

Hamburg Joint Statement on AMR

Delivering on AMR commitments: A call for sustainable financing and global action

AMR: A global health and security threat

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a critical global health and development threat, spanning human health, animal health, agrifood and the environment, with the greatest burden felt in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Without urgent action, it is estimated that, over the next 25 years, AMR will cause 39.1 million deaths, with an additional 169 million people dying from illness associated with AMR. Furthermore, by 2050, AMR is projected to cause economic losses of up to 3.8% of global GDP and a 11% decline in livestock production in LMICs. AMR poses a global security threat by undermining the effectiveness of essential medicines, leading to untreatable infections, increased mortality and overwhelmed health systems. It also threatens global health, food security, and economic stability, and can exacerbate the impact of pandemics, conflict, and displacement by limiting the ability to control infections in vulnerable populations and settings.

Integrating AMR with development agendas

Adopting a One Health approach to addressing AMR offers significant synergies with broader development goals, including climate action, health system strengthening, and achieving Universal Health Coverage. Integrating AMR into existing frameworks, such as national climate adaptation plans, pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR), and health sector reform, not only enhances efficiency but also builds more resilient, sustainable systems. Coordinated One Health action ensures that investments in clean water, sanitation, sustainable agriculture, and primary healthcare simultaneously mitigate AMR risks. Such actions should be locally driven, equitable, and embedded in national development and action plans to ensure long-term, sustainable impact.

Political momentum

The Political Declaration on AMR from the UN General Assembly in 2024 sets out clear commitments and targets, including a 10% reduction in global AMR-related deaths and at least 60% of countries having achieved funded National Action Plans by 2030. To meet these goals, there is an urgent need for sustainable funding and implementation of context-specific interventions that deliver impact at the local level.

Furthermore, with the successful negotiations towards a Pandemic Agreement, countries are committing to a shared international response to pandemic threats, including equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments, as well as researching and implementing measures to improve pandemic prevention, surveillance and response, using a One Health Approach. Both the Political Declaration and the Pandemic Agreement are important steps in recognising the need for international collaboration and information sharing, transparency, and accountability between high, middle- and low-income countries. They set an important precedent for globally inclusive partnerships that facilitate the exchange of data, training, capacity and technology.

From commitments to action

Given the current global situation where traditional funding models of development aid are being challenged and global health funding is decreasing, exploring sustainable financing alternatives for mitigating AMR is both urgent and necessary. Furthermore, resources must be distributed more equitably, ensuring that low- and middle-income countries, most affected by AMR, receive the necessary support to lead and sustain effective responses.

This Joint Statement calls on heads of state, global leaders, international organisations, financial institutions, donors, the private sector, and stakeholders across the One Health spectrum to urgently respond to the need for sustainable financing and effective implementation of interventions to mitigate AMR, in order to uphold the critical commitments made in the Political Declaration on AMR.

The Political Declaration marked a significant turning point, sparking momentum and initiating key actions to translate its commitments into tangible results and plan for their implementation. The time to act is now - decisively and together. We must maintain momentum and prioritise AMR amid ongoing geopolitical challenges to save lives and avert the profound economic and developmental consequences of inaction. This Joint Statement is a collective expression of commitment and shared vision to address the global threat of AMR. It represents a mutual understanding of the need for global collaboration across the One Health spectrum and the urgency to mobilise resources and develop financing models that facilitate equitable global action on AMR.

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