest global health security blind-spots. WEF• 30 Jan: Antibiotic Research: Two New African-European Research Collaborations Tackle Severe Infections in Neonates and Children. Pent• 31 Jan: Developing a protocol on antimicrobial resistance through WHO's pandemic treaty will protect lives in future pandemics. Globalization & Health |
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Upcoming Meetings/ Webinars

Week of June 3, 2024

PFG PDP Donor Meetings and other meetings

Cape Town area, South Africa

Week of Oct 7, 2024

WHO Science Division Meeting and PFG PDP CEO Meeting and PFG Face to Face Meeting

Geneva, Switzerland