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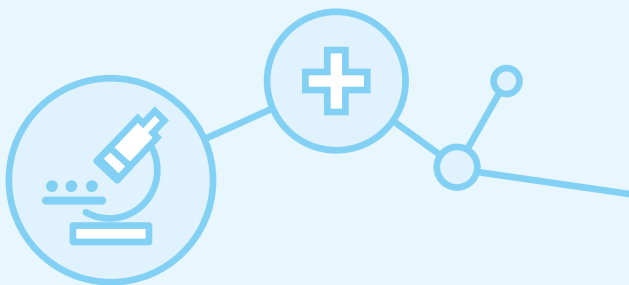


Global Health Strategy of the German Federal Government

Responsibility – Innovation – Partnership:
Shaping Global Health Together

Guiding principles for our actions

- We advocate for a cosmopolitan, human rights-based approach and actions that are based on rules and values.
- We promote a partnership approach to global health because no country can tackle the challenges of global health on its own. Therefore, we are committed to promoting and improving multilateral structures in global health and strengthening the World Health Organization (WHO).
- We advocate for the active involvement of the civil society, including the private sector, in solving global health challenges.
- We are building on a long-standing tradition of science and research on public and global health in Germany.
- We want to contribute to international processes in an even more targeted manner through our internationally demanded expertise in the sector of health.



Background

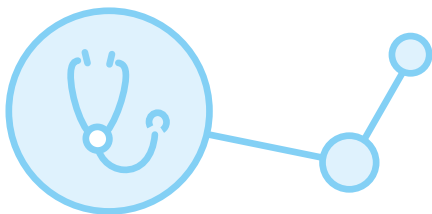
In recent years, the topic of global health has risen up sharply on the political agenda both in Germany and at international level. The launch of Germany's Global Health Strategy demonstrates the Federal Government's commitment to global health and to achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. Germany assumes global responsibility and is committed to "lead by example".

Objectives

The strategy's objective is to make an important contribution and to play a crucial role in improving global health by 2030.

The strategy adapts the strategic goals and priorities of the German Federal Government to new challenges such as the Coronavirus pandemic, the rise of antimicrobial resistance and climate change and are further developed in a future-oriented manner.

Germany will focus on system-oriented action and on interfaces where – in line with the One Health approach – it can achieve the greatest possible success through joint and cross-sectoral action.



Coherent implementation

The Global Health Strategy ensures coherent action by the German Federal Government. It will be implemented following a “health in all policies” approach and will be underpinned by the government’s financial policy and appropriate budget allocations.

The German Federal Government will promote dialogue and exchange with non-state actors and further strengthen Germany’s role as a hub for global health.

The strategy is set for 10 years – in alignment with the 2030 Agenda – to enable the attainment of Germany’s international responsibilities with even greater determination. A review is scheduled at the midpoint, in 2025.



Areas of priority

With this strategy, the German Federal Government is setting priorities in areas where Germany can make the best possible use of its political commitment, expertise and competencies

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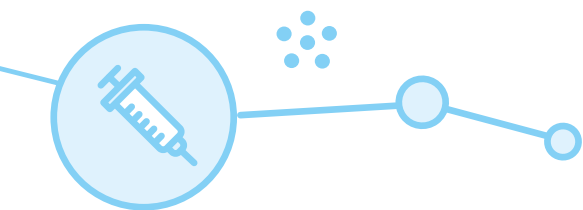
Promoting good health, preventing diseases and developing adequate responses

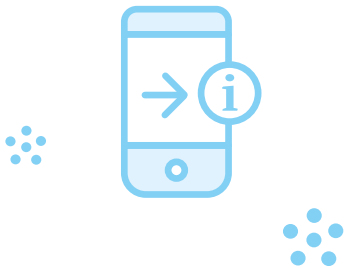
We advocate for a stronger focus on health promotion and prevention in international forums. The German Federal Government will further strengthen its global commitment to reducing antimicrobial resistance and expanding research on antibiotics as well as promoting research on vaccines and expand vaccination programmes at the national and international level. We are committed to combatting neglected and poverty-related tropical diseases and to eradicating polio.

II.

Holistic approaches to the environment, climate change and public health

Germany will take action to reduce the health impacts of climate change. Our aim is to protect health by advancing climate and environmental protection using an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach. Therefore, we will focus on the interaction between humans, animals and the environment.





III.

Strengthening health systems

Germany is committed to fostering strong and resilient health systems, to enable them to respond to a wide range of health challenges and provide non-discriminatory universal health care.

IV.

Protecting health – addressing cross-border health threats

We place particular emphasis on global health protection to prevent and adequately counter health crises. We will hereby provide the expertise that is available in Germany to partners worldwide. Further, we pledge to continue our commitment to humanitarian health aid.

V.

Advancing research and innovation for global health

Germany is driving research and innovation to solve current and future global health issues. In doing so, we will make the best possible use of the opportunities offered by digitalisation.

Collaborating for global health

- **The German Federal Government is committed to a partnership approach since global health challenges can only be addressed in a collaborative, coordinated and concerted manner.**
- **Germany advocates the promotion and strengthening of multilateral structures in the global health architecture with a central and coordinating role of WHO.**
- **We are committed to ensuring that global health remains a priority at the G7 and the G20.**
- **At the European level, the German Federal Government advocates for a more active role of the EU in addressing global health challenges.**
- **At the international level, Germany will initiate and intensify partnerships on an equal footing.**



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