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8. Health: Inclusive Health Systems

“We remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable, and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.”

G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Türkiye			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States	–1		
African Union			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.67 (83%)	

Background

Health has been on the G20 agenda since 2009, with G20 leaders recognizing the importance of social safety nets and access to healthcare to support sustainable economic growth and resilience.⁵³⁴⁶ During the Ebola Virus Outbreak in 2014, G20 leaders began prioritizing health objectives, committing to strengthening health systems and addressing infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance.⁵³⁴⁷ G20 leaders have also demonstrated their commitment to universal health coverage since 2017, taking strong action to strengthen public health preparedness, increase access to effective and equitable medical countermeasures, implement the One Health approach and address prominent diseases such as Covid-19, AIDS, polio, tuberculosis and malaria.⁵³⁴⁸ In doing so, the G20 has consistently recognized the importance of the World Health Organization (WHO) and other international institutions in addressing health hazards and strengthening health systems and governance.

⁵³⁴⁶ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 September 2009. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqu0925.html>

⁵³⁴⁷ 3 G20 Leaders’ Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

⁵³⁴⁸ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the importance of investing in healthcare and social safety nets to support people and Sustainable Economic Activity.⁵³⁴⁹

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed strengthening social safety nets including public health care, recognizing the importance of social protection for economic resilience and growth stability.⁵³⁵⁰

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders encouraged enhanced compliance with the WHO's International Health Regulations.⁵³⁵¹ The leaders noted the importance of these regulations to respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, G20 leaders committed financial assistance, medical personnel and countermeasures such as medicines, treatments and equipment to address the Ebola Virus outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.⁵³⁵² G20 leaders also called on the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund to increase their efforts to support countries affected by Ebola, while encouraging multi-stakeholder public-private partnerships to address the outbreak. Additionally, the leaders recognized the importance of strengthening global health systems to improve preparedness and capabilities to respond to infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders acknowledged the importance of addressing “global health risks, such as antimicrobial resistance, infectious disease threats and weak health systems.”⁵³⁵³ G20 leaders also committed to finalizing a plan for coordinated international response to health risks within one year.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders reiterated their commitment to addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) which is a significant public health concern.⁵³⁵⁴ They affirmed the need for research, development and coordination to address AMR and encouraged the work of the WHO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and World Organisation for Animal Health on this issue.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen health systems and support universal health coverage in accordance with the United Nations 2030 Agenda.⁵³⁵⁵ In this regard, G20 leaders emphasized the need for cooperation and research and development to ensure “efficient prevention, preparedness and response efforts.” The leaders also encouraged sustainable and rapid funding to strengthen health systems and support the WHO's Health Emergencies Programme.

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their pledge to strengthen health systems by improving their affordability and quality in accordance with universal health coverage.⁵³⁵⁶ G20 leaders also committed to strengthening the public health emergency “prevention, detection and response” rates in line with the WHO's International Health Regulations.

⁵³⁴⁹ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 September 2009. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

⁵³⁵⁰ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

⁵³⁵¹ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

⁵³⁵² 3 G20 Leaders' Brisbane Statement on Ebola, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2014. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1115-ebola.html>

⁵³⁵³ G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>

⁵³⁵⁴ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>

⁵³⁵⁵ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

⁵³⁵⁶ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to strengthen public health preparedness strategies through increasing medical personnel and financing innovative technologies in the public and private sector.⁵³⁵⁷ G20 leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to offer financial and technical support to countries suffering from Ebola, polio, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders committed to mobilizing resources to provide financial assistance for the “research, development, manufacturing, and distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines” as a part of the Covid-19 preparedness and response strategy.⁵³⁵⁸ G20 leaders also pledged to support collaborative efforts through the “Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) initiative” and other similar initiatives.

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders pledged to “vaccinating at least 40 percent of the population in all countries by the end of 2021 and 70 percent by mid-2022” as a part of the global vaccination strategy.⁵³⁵⁹ G20 leaders also committed to increasing the supply of medical countermeasures and vaccines in developing countries and removing financial and supply chain barriers.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders committed to strengthening health systems, universal health coverage and global health governance.⁵³⁶⁰ G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to integrating the One Health approach and surveillance technology to detect threats to human health. G20 leaders also advanced efforts to ensure “timely, equitable and universal access to safe, affordable, quality and effective vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics” as a part of the Covid-19 immunization scheme.

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders committed to strengthening global health and the One Health approach through enhancing pandemic preparedness and infectious disease surveillance strategies.⁵³⁶¹ G20 leaders also committed to facilitating equitable access to medical countermeasures including vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics in Low- and Middle-income Countries, Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Building on previous commitments, the 2024 Rio de Janeiro Summit focused on social inclusion and strengthening global health architecture. G20 leaders underscored the importance of coordinating “adequate, predictable, transparent, flexible and sustainable financing” for global health systems. G20 leaders committed to improving essential health services and ensuring health systems exceed pre-pandemic levels. They also pledged to “building more resilient, equitable, sustainable, and inclusive health systems.” This emphasizes a human-centered approach that also supports neglected diseases, individuals in vulnerable environments and inclusive and sustainable health coverage that advances the One Health approach.

Commitment Features

This commitment has two overarching dimensions, to be further broken down: 1) building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems and 2) providing integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. G20 members must take strong action across all criteria of both dimensions for full compliance.

⁵³⁵⁷ G20 Osaka Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 6 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

⁵³⁵⁸ Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 6 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

⁵³⁵⁹ G20 Rome Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 6 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

⁵³⁶⁰ G20 Bali Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 6 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

⁵³⁶¹ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 6 March 2025.

<https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

Definitions and Concepts

“Commit” is understood to mean “to do or perform, to pledge or bind (a person or an organization) to a certain course or policy.”⁵³⁶² In the context of this commitment, G20 members are expected to continue pledging or performing actions to support inclusive health systems.

“Building” is understood to mean “the process of creating or developing something.”⁵³⁶³

“Resilient” refers to “the ability of a system...to resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions.”⁵³⁶⁴ Resilience, in the context of healthcare, refers to “strengthening the capacity of health actors, institutions and populations to prepare for, and effectively respond to, public health crises.”⁵³⁶⁵

“Equitable” is understood to mean “fair and just as indicated by law.”⁵³⁶⁶

“Sustainable” refers to something that is “able to be maintained or continued.”⁵³⁶⁷

“Inclusive” is understood to mean “including everything or all types of people.”⁵³⁶⁸

“Health” is understood to mean “the state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”⁵³⁶⁹

“Health systems” refers to “(i) all the activities whose primary purpose is to promote, restore and/or maintain health; (ii) the people, institutions and resources, arranged together in accordance with established policies, to improve the health of the population they serve, while responding to people’s legitimate expectations and protecting them against the cost of ill-health through a variety of activities whose primary intent is to improve health.”⁵³⁷⁰

“Provision” refers to “the act of providing something.”⁵³⁷¹

“Health services” are “any service[s] (i.e. not limited to medical or clinical services) aimed at contributing to improved health or to the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of sick people.”⁵³⁷²

⁵³⁶² Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁵³⁶³ Building, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/building>

⁵³⁶⁴ World Health Organization Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/health-systems-strengthening-glossary.pdf>

⁵³⁶⁵ Integrated people-centred care, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/integrated-people-centered-care>

⁵³⁶⁶ Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁵³⁶⁷ Sustainable, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sustainable>

⁵³⁶⁸ Inclusive, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/inclusive>

⁵³⁶⁹ World Health Organization Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/health-systems-strengthening-glossary.pdf>

⁵³⁷⁰ World Health Organization Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/health-systems-strengthening-glossary.pdf>

⁵³⁷¹ Provision, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/provision>

⁵³⁷² World Health Organization Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/health-systems-strengthening-glossary.pdf>

“Integrated” is understood to mean “form[ed], coordinate[d], or blend[ed] into a functioning or unified whole.”⁵³⁷³ In the context of this commitment, integrated health services are “health services that are managed and delivered so that people receive a continuum of health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment, disease-management, rehabilitation and palliative care services, coordinated across the different levels and sites of care within and beyond the health sector and according to their needs throughout the life course.”

“People-centered” healthcare is “an approach to care that consciously adopts individuals’, carers’, families’ and communities’ perspectives as participants in, and beneficiaries of, trusted health systems that are organized around the comprehensive needs of people rather than individual diseases and respects social preferences. People-centred care also requires that patients have the education and support they need to make decisions and participate in their own care and that carers are able to attain maximal function within a supportive working environment. People-centred care is broader than patient and person-centred care, encompassing not only clinical encounters, but also including attention to the health of people in their communities and their crucial role in shaping health policy and health services.”⁵³⁷⁴

“Mental health” is defined as “a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well and contribute to their community.”⁵³⁷⁵ Mental health services, in this regard, are “services devoted to the treatment of mental illnesses and the improvement of mental health in people with mental disorders or problems.”⁵³⁷⁶

General Interpretive Guidelines

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to a G20 member that takes strong action across all criteria in both commitment dimensions. Part 1 requires strong action to build health systems that are a) more resilient, b) more equitable, c) more sustainable and d) more inclusive. Part 2 requires strong action to provide a) integrated people-centered health services, b) including mental health. Examples of strong actions include offering financial aid to support public health services; passing legislation to support universal healthcare coverage or pharmacare; cooperating with the pharmaceutical and medical technology sectors to increase the availability of medical equipment, medications or other countermeasures; allocating resources for the provision of psychological services and addiction treatment; developing programs to vaccinate populations against infectious diseases; launching programs to increase the availability of medical practitioners in underserved communities; and signing or ratifying international treaties.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to a G20 member that takes strong action on at least three of the six commitment criteria or less than strong action across at least four of the six criteria. Examples of less than strong actions include verbal reaffirmations for inclusive health systems, such as releasing statements, or participating in meetings where the topic is discussed, other diplomatic efforts.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be assigned to a G20 member that fails to take action on any commitment criteria, only takes weak action across three or less criteria, or takes action that is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment.

⁵³⁷³ Integrate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/integrate>

⁵³⁷⁴ Framework on integrated, people-centred health services, World Health Organization (Geneva) 15 April 2016. Access Date: 4 March 2025. https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/wha69/a69_39-en.pdf

⁵³⁷⁵ Mental health, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/health-topics/mental-health>

⁵³⁷⁶ Mental health care, Collins Dictionary (Glasgow) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/mentalese>

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has failed to take action on any commitment criteria, has only taken weak action across three or less criteria or has taken action that is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G20 member has taken strong action in at least three of the six commitment criteria or less than strong action in at least four of the six criteria.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action across all six commitment criteria to 1) build health systems that are a) more resilient, b) more equitable, c) more sustainable and d) more inclusive and 2) to provide a) integrated people-centered health services, b) including mental health.

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Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 28 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced changes in the delivery of cancer medications to improve access to them.⁵³⁷⁷ The initiative attempts to modernize the distribution of medicines to simplify the management of patient care and reduce factors that prevent patients from receiving medications.

On 23 December 2024, the Ministry of Health published resolution 6155/2024 to meet demands for mental health care.⁵³⁷⁸ This resolution seeks to increase the accessibility, safety and quality of institutional treatments for mental health by establishing minimum standards for the authorization of mental health establishments and services and mental health services supervision.

On 1 January 2025, the Ministry of Health implemented electronic prescriptions throughout the country in accordance with Decree 345/2024 to enable the operation of a digital health ecosystem.⁵³⁷⁹ This implementation attempts to streamline prescription and medicinal dispensing and simplify administrative treatment decisions.

On 17 January 2025, the Ministry of Health held the First Meeting of Coordination and Update for the Diagnosis of Dengue and Other Arboviruses in convention with the National Institute of Human Viral Diseases to strengthen surveillance, diagnosis and response to outbreaks.⁵³⁸⁰ This convention aims to improve virological surveillance and adjusting strategies to control and prevent epidemiological issues.

⁵³⁷⁷ Salud optimiza el circuito de provisión de medicamentos oncológicos centrado en el paciente, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-optimiza-el-circuito-de-provision-de-medicamentos-oncologicos-centrado-en-el-paciente>

⁵³⁷⁸ Salud establece nueva normativa para habilitación de establecimientos y servicios de salud mental y consumos problemáticos, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 23 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-establece-nueva-normativa-para-habilitacion-de-establecimientos-y-servicios-de-salud>

⁵³⁷⁹ Entra en vigencia la implementación de la receta electrónica como única modalidad de prescripción de medicamentos, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 1 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/entra-en-vigencia-la-implementacion-de-la-receta-electronica-como-unica-modalidad-de>

⁵³⁸⁰ Salud fortalece la respuesta al dengue con la primera reunión nacional de laboratorios, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 17 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-fortalece-la-respuesta-al-dengue-con-la-primera-reunion-nacional-de-laboratorios>

On 5 February 2025, Argentina announced its intention to pull out of the World Health Organization (WHO).⁵³⁸¹ President Javier Milei justified the decision by stating that Argentina would not allow an international organization to interfere in the country's sovereignty or health.

On 6 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the closure of the National Cancer Institute amidst President Javier Milei's claims that it was inefficiently delivering medications including expired doses.⁵³⁸² This action follows other cuts to medical supplies and healthcare funding since President Milei took office in December 2023.

On 7 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced coordination with Buenos Aires to contain the measles outbreak.⁵³⁸³ By cooperating, the entities attempt to provide follow-up and technical assistance in containing measles through treatments and vaccinations.

On 27 March 2025, the government announced the creation of the National Agency for the Evaluation of Financing Health Technologies to evaluate the effectiveness of medicinal treatments.⁵³⁸⁴ This action seeks to ensure the national health system is functional and transparent by addressing funding and judicial requirements to implement treatments.

On 1 April 2025, the Ministry of Health began delivering 250,000 measles vaccine doses as part of a strategy to manage an outbreak in the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area.⁵³⁸⁵ These doses are part of the nine million double viral vaccines purchased by the government.

On 7 April 2025, Minister of Health Mario Lugones met with delegates from the National Administration of Laboratories and Health Institutes and members of hospital councils to sign an agreement to strengthen capacities in fighting antimicrobial resistance.⁵³⁸⁶ This agreement aims to strengthen capacities of microbial laboratories to prevent morbidity and mortality and reduce costs.

On 25 April 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Nation published the "Strategic Plan for Preparedness and Response for Mpox 2025-2026" to strengthen national capacity for prevention and treatment of the virus' transmission.⁵³⁸⁷ The plan attempts to improve the surveillance, response and cooperation of health systems in targeting Mpox.

⁵³⁸¹ Argentina says it will pull out of World Health Organization, mirroring Trump's move last month, CNN (Atlanta) 5 February 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/05/americas/argentina-says-leaving-who-intl>

⁵³⁸² Milei government eliminates Argentina's national cancer institute, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.batimes.com.ar/news/argentina/milei-government-eliminates-argentinas-national-cancer-institute.phtml>

⁵³⁸³ Buenos Aires City and Province measles cases trigger joint gov't response, MercoPress (Buenos Aires) 18 March 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://en.mercopress.com/2025/03/18/buenos-aires-city-and-province-measles-cases-trigger-joint-gov-t-response>

⁵³⁸⁴ El Gobierno crea la Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de Financiamiento de Tecnologías Sanitarias, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 27 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-gobierno-crea-la-agencia-nacional-de-evaluacion-de-financiamiento-de-tecnologias>
⁵³⁸⁵ El Ministerio de Salud comenzó a distribuir la vacuna para control del brote de sarampión, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 1 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-salud-comenzo-distribuir-la-vacuna-para-control-del-brote-de-sarampion>

⁵³⁸⁶ Los hospitales dependientes de la cartera sanitaria nacional avanzan en la prevención de las enfermedades intrahospitalarias junto con la ANLIS Malbrán, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 7 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/los-hospitales-dependientes-de-la-cartera-sanitaria-nacional-avanzan-en-la-prevencion-de>

⁵³⁸⁷ Salud publicó el Plan Estratégico de Preparación y Respuesta para Mpox 2025-2026, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 25 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-publico-el-plan-estrategico-de-preparacion-y-respuesta-para-mpox-2025-2026>

On 15 May 2025, the Ministry of Health sent technical teams to Tucumán to help monitor and strengthen the province's response to dengue fever.⁵³⁸⁸ This includes a focus on surveillance, containment and prevention.

On 26 May 2025, Minister Lugones and United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr met in Argentina to discuss cooperation for healthcare.⁵³⁸⁹ The officials discussed a focus on preventing chronic diseases, “fast-track authorizations for high-cost medications,” improving management and focusing on the “reform and deregulation of the health system.”

On 27 May 2025, Argentina announced that it has ratified its decision to end participation in the WHO during a meeting between Minister Lugones and Secretary Kennedy.⁵³⁹⁰ This action is antithetical to the commitment as it prevents the provision of equitable, resilient, inclusive and integrated global health systems, limits international cooperation for health and undermines the right to health.⁵³⁹¹

On 9 June 2025, the Ministry of Health organized a series of workshops to establish a healthcare agenda for the Mercosur trade bloc which includes Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile.⁵³⁹² The workshops discussed topics including digital health, the judicialization of health and well-being and nutrition. The aim of these workshops was to incorporate new technologies into improving regional health systems.

On 12 June 2025, Argentina passed resolution 1938/2025 to incentivize a greater supply of health services and reduce economic barriers to access these services.⁵³⁹³ By eliminating fees for health establishments and practitioners, the resolution aims to strengthen healthcare access, decentralize the health system and fortify equitable health services.

On 23 June 2025, Minister Lugones met with health ministries across Argentina to discuss vaccination coverage across the country.⁵³⁹⁴ The meeting involved the presentation of new dashboards for monitoring the targeted measles vaccination strategy, the analysis of vaccination rates, overviews of respiratory virus epidemiology and a joint statement on the importance of maintaining coverage for all scheduled vaccinations.

On 8 July 2025, the Ministry of the Health passed resolutions 458/2025, 459/2025 and 460/2025 to reorganize the national health system to improve articulation domestically and strengthen public resource usage.⁵³⁹⁵ By operationalizing health services responsibility among 24 jurisdictions, these measures aim to provide technical

⁵³⁸⁸ Salud brinda asistencia a la provincia de Tucumán para contener los casos de dengue, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 15 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-brinda-asistencia-la-provincia-de-tucuman-para-contener-los-casos-de-dengue>

⁵³⁸⁹ Mario Lugones y Robert F. Kennedy Jr. definen agenda de trabajo conjunto, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/mario-lugones-y-robert-f-kennedy-jr-definen-agenda-de-trabajo-conjunto>

⁵³⁹⁰ Argentina ratifies WHO withdrawal during RfK Jr visit, Buenos Aires Times (Buenos Aires) 27 May 2025. Access Date: 27 May 2025. <https://www.batimes.com.ar/news/argentina/argentina-ratifies-who-withdrawal-during-rfk-jr-visit.phtml>

⁵³⁹¹ Argentina's WHO Withdrawal: A Multidimensional Setback for Democracy, Global Health and International Cooperation, EU Research and Education Network on Foreign policy issues: Values and Democracy (Barcelona) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 27 May 2025. <https://www.eu-values.eu/blog/argentinass-who-withdrawal-a-multidimensional-setback-for-democracy-global-health-and-international-cooperation>

⁵³⁹² Se realizan en Argentina los talleres de trabajo en salud del Mercosur, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 9 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizan-en-argentina-los-talleres-de-trabajo-en-salud-del-mercosur>

⁵³⁹³ Salud elimina aranceles para trámites de habilitación, certificación y matriculaciones de establecimientos y profesionales de la salud, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 12 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-elimina-aranceles-para-tramites-de-habilitacion-certificacion-y-matriculaciones-de>

⁵³⁹⁴ El Consejo Federal de Salud impulsa la promoción de la vacunación, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 23 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-consejo-federal-de-salud-impulsa-la-promocion-de-la-vacunacion>

⁵³⁹⁵ El Ministerio de Salud profundiza el reordenamiento en el Sistema sanitario, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 8 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-salud-profundiza-el-reordenamiento-en-el-sistema-sanitario>

accompaniment, guide policies and ensure health services quality whilst abstaining from overlapping responsibilities.

On 18 July 2025, the Argentine Coordinating Institute for Organ Transplantation (INCUCAI) and the “Prof. Dr. Juan P. Garrahan” Pediatric Hospital concluded the second international course on pediatric liver transplantation.⁵³⁹⁶ The course was attended by healthcare professionals from across the region, including professionals from Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru. The course aimed to strengthen the ability of healthcare professionals to provide quality care and improve the capacities of regional health system in donation and transplantation.

On 22 July 2025, the Ministry of Health met with representatives from Paraguay’s Ministry of Health to advance the implementation of the Joint Vector Control and Epidemiological Surveillance of Arboviruses Project between border cities.⁵³⁹⁷ The initiative aims to strengthen capacities in infectious disease surveillance, with a particular focus on dengue and other arboviruses, through a collaborative joint management plan.

On 8 August 2025, Deputy Minister of Health Cecilia Loccisano met with the United States’ Ministry of Health and Human Services and the Pan American Health Organization to define steps for common guidelines for health management.⁵³⁹⁸ In deepening cooperation prevention, food safety standards and healthcare through efficient and evidence-based interventions, this partnership attempts to revitalize innovative approaches to protect and improve public health.

On 13 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the yellow fever vaccine would only be free in areas where the disease is endemic.⁵³⁹⁹ The move aligns with the ministry’s resource efficiency policy and prevents public funding being allocated to disease protection that does not serve public health interests and is antithetical to the commitment.

On 25 August 2025, Minister Lugones met with the Director of the National Administration of Laboratories and Health Institutes and private sector laboratories to promote collaboration on optimizing surveillance and control of antimicrobial resistance.⁵⁴⁰⁰ This meeting resulted in a cooperative framework that consolidates diagnostic performance and strengthens training and diagnostic innovation.

On 28 August 2025, the Ministry of the Health passed Resolution 2461/2025 to establish framework of actions that will regulate the representation of the State in the hearings held within the Pre-Judicial Mediation Procedure in Health Matters.⁵⁴⁰¹ By establishing specific directions to health authorities, defining duties for intervention and solidifying authorities of the national health portfolio, this resolution aims to ensure lawyers act with transparency in health disputes.

⁵³⁹⁶ El INCUCAI y el Hospital Garrahan capacitan a profesionales de toda la región en Trasplante Hepático Pediátrico, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 18 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-incucaiy-el-hospital-garrahan-capacitan-profesionales-de-toda-la-region-en-trasplante>

⁵³⁹⁷ Argentina fortalece la vigilancia conjunta de dengue en la frontera con Paraguay, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 22 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-fortalece-la-vigilancia-conjunta-de-dengue-en-la-frontera-con-paraguay>

⁵³⁹⁸ Argentina refuerza alianza estratégica en salud con EE.UU. y la OPS, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 8 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.arge891apan891sia.ar/noticias/argentina-refuerza-alianza-estrategica-en-salud-con-eeuu-y-la-ops>

⁵³⁹⁹ La vacunación contra la fiebre amarilla será gratuita solo en zonas endémicas, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 13 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 August 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-vacunacion-contra-la-fiebre-amarilla-sera-gratuita-solo-en-zonas-endemicas>

⁵⁴⁰⁰ Se fortalece el trabajo con el sector privado para dar respuesta a la resistencia antimicrobiana, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 25 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-fortalece-el-trabajo-con-el-sector-privado-para-dar-respuesta-la-resistencia>

⁵⁴⁰¹ El Ministerio de Salud define el marco de actuación para las mediaciones prejudiciales, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 28 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-ministerio-de-salud-define-el-marco-de-actuacion-para-las-mediaciones-prejudiciales>

On 3 September 2025, the Ministry of the Health collaborated with PAHO and the Undersecretariat for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention of the provincial health portfolio to provide technical assistance in the reorganization of health services.⁵⁴⁰² By addressing central aspects of hospital management, analyzing improvement opportunities in facilities and generating new frameworks for Nation-province cooperation, this initiative seeks to strengthen the response of jurisdictions to outbreaks of diseases.

On 12 September 2025, the Ministry of the Health presented the National Measles Control Dashboard to the provinces and the Buenos Aires to strengthen epidemiological surveillance and decision-making.⁵⁴⁰³ By developing surveillance quality indicator monitors, health system and service visualization tabs and incorporating vaccination monitors, this measure facilitates case monitoring and the health system's response capacity.

On 25 September 2025, Minister Lugones participated in the High-Level meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health as part of the 80th UN General Assembly to guarantee science-based health policies.⁵⁴⁰⁴ Minister Lugones highlighted Argentina's steps to build prevention, evidence and clinical freedom-based health policies.

On 26 September 2025, Minister Lugones met with the United States Health Secretary Kennedy Jr. at the 80th United Nations General Assembly to deepen dialogue between the two countries.⁵⁴⁰⁵ By prioritizing a cooperative agreement on food regulation, vaccine safety, medicines and medical supplies, this dialogue aims to built modern and efficient health systems that guarantee population safety.

On 3 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced approximately ARS30 billion in funding for Garrahan Hospital's construction and equipment acquisition plan.⁵⁴⁰⁶ The funding will support modernization, increased technology, develop a Pediatric Linear Accelerator to support 400-600 children per year and develop the Bone Marrow Transplant Inpatient Unit.

On 14 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced its plans to send an additional 44,600 doses of the yellow fever vaccine to high-risk areas including the provinces of Formosa, Misiones and Corrientes and departments of Jujuy, Salta and Chaco.⁵⁴⁰⁷

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable, and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. It has taken action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through the delivery of measles vaccines, a strategic plan for Mpox, bilateral talks on healthcare with the United States, an agreement to address antimicrobial resistance, resolution 1938/2025 and an international course on pediatric liver transplantation. However, Argentina has also taken actions antithetical to the commitment by eradicating

⁵⁴⁰² Nación colabora con Chaco para fortalecer la respuesta ante brotes de dengue, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 3 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nacion-colabora-con-chaco-para-fortalecer-la-respuesta-ante-brotes-de-dengue>

⁵⁴⁰³ Salud presentó a las jurisdicciones el nuevo Tablero Nacional de Control de Sarampión, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 12 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/salud-presento-las-jurisdicciones-el-nuevo-tablero-nacional-de-control-de-sarampion>

⁵⁴⁰⁴ Argentina fija su posición ante la ONU sobre la necesidad de garantizar políticas sanitarias con base científica, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 25 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-fija-su-posicion-ante-la-onu-sobre-la-necesidad-de-garantizar-politicas>

⁵⁴⁰⁵ Argentina y Estados Unidos avanza en acuerdos de cooperación sanitaria, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 26 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-y-estados-unidos-avanzan-en-acuerdos-de-cooperacion-sanitaria>

⁵⁴⁰⁶ El Garrahan inicia una nueva etapa con mejoras estratégicas en infraestructura y equipamiento, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 3 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 October 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-garrahan-inicia-una-nueva-etapa-con-mejoras-estrategicas-en-infraestructura-y>

⁵⁴⁰⁷ Argentina refuerza la vigilancia y la prevención frente al brote de fiebre amarilla en la región, Ministerio de Salud (Buenos Aires) 14 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 October 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-refuerza-la-vigilancia-y-la-prevencion-frente-al-brote-de-fiebre-amarilla-en-la>

the National Cancer Institute and withdrawing from the World Health Organization. Its focus on deregulating the health system and revocation of free yellow fever vaccines for non-endemic areas is also antithetical to the commitment objectives.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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Australia has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 22 November 2024, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing published a consultation draft of the Fifth National Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2024-2030, a five-part framework of national strategies that aim to coordinate a national response against bloodborne viruses and sexually transmissible infections (STIs).⁵⁴⁰⁸ This strategy contributes to national efforts in highlighting key areas for improvement in public health and primary health care systems to reduce the impact of STIs by 2030.

On 27 November 2024, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced the opening of three new Medical Research Future Funds (MRFF) totaling AUD55 million to support healthcare research on intellectual disabilities, chronic respiratory conditions and traumatic brain injuries.⁵⁴⁰⁹ These grants will contribute to the advancement of diagnosis, prevention and treatment for these conditions.

On 28 November 2024, Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy and Minister for Social Services Amanda Rishworth announced a new International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy to support humanitarian and development initiatives geared towards people with disabilities.⁵⁴¹⁰ As part of this strategy, the government will allocate AUD12 million to increase access to assistive technologies like wheelchairs, hearing aids and prosthetics in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 3 December 2024, oral health sector representatives attended a two-day workshop held by HealthConsult in Canberra to build an evidence base for the next National Oral Health Plan 2025-2034.⁵⁴¹¹ The workshop enabled representatives to assess oral health in Australia, identify policy gaps and determine the direction of the next plan.

On 13 December 2024, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing allocated AUD40 million to the 2024 Rapid Applied Research Translation Grant to help accelerate the application of clinical research into policy and practice.⁵⁴¹² These grant opportunities will contribute to the planning, design and implementation of current research findings with the involvement of relevant stakeholders and expertise.

⁵⁴⁰⁸ Have your say on Australia's Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) Strategy, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 22 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/have-your-say-on-australias-sexually-transmissible-infections-sti-strategy?language=en>

⁵⁴⁰⁹ \$55 million for research that improves the health of people with intellectual disability, chronic respiratory disease and traumatic brain injury, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-55-million-for-research-that-improves-the-health-of-people-with-intellectual-disability-chronic-respiratory-disease-and-traumatic-brain-injury?language=en>

⁵⁴¹⁰ New strategy to promote and protect the rights of people with disability in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/new-strategy-promote-and-protect-rights-people-disability-indo-pacific-and-beyond>

⁵⁴¹¹ Developing the National Oral Health Plan 2025–2034, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/developing-the-national-oral-health-plan-2025-2034>

⁵⁴¹² \$40 million to rapidly translate research into high-quality health care, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-40-million-to-rapidly-translate-research-into-high-quality-health-care>

On 18 December 2024, Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong, Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, Acting Minister for Emergency Management Catherine King and Acting Minister for International Development and the Pacific Matt Keogh announced that Australia allocated AUD2 million to respond to the large-scale earthquake in Vanuatu.⁵⁴¹³ This funding will support an Australian Medical Assistance Team, Disaster Assistance Response Team and other aid.

On 22 December 2024, Minister Wong, Minister Conroy, Attorney General Dreyfus, Acting Minister King and Minister Keogh announced an additional AUD5 million to support humanitarian efforts in Vanuatu after a large-scale earthquake.⁵⁴¹⁴ Of this, AUD2.5 million was allocated towards medical care, water, sanitation and hygiene to help reinforce the health system.

On 1 January 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing introduced a freeze on the maximum cost for all Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) medicines in 2025.⁵⁴¹⁵ This decision aims to alleviate medical costs of patients and maintain accessibility to costly medical treatments.

On 3 January 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing pledged AUD18.5 million to the Medical Research Commercialisation Initiative to support startup companies developing interventions for critical health issues, such as cancer treatment, inflammatory bowel disease and pregnancy complication detection.⁵⁴¹⁶ This funding will help support innovative treatment development and accelerate its accessibility to healthcare providers and institutions.

On 6 January 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing pledged AUD35.7 million to the 2024 Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure Grant to improve collaboration and resource allocation for key areas of clinical research.⁵⁴¹⁷ This funding will help streamline research infrastructure to enable researchers to better address areas with unmet medical need.

On 20 January 2025, the National Immunisation Program announced the availability of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines for pregnant women who are 28 to 36 weeks pregnant starting 3 February 2025.⁵⁴¹⁸ This action aims to prevent the severe impacts of RSV on newborns and infants.

On 1 February 2025, Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme Mark Butler announced almost AUD20 million in funding to advance national research into childhood brain cancers, particularly Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).⁵⁴¹⁹ Through the MRFF, AUD14 million will establish the CoACT-Brain Cancer clinical trial consortium led by Monash University,

⁵⁴¹³ Update on Australia's response to Vanuatu earthquake, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/update-australias-response-vanuatu-earthquake>

⁵⁴¹⁴ Additional assistance in response to Vanuatu earthquake, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 21 December 2024. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/additional-assistance-response-vanuatu-earthquake>

⁵⁴¹⁵ Keeping PBS medicines affordable with freeze on maximum patient costs, Brisbane South Primary Health Network (Queensland) 1 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://bsphn.org.au/news/keeping-pbs-medicines-affordable-with-freeze-on-maximum-patient-costs>

⁵⁴¹⁶ \$18.5 million to help eight innovative startups commercialise their research into medicinal treatments, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 3 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/185-million-to-help-eight-innovative-startups-commercialise-their-research-into-medicinal-treatments-mrff?language=en>

⁵⁴¹⁷ \$35.7 million to support clinical trials into areas of unmet medical need, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 6 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-357-million-to-support-clinical-trials-into-areas-of-unmet-medical-need?language=en>

⁵⁴¹⁸ National Immunisation Program update – maternal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/national-immunisation-program-update-maternal-respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccine>

⁵⁴¹⁹ \$20 million funding boost for childhood brain cancer research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 1 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/20-million-funding-boost-for-childhood-brain-cancer-research?language=en>

while AUD6 million will support early-stage research across three universities. Monash University also received AUD2 million for therapy development targeting high-grade gliomas, the University of Newcastle was awarded AUD2 million to apply artificial intelligence-driven treatment strategies for diffuse midline glioma and the University of Western Australia received AUD1.1 million to explore safer treatments for rare infant brain cancers.

On 3 February 2025, Minister Wong and Minister Butler met with Indonesia's Minister of Health Budi Gunadi Sadikin to strengthen health cooperation between the two countries.⁵⁴²⁰ The meeting focused on increasing Indonesian medical personnel training in Australia and standardizing nursing in both countries. Indonesia and Australia also expressed their commitment to health resilience and discussed the Indonesia-Australia health cooperation strategy 2025-2033 which is expected to be finalized soon.

On 6 February 2025, Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner Andrea Kelly released a report titled "Transforming Aged Care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People," calling for urgent reforms to create a culturally safe, community-led aged care system.⁵⁴²¹ The report highlights systemic failures and recommends a transformation plan co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aligned with the Closing the Gap Priority Reforms. It also urges the establishment of a permanent independent Commissioner and outlines 27 priority actions for immediate government commitment. A Community Booklet capturing lived experiences has also been released alongside the report.

On 7 February 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced new legislation mandating that all vaccination providers report antenatal status to the Australian Immunisation Register at the time of vaccine administration, effective 1 March 2025.⁵⁴²² This critical reform aims to strengthen maternal immunisation data collection and ensure a more complete national health dataset to monitor vaccine coverage, safety and effectiveness for pregnant individuals. This initiative underscores the government's commitment to safeguarding maternal and infant health and enhancing data-driven public health policy through improved surveillance and accountability mechanisms.

On 7 February 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Evaluation Framework and Sharing Guidelines developed under the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement 2022.⁵⁴²³ These guidelines aim to enhance accountability and evidence-based policymaking and improve the quality, transparency and impact of evaluations across the sector. This initiative represents a key step toward strengthening the national mental health system and supporting more effective, coordinated responses to mental health and suicide prevention challenges.

On 7 February 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced changes to the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) clinical guidelines, set to take effect in April 2025.⁵⁴²⁴ The updated guidelines introduce key revisions to Test of Cure protocols, surveillance and follow-up after adenocarcinoma

⁵⁴²⁰ Indonesia-Australia Perkuat Kerjasama Tenaga Kesehatan hingga Inovasi Medis, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Canberra) 4 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/id/rilis-kesehatan/indonesia-australia-perkuat-kerjasama-tenaga-kesehatan-hingga-inovasi-medis>

⁵⁴²¹ New report centres voices of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 6 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/new-report-centres-voices-of-older-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-people?language=en>

⁵⁴²² Mandatory reporting changes to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) from 1 March 2025, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mandatory-reporting-changes-to-the-australian-immunisation-register-air-from-1-march-2025?language=en>

⁵⁴²³ National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Evaluation Framework and Sharing Guidelines published, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/national-mental-health-and-suicide-prevention-evaluation-framework-and-sharing-guidelines-published?language=en>

⁵⁴²⁴ Training for upcoming changes to clinical guidelines for cervical screening, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/training-for-upcoming-changes-to-clinical-guidelines-for-cervical-screening?language=en>

in situ and intervals for unsatisfactory tests. These initiatives aim to support consistent, evidence-based implementation of the revised NCSP guidelines countrywide.

On 12 February 2025, Minister Butler announced an investment of over AUD22 million to advance primary care research through the MRFF.⁵⁴²⁵ The initiative supports seven innovative projects led by top universities to improve access, efficiency and equity in primary care and unite six research groups, a consumer network and 100 investigators to pioneer new models of care. The funding is part of the AUD50 million Primary Health Research Plan developed to further strengthen Medicare following expert panel recommendations.

On 23 February 2025, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese pledged AUD8.5 billion for Medicare, reinstating previously cut funding.⁵⁴²⁶ This will account for an estimated 18 million bulk-billed general practitioner visits annually and fund hundreds of nursing and physician scholarships in support of medical education. This investment aims to drive down out-of-pocket healthcare costs, increase the number of healthcare providers and support increased equity and accessibility to healthcare in Australia.

On 25 February 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released new toolkits as part of the countrywide “Own It” campaign which aims to raise awareness about cervical cancer prevention through regular screening and a self-testing option.⁵⁴²⁷ The toolkits provide accessible resources to help healthcare organizations and community groups increase screening rates and accessibility, aiming to improve health outcomes and early detection through increased participation in cervical screening.

On 25 February 2025, the Australian Government released the “National Roadmap to Improve the Health and Mental Health of Autistic People 2025–2035,” outlining a decade-long strategy to eliminate health and mental health inequities faced by autistic Australians.⁵⁴²⁸ The Roadmap is informed by consultations with autistic individuals, stakeholders, clinicians and academic experts and aims to develop an inclusive and responsive health system to support autistic people.

On 26 February 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced an investment of approximately AUD98 million for health and medical research with the launch of four new MRFF grant opportunities.⁵⁴²⁹ Of this, AUD24 million will go to the 2025 Cardiovascular Health opportunity which aims to reduce disease burden and AUD13 million will fund the 2025 International Clinical Trial Collaborations, reinforcing Australia’s role in global research efforts by supporting local trial sites for novel treatments. AUD44.8 million will go towards the 2025 Early to Mid-Career Researchers grant opportunity to help improve the health system for vulnerable groups, address major health issues and ensure optimal health policies.

On 6 March 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released a new “Handbook of Tools to Support Medicine Management in Multimorbidity and Polypharmacy,” developed by the University of South Australia.⁵⁴³⁰ This comprehensive resource is designed to assist health professionals in managing the

⁵⁴²⁵ Top researchers improving primary care in Australia, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 12 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/top-researchers-improving-primary-care-in-australia?language=en>

⁵⁴²⁶ Strengthening Medicare: more bulk billing, more doctors, more nurses, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 23 February 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/strengthening-medicare-more-bulk-billing-more-doctors-more-nurses>

⁵⁴²⁷ Toolkits to promote cervical screening, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/toolkits-to-promote-cervical-screening?language=en>

⁵⁴²⁸ New Roadmap Aims to Address Health Inequities Faced by Autistic People, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/new-roadmap-aims-to-address-health-inequities-faced-by-autistic-people?language=en>

⁵⁴²⁹ A big boost for health and medical research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-a-big-boost-for-health-and-medical-research?language=en>

⁵⁴³⁰ The handbook of tools to support medicine management in multimorbidity and polypharmacy is now available, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/the-handbook-of-tools-to-support-medicine-management-in-multimorbidity-and-polypharmacy-is-now-available?language=en>

complexities of multiple medication use and reducing the risk of medication-related harm. This represents a step toward safer, more effective medicine use, particularly in older populations and those living with multiple chronic conditions.

On 7 March 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced a AUD37.5 million investment to boost consumer health literacy and enhance health professional education to promote safer and more effective use of medicines and diagnostics.⁵⁴³¹ Funded through the Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology program, this initiative supports Australia's National Medicines Policy and the National Strategy for Quality Use of Medicines, reflecting its commitment to improving health outcomes by empowering both consumers and health professionals with critical, accessible knowledge.

On 7 March 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released an updated Roadmap and Implementation Plan for the AUD500.1 million Genomics Health Futures Mission under the MRFF, marking a renewed commitment to harnessing genomic technology to transform healthcare.⁵⁴³² The updated framework will guide future investments to improve testing and diagnosis, personalize treatment, and reduce unnecessary healthcare interventions.

On 14 March 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced AUD55.8 million in new MRFF grant opportunities to advance stem cell therapies and improve outcomes in dementia, ageing and aged care. The 2025 Stem Cell Therapies grant opportunity will provide up to AUD31.5 million for early-stage clinical trials and foundational research to build public confidence in novel therapies.⁵⁴³³ An additional AUD24.3 million is available through the 2025 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care grant opportunity. These investments, delivered under the MRFF's Stem Cell Therapies and Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care Missions, reinforce Australia's commitment to equitable, evidence-based innovation in healthcare.

On 4 April 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing opened applications for the Support at Home Thin Markets grant, supporting the availability of aged care for people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences.⁵⁴³⁴ This funding has a particular focus on operations in rural and remote regions or specialized markets to maintain affordability and viability of Support at Home services.

On 24 April 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, Amplar Health and La Trobe University launched a new initiative to test a framework for delivering virtual nursing services in 30 selected residential aged care homes.⁵⁴³⁵ This project aims to support aged care providers facing workforce shortages, particularly those located in rural and remote areas or those caring for First Nations or culturally and linguistically diverse older people.

On 2 May 2025, the Department of Defence announced that the Army and Air Force would be provided with improved "definitive care capability."⁵⁴³⁶ This will increase to healthcare and medical needs including physiotherapy, dental and blood services for soldiers and aviators.

⁵⁴³¹ Improving health literacy and educating health professionals about safer medicine use, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/improving-health-literacy-and-educating-health-professionals-about-safer-medicine-use?language=en>

⁵⁴³² Priorities updated for the Genomics Health Futures Mission, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/priorities-updated-for-the-genomics-health-futures-mission-mrff>

⁵⁴³³ \$55.8 million for research into stem cell therapies, dementia, ageing and aged care, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 14 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-558-million-for-research-into-stem-cell-therapies-dementia-ageing-and-aged-care>

⁵⁴³⁴ Apply for the Support at Home Thin Markets grant, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 4 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/apply-for-the-support-at-home-thin-markets-grant?language=en>

⁵⁴³⁵ Virtual nursing in aged care, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/virtual-nursing-in-aged-care?language=en>

⁵⁴³⁶ Army and Air Force health set for upgrade, Australian Government Defence (Canberra) 2 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events/news/2025-05-02/army-air-force-health-set-upgrade>

On 8 May 2025, Australia took part in the Indo-Pacific health security alliance meeting.⁵⁴³⁷ The event was attended by defence and security health representatives. The meeting focused on bringing together military, civilian and non-governmental organization health stakeholders to discuss building health systems resilient to climate change, conflict, disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

On 12 May 2025, Australia pledged AUD2.89 million to support reproductive health in Laos.⁵⁴³⁸ The funding will benefit more than 500,000 people in the remote areas of Bokeo and Luang Namtha province. The project also aims to remove cultural and social barriers that limit access to healthcare for women and girls, therefore enhancing the inclusivity of the healthcare system.

On 15 May 2025, Prime Minister Albanese met with the President of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto for the Australia-Indonesia Annual Leaders' Meeting.⁵⁴³⁹ In the meeting, Prime Minister Albanese pledged AUD100 million to strengthen Indonesia's healthcare system alongside AUD3.5 million for an anti-malaria drug trial for the Indonesian army.

On 20 May 2025, Minister Wong announced that the government pledged FJD5.7 million to support Fiji's national HIV response plan.⁵⁴⁴⁰ The move aims to support community-led HIV prevention and treatment initiatives, expanded disease surveillance and improved HIV testing.

On 21 May 2025, Australia welcomed the adoption of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Pandemic Agreement.⁵⁴⁴¹ The government's support for the agreement enables collective action towards pandemic preparedness and building a more resilient healthcare system by enhancing vaccine access and expanding multi-sectoral disease surveillance.

On 21 May 2025, Minister for International Development, Small Business and Multicultural Affairs Anne Aly and Minister Conroy released a joint statement announcing AUD5 million in funding support for Papua New Guinea's polio preparedness and response effort.⁵⁴⁴² This funding will be delivered through the WHO and aims to support the integration of polio with other childhood vaccinations, thus mitigating the spread of communicable disease.

On 3 June 2025, Australian High Commissioner Ewen McDonald launched a tripartite health partnership with Papua New Guinea and the WHO.⁵⁴⁴³ The DFAT-WHO-NDOH Partnership 2025–2028 is valued at AUD15 million and focuses on improving primary healthcare, increasing access to essential medicines, expanding the health workforce and improving maternal and child health services.

⁵⁴³⁷ Australia takes part in Indo-Pacific health security alliance meeting, Post-Courier (Port Moresby) 8 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.postcourier.com.pg/australia-takes-part-in-indo-pacific-health-security-alliance-meeting/>

⁵⁴³⁸ Australia provides AUD2.89 m to improve reproductive health, Vientiane Times (Vientiane) 13 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. https://www.vientianetimes.org.la/freefreenews/freecontent_88_Australia_y25.php

⁵⁴³⁹ Investing in the Australia–Indonesia relationship, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 8 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/investing-australia-indonesia-relationship>

⁵⁴⁴⁰ Australia gives \$5.7m more for Fiji's HIV fight, Fijian Broadcasting Corporation (Suva) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/news/australia-gives-4m-more-for-fijis-hiv-fight/>

⁵⁴⁴¹ Adoption of World Health Organization Pandemic Agreement, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/adoption-world-health-organization-pandemic-agreement>

⁵⁴⁴² \$5 million support for Papua New Guinea's Polio Preparedness and Response Efforts, Minister for International Development, Small Business and Multicultural Affairs (Canberra) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://ministers.dfat.gov.au/minister/anne-aly/media-release/5-million-support-papua-new-guineas-polio-preparedness-and-response-efforts>

⁵⁴⁴³ Papua New Guinea Launches Health Partnership with Australia and WHO, World Health Organisation Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby) 3 June 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.who.int/papuanewguinea/news/detail/03-06-2025-papua-new-guinea-launches-health-partnership-with-australia-and-who>

On 9 June 2025, Minister Butler announced that the government will provide AUD4.5 million in funding for effective treatments and cures for motor neurone disease.⁵⁴⁴⁴ Minister Butler also announced the inclusion of Eadaravone (Radicava®) within the Pharmaceutical Benefits System (PBS), offering another treatment option for Australians with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the most common type of motor neurone disease. This will support access to affordable and effective treatment for patients.

On 12 June 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released a new National Immunisation Strategy for 2025-2030, aiming to decrease vaccine-preventable diseases through strategies that promote awareness and increase access to immunization.⁵⁴⁴⁵ This includes improving immunization access for underserved populations, strengthening public trust and sentiment towards immunization and increasing healthcare workforce participation in immunization strategies.

On 18 June 2025, Minister Butler announced the start of the free Medicare chronic wound care program.⁵⁴⁴⁶ The program aims to improve equity in access to chronic wound care products for older Australians with diabetes and enhance the quality of life of diabetes patients requiring wound care.

On 20 June 2025, Minister Butler announced the allocation of AUD12 million in funding to support Australia's Research Translation Centres.⁵⁴⁴⁷ The initiative aims to enhance collaborative research and discovery to improve health services and the effectiveness of available care.

On 27 June 2025, Minister Wong and Minister Aly pledged AUD386 million towards Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance from 2026-2030.⁵⁴⁴⁸ The funding will directly contribute to Gavi's work with child vaccinations, cervical cancer prevention and COVID vaccines, supporting access to lifesaving treatment and contributing to more inclusive global healthcare systems.

On 28 June 2025, Minister Butler announced that, from 1 July 2025, four additional items will be included under Medicare to expand access to equitable care for women and girls in Australia.⁵⁴⁴⁹ Minister Butler stated that the government has invested more than AUD49 million to provide services addressing complex gynecological issues such as endometriosis, polycystic ovarian syndrome and chronic pelvic pain. Additionally, new menopause and perimenopause health assessments will be available under Medicare. This initiative aims to improve access to necessary health services for women and girls in Australia.

On 30 June 2025, Minister Butler announced an investment of AUD12 million to develop new medical devices and medicines for heart disease and diabetes.⁵⁴⁵⁰ This pledge will support 14 startup companies targeting cardiovascular disease or metabolic complications related to Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. The funding is provided

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⁵⁴⁴⁶ Free Medicare chronic wound care scheme starts, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 18 June 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/free-medicare-chronic-wound-care-scheme-starts?language=en>

⁵⁴⁴⁷ Funding secure' to support Australia's leading Research Translation Centres, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/funding-secured-to-support-australias-leading-research-translation-centres?language=en>

⁵⁴⁴⁸ Strengthening access to lifesaving vaccines, Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 27 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/strengthening-access-lifesaving-vaccines>

⁵⁴⁴⁹ A stronger Medicare for Australian women, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 28 June 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/a-stronger-medicare-for-australian-women?language=en>

⁵⁴⁵⁰ \$12 million for new heart disease and diabetes medical supports, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 30 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/12-million-to-develop-australian-made-heart-disease-and-diabetes-medical-supports?language=en>

through the MRFF's Preventive and Public Health Research Initiative as part of the Targeted Translation Research Accelerator program, alongside additional industry investments to drive innovative and advanced medical solutions for widespread chronic diseases.

On 1 July 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing launched the new National Lung Cancer Screening Program in efforts to increase early detection rates of lung cancer in older adults.⁵⁴⁵¹ This program uses low dose computed tomography to screen for early stages of lung cancer in older adults with a history of smoking, as early detection and intervention have been shown to successfully treat 65 per cent of lung cancer cases. There are also increased efforts to make this system more culturally safe and accessible for First Nations people, promoting inclusivity for all populations throughout this national screening program.

On 3 July 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing pledged AUD32 million towards models of care and risk prediction for cardiovascular disease and diabetes.⁵⁴⁵² This fund will support technology-centered care models and data-driven solutions for cardiovascular disease or metabolic complications related to Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. The funding is provided through the MRFF's Preventive and Public Health Research Initiative as part of the Targeted Translation Research Accelerator program to drive innovative and advanced medical solutions for widespread chronic diseases.

On 10 July 2025, Minister Wong announced additional humanitarian funding for the Indo-Pacific region.⁵⁴⁵³ In partnership with the Australian Red Cross and the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, the government will provide AUD6 million in funding to assist rapid disaster response and AUD4 million to the United Nations Population Fund for maternal health, childcare and gender-based violence mental health and psychosocial support services. This funding aims to improve the resilience of health systems in emergency situations and enhance equity and accessibility in disaster response systems for women and children.

On 11 July 2025, National Rural Health Commissioner Jenny May and the Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges proposed a three-faceted approach for specialist medical colleges to increase rural-based medical professionals.⁵⁴⁵⁴ If implemented, the guidelines will increase specialized medical workforce in rural communities, increasing accessibility to specialized medical care.

On 11 July 2025, Minister Butler pledged AUD98.9 million for the development of new biomedical and medical technology as part of the Medical Research Commercialisation initiative under the MRFF.⁵⁴⁵⁵ The funding will go to three organizations that will act as incubators for small and medium enterprises with early-stage medical innovations, advancing medical innovation and manufacturing in Australia.

On 11 July 2025, Minister Butler announced the opening of the government-funded Meadowbrook Health Centre to the public.⁵⁴⁵⁶ The health centre aims to provide accessible health services to the Queensland

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⁵⁴⁵⁴ A clearer rural pathway for non-GP specialists, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/a-clearer-rural-pathway-for-non-gp-specialists?language=en>

⁵⁴⁵⁵ \$100 million to support Australian medical innovations, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/100-million-to-support-australian-medical-innovations?language=en>

⁵⁴⁵⁶ New Meadowbrook Health Centre providing more care, closer to home, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-meadowbrook-health-centre-providing-more-care-closer-to-home?language=en>

population and improves the sustainability of the health system by efficiently allocating resources within a non-urgent care setting to reduce strain on emergency health services.

On 20 July 2025, Minister Butler announced that Australians with life-threatening conditions such as post-transplant cytomegalovirus, breast, bile duct and urothelial cancer will have access to an increased range of medications at a lower cost through the PBS.⁵⁴⁵⁷ This initiative aims to increase accessibility and equity within the health system to ensure those suffering from severe conditions are able to immediately obtain the treatments they need.

On 27 July 2025, the National Health and Medical Research Council announced AUD3 million in funding for two international teams studying dementia in Indigenous communities in Canada and Australia as part of the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging grant.⁵⁴⁵⁸ This initiative, in partnership with Canada, aims to increase the access and quality of dementia and age-related healthcare for Indigenous communities, supporting more equitable health systems.

On 28 July 2025, Minister Butler announced the launch of Genomics Australia.⁵⁴⁵⁹ This new federal body aims to improve research in genomic medicine and accelerate advances in technologies to prevent and treat cancer and other diseases in Australians, therefore enhancing the quality of available treatment options.

On 28 July 2025, Minister Butler announced that legislation introduced in government would ensure that a prescription on the PBS would cost Australians no more than AUD25 from 1 January 2026.⁵⁴⁶⁰ The legislation aims to further improve the accessibility of medications to the Australian population.

On 29 July 2025, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Rural and Regional Health Emma McBride announced the opening of the Tuggeranong Medicare Mental Health Centre in Canberra.⁵⁴⁶¹ The center will provide accessible and free mental health support for residents in Canberra's southern suburbs.

On 30 July 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced an update on Australia's Disability Strategy to incorporate public feedback.⁵⁴⁶² Changes include three targeted plans that focus on community inclusivity strategies, improved data reporting plans and a provided guide to applying Australia's Disability Strategy. These efforts contribute to increasing widespread consideration of disability access across Australia.

On 30 July 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced that a new headspace location is set to open on Hobart's eastern shore, aimed at providing greater access to free mental health support for young people.⁵⁴⁶³

⁵⁴⁵⁷ New and expanded cheaper medicines for severe and life-threatening conditions, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 July 2025. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-and-expanded-cheaper-medicines-for-severe-and-life-threatening-conditions?language=en>

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⁵⁴⁶⁰ Government continues to make medicines cheaper, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 28 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/government-continues-to-make-medicines-cheaper?language=en>

⁵⁴⁶¹ Tuggeranong Medicare Mental Health Centre opens, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 29 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/tuggeranong-medicare-mental-health-centre-opens?language=en>

⁵⁴⁶² Australia's Disability Strategy gets an update, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/australias-disability-strategy-gets-an-update?language=en>

⁵⁴⁶³ New headspace for young people on Hobart's Eastern Shore, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/new-headspace-for-young-people-on-hobarts-eastern-shore?language=en>

The new headspace location will provide services such as support and care for mental health, physical health, work and study and alcohol and drug use issues.

On 31 July 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing invested AUD50 million towards genomic research as part of the MRFF's Genomics Health Futures Mission.⁵⁴⁶⁴ This funding will support thirty projects that improve personalized medicine and diagnostic medicine, including childhood Type 1 diabetes, genetic risks in common cancers and side effects of common medicines in First Nations people.

On 4 August 2025, Minister Wong and Minister Aly announced an additional AUD20 million in humanitarian assistance for Gaza.⁵⁴⁶⁵ The funding will support the delivery of medical supplies for field hospitals, food and lifesaving support for women and children in Gaza.

On 7 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing pledged AUD50 million towards maternal health and lifestyle research and research data infrastructure.⁵⁴⁶⁶ This funding, which falls under the Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles grant opportunity and the Research Data Infrastructure grant opportunity, will support research that supports perinatal and early childhood health and other underfunded research areas.

On 7 August 2025, Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae announced AUD30.8 million in funding for the regional and rural aged care workforce.⁵⁴⁶⁷ This funding aims to attract and support more than 6,000 extra skilled age care workers, providing aged populations with inclusive and appropriate high-quality care, particularly improving accessibility to care for older people in rural areas.

On 7 August 2025, Minister Butler announced that 90 Medicate Urgent Care Clinics are now open in Australia. Three existing clinics in Victoria have transitioned to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic network, and all clinics are open extended hours seven days a week.⁵⁴⁶⁸ The clinics reduce the pressure on local hospitals and provide residents with accessible high-quality urgent care, thereby improving the sustainability and resource allocation efficiency of the health system.

On 11 August 2025, Minister Butler announced new and expanded PBS listings for Parkinson's disease, neuroblastoma, endometrial cancer, cystic fibrosis and melanoma from 1 August 2025.⁵⁴⁶⁹ The new listings expand access to effective medications for Australians living with these chronic and non-communicable diseases, improving the quality and accessibility of the treatments that they can receive.

⁵⁴⁶⁴ \$50 million to accelerate genomics research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-50-million-to-accelerate-genomics-research?language=en>

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⁵⁴⁶⁷ Australian Government delivering over \$30 million for regional and rural aged care workforce, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-sam-rae-mp/media/australian-government-delivering-over-30-million-for-regional-and-rural-aged-care-workforce?language=en>

⁵⁴⁶⁸ Ninety Medicare Urgent Care Clinics Now Open, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 7 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/ninety-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-now-open?language=en>

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On 11 August 2025, the National Rural Health Commissioner May congratulated the release of the Second Edition National Consensus Framework for Rural Maternity Services.⁵⁴⁷⁰ The revised guidelines follow up on discussions held at the 2023 National Rural Maternity Forum to improve maternity care in rural and remote areas, in efforts to support sustainable growth in rural areas and provide equitable care across Australia.

On 12 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing announced the opening of the Aged Care Transition to Practice Program for nurses currently practicing or transitioning into aged care.⁵⁴⁷¹ Those enrolled in the program, which spans until 30 June 2027, will receive specialized training in gerontological nursing and support high-quality care for older adults.

On 13 August 2025, Minister Butler, Minister McAllister, Assistant Minister McBride and Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi hosted the Health, Disability and Ageing Economic Reform Roundtable.⁵⁴⁷² The roundtable brought together members of the care economy to discuss productivity in the sector and covered several issues, including the care workforce, digital health systems and artificial intelligence, prevention and early intervention for effective treatment and integrating the healthcare, disability and ageing sectors for effective health systems.

On 14 August 2025, Minister Butler announced progress on the government's commitment to a further 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, announcing the commencement of a tender process to identify operators for clinics in Buderim, Caloundra and Gladstone.⁵⁴⁷³ The clinics reduce the pressure on local hospitals and provide residents with accessible high-quality urgent care, thereby improving the sustainability and resource allocation efficiency of the health system.

On 14 August 2025, Minister Butler announced a new tender process led by the Country South Australia Primary Health Network to find new providers for the Victor Harbor and Whyalla Urgent Care Clinics in regional south Australia.⁵⁴⁷⁴ The clinics will be open extended hours, seven days a week, and are part of the government's commitment to expanding primary care access through the opening of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 15 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing disclosed that medical practices participating in the new Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program will evenly split the additional 12.5 per cent incentive payment between general practitioners and the practice.⁵⁴⁷⁵ The even payment recognizes efforts on both the organizational and provider level to deliver bulk billed services and serves as incentive to make bulk billed practices more accessible for Australians.

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⁵⁴⁷⁴ Delivering more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in regional South Australia, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 14 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-more-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-in-regional-south-australia?language=en>

⁵⁴⁷⁵ Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program to provide 50/50 incentive split, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 15 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/bulk-billing-practice-incentive-program-to-provide-5050-incentive-split?language=en>

On 15 August 2025, Minister Butler announced a new tender process led by Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network to find providers for the Windsor Urgent Care Clinic in New South Wales.⁵⁴⁷⁶ This action is part of the government's commitment to establishing equitable and accessible primary care in the country through the establishment of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 18 August 2025, Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae announced AUD21.5 million in funding to strengthen the aged care workforce.⁵⁴⁷⁷ The funding will support the Aged Care Nursing Scholarships program to enable nurses and aged care workers to complete education and training, therefore investing in a sustainable aged care system by ensuring a sustainable supply of necessary human resources.

On 20 August 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of the Emerald General Practitioner Super Clinic.⁵⁴⁷⁸ The clinic will provide enhanced access to essential health services such as physiotherapy, psychology, dietetics, speech pathology, occupational therapy and audiology, thereby providing locals with timely care to interdisciplinary services that meet the healthcare system's growing demands.

On 20 August 2025, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Indigenous Health and Women Rebecca White announced AUD500 million in funding for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations over five years.⁵⁴⁷⁹ The funding will support the government's National Agreement on Closing the Gap and aims to ensure equitable healthcare delivery to Indigenous communities through building and upgrading clinics in areas of highest need.

On 20 August 2025, Minister Butler announced a new tender process led by the Western Australia Primary Health Association to find providers to open new urgent care clinics in Bateman, Ellenbrook and Mirrabooka.⁵⁴⁸⁰ This action is part of the government's commitment to establish equitable and accessible primary care in the country through the establishment of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 20 August 2025, Minister Butler announced new tender processes led by Brisbane North Primary Health to find providers to operate new urgent care clinics in Brisbane and Burpengary.⁵⁴⁸¹ This action is part of the government's commitment to establishing equitable and accessible primary care in the country through the establishment of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 20 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing launched the Regional, Rural and Remote Home Care Workforce Support Program to support home care providers in underserved areas.⁵⁴⁸² The program aims to add 4,000 home care workers in areas experiencing shortages by expanding growth opportunities for

⁵⁴⁷⁶ Delivering a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic for Windsor, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 15 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-a-medicare-urgent-care-clinic-for-windsor?language=en>

⁵⁴⁷⁷ Australian Government delivering \$21.5 million to strengthen aged care workforce, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 18 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-sam-rae-mp/media/australian-government-delivering-215-million-to-strengthen-aged-care-workforce?language=en>

⁵⁴⁷⁸ Allied health services shine bright in Emerald, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/allied-health-services-shine-bright-in-emerald?language=en>

⁵⁴⁷⁹ Improved services for First Nations communities now complete, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/improved-services-for-first-nations-communities-now-complete?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁰ Delivering more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in Western Australia, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-more-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-in-western-australia?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸¹ Delivering more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in Brisbane and Burpengary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-more-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-in-brisbane-and-burpengary?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸² Regional, Rural and Remote Home Care Workforce Support Program, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 20 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/regional-rural-and-remote-home-care-workforce-support-program-0?language=en>

home care providers within their local communities, increasing recruitment for new workers and improving the environmental and cultural conditions for First Nations workers.

On 21 August 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced that the Gold Coast Medicare Mental Health Centre is set to open.⁵⁴⁸³ The centre will provide accessible mental health support without the need for appointments, referrals or a mental health treatment plan. It will include a multidisciplinary care team, ensuring that quality access to mental healthcare is integrated within the health system.

On 22 August 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of new Medicare Mental Health Centres in Brisbane North and Moreton Bay.⁵⁴⁸⁴ This will expand access to essential mental health services for Australian citizens across the country, ensuring the integration of mental health services in the healthcare system.

On 25 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing pledged AUD2 billion towards the development and launch of Thriving Kids, a program designed towards addressing developmental concerns in children under nine and providing support to them and their families.⁵⁴⁸⁵ The program will begin on 1 July 2026 and span over five years, in partnership with the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Australian Government and state and territorial governments.

On 27 August 2025, Minister Butler announced that the government will support an additional 100 medical students beginning in 2026, with a focus on training more physicians in primary care and increasing the number of First Nations doctors in Australia.⁵⁴⁸⁶ This initiative aims will support a sustainable and equitable health system.

On 28 August 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing invested AUD48.8 million towards genomic research as part of the MRFF's Genomics Health Futures Mission.⁵⁴⁸⁷ This funding aims to support medical research that utilizes pharmacogenomics to discover and improve medications, and genomic studies that analyze major diseases affecting First Nations people.

On 30 August 2025, Minister Butler announced AUD72 million in funding towards research projects focused on venom-based treatments and to find effective treatments for Parkinson's disease and cancer.⁵⁴⁸⁸ This funding will support improved quality of care, increase treatment effectiveness and expand treatment options for Australians living with noncommunicable diseases while incorporating First Nations knowledge into health research for a more equitable and culturally aware health system.

On 1 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that Australians with pediatric psoriasis, fibrodysplasia, asthma, cystic fibrosis and blood cancer will have access to new and expanded cheaper medications under the

⁵⁴⁸³ Medicare Mental Health Centre coming to the Gold Coast, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 21 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/medicare-mental-health-centre-coming-to-the-gold-coast?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁴ Three Medicare Mental Health Centres now open on Brisbane's Northside, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 22 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/three-medicare-mental-health-centres-now-open-on-brisbanes-northside?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁵ Thriving Kids – a new program to support children with developmental delay and autism, and their families, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 25 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/thriving-kids-a-new-program-to-support-children-with-developmental-delay-and-autism-and-their-families?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁶ More university places for future Australian doctors, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 27 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/more-university-places-for-future-australian-doctors?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁷ \$48.8 million for genomic research into medicines and to improve First Nations health, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 28 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-488-million-for-genomic-research-into-medicines-and-to-improve-first-nations-health?language=en>

⁵⁴⁸⁸ \$72 million for medical research into deadly venom, Parkinson's disease and more, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 30 August 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/72-million-for-medical-research-into-deadly-venom-parkinsons-disease-and-more?language=en>

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.⁵⁴⁸⁹ This will increase the affordability of prescription medications for Australians with these conditions and improve their access to effective and continuous healthcare.

On 1 September 2025, Minister Butler announced a new tender process led by the Adelaide Primary Health Network to find potential operators for the East Adelaide Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.⁵⁴⁹⁰ This action is part of the government's commitment to establishing equitable and accessible primary care in the country through the establishment of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 2 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that a new, improved pneumococcal vaccine will be included on the National Immunisation Program.⁵⁴⁹¹ This ensures that Australian children will have enhanced protection against pneumococcal infection as well as protect public health and ease pressure on health resources by mitigating the spread of infectious disease within the community.

On 3 September 2025, Minister Butler announced the progress in women's health during Women's Health Week.⁵⁴⁹² This includes over 20,000 women accessing a menopause health assessment covered by Medicare since 1 July 2025 as well as 365,000 women accessing cheaper oral contraceptives, menopausal hormonal therapies and endometriosis treatment in 2025. Minister Butler also announced the expansion of the Medicare system on 1 November 2025, to increase access to affordable contraceptives for women.

On 3 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that immediate steps to enhance timely access to medicines and new treatments following the delivery of the interim report by the Health Technology Assessment Review Implementation Advisory Group.⁵⁴⁹³ These actions include consultation on new ways to streamline assessment of medicines and rapid research into areas of unmet clinical need in order to improve timely access to quality treatment.

On 4 September 2025, Assistant Minister White announced the launch of a free training program for health practitioners to learn about the placement and removal of intrauterine devices birth control implants.⁵⁴⁹⁴ This initiative will increase the number of qualified professionals able to provide reproductive health services, particularly in rural and remote areas.

On 5 September 2025, Assistant Minister White announced the progress of the Australian Government's Women's Health Package in Tasmania.⁵⁴⁹⁵ Assistant Minister White reported that between March-July 2025, more than 9,000 women in Tasmania received 17,000 prescriptions for oral contraceptives, menopausal

⁵⁴⁸⁹ More cheaper medicines now available for Australians, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 1 September 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/more-cheaper-medicines-now-available-for-australians?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁰ Delivering more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in Adelaide, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 1 September 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-more-medicare-urgent-care-clinics-in-adelaide?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹¹ New free vaccine to protect kids against pneumococcal, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 2 September 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-free-vaccine-to-protect-kids-against-pneumococcal?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹² Delivering for Australian women this Women's Health Week, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 3 September 2025. Access Date: 21 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/delivering-for-australian-women-this-womens-health-week-0?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹³ Improving access to new medicines and treatments, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 3 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/improving-access-to-new-medicines-and-treatments?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁴ Boosting health practitioner training for IUDs and birth control implants, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/boosting-health-practitioner-training-for-iuds-and-birth-control-implants?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁵ More choice, lower costs and better care for Tasmanian women, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 5 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/more-choice-lower-costs-and-better-care-for-tasmanian-women?language=en>

therapies and endometriosis treatments, amounting to AUD646,000. This reaffirms Australia's commitment to affordable women's health services.

On 8 September 2025, Minister Butler AUD72 million in funding for 24 research leaders through the health research through the National Health and Medical Research Council's Centres of Research Excellence grant scheme.⁵⁴⁹⁶ The funding will provide support for research on vaccine efficacy and One Health solutions in the Pacific region, supporting preventative public health and global health.

On 10 September 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of a new Medicare Mental Health Centre in Alice Springs, as part of the government's commitment to mental health.⁵⁴⁹⁷ This will expand access to essential mental health services for Australian citizens across the country, ensuring the integration of mental health services in the healthcare system.

On 11 September 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced that AUD504,385 in funding headspace's cultural outreach service for First Nations young people in the remote communities of Mutitjulu and Yulara in the Northern territory.⁵⁴⁹⁸ This will enable infrastructure upgrades for the program and the continuous provision of accessible and equitable mental health services to First Nations youth in Australia.

On 12 September 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced that the headspace mental health centers in Darwin and Alice Springs will receive additional funding, with the Darwin center receiving AUD1,228,070 for building upgrades and the Alice Springs center receiving AUD542,553 for expanded cultural capability activities.⁵⁴⁹⁹ This ensures that Australian youth will continue to have accessible mental health services made available to them and furthermore ensures equity in service provision through expanded cultural capability.

On 16 September 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing invested AUD4.75 million towards brain cancer research as part of the MRFF's Australian Brain Cancer Mission.⁵⁵⁰⁰ This funding aims to advance treatment, patient outcome and quality of life for those with brain cancer.

On 16 September 2025, Chief Medical Officer Michael Kidd declared syphilis a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance in his speech at the Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference.⁵⁵⁰¹ Officer Kidd and the Australian Health Protection Committee also committed to taking action on the 34 priority actions highlighted in the National Syphilis Response Plan. The plan covers action steps over the next five years to raise awareness and improve prevention, screening, treatment and outcomes against syphilis in Australia.

⁵⁴⁹⁶ Australian health partnerships to supercharge research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 8 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/australian-health-partnerships-to-supercharge-research?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁷ Medicare Mental Health Centre coming to Alice Springs, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 10 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/medicare-mental-health-centre-coming-to-alice-springs?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁸ Funding boost for mental health support in Mutitjulu and Yulara, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 11 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/funding-boost-for-mental-health-support-in-mutitjulu-and-yulara?language=en>

⁵⁴⁹⁹ Funding boost for mental health support in Darwin and Alice Springs, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 12 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/funding-boost-for-mental-health-support-in-darwin-and-alice-springs?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁰ \$4.75 million for brain cancer research, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 16 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/mrff-475-million-for-brain-cancer-research?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰¹ Speech from Chief Medical Officer, Australasian Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference – 16 September 2025, Department of Health and Aged Care (Adelaide) 16 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/speech-from-chief-medical-officer-australasian-sexual-and-reproductive-health-conference-16-september-2025?language=en>

On 20 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that the government awarded 71 health research projects a shared total of AUD130.4 million in funding through the MRFF.⁵⁵⁰² This initiative aims to expand treatments for childhood brain cancer, improve pregnancy outcomes and enhance the health of people with intellectual disabilities, among other projects.

On 20 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that All Ways Healthcare has transitioned its Cessnock and Kurri centers to be fully bulk billed.⁵⁵⁰³ Therefore, patients who access clinic services will no longer need to pay out of pocket to see a general practitioner, improving the accessibility and affordability of community health services.

On 22 September 2025, Minister Butler formally recognized Rural Generalist Medicine as a specialized General Practice field, with specific responsibilities that cater towards providing quality healthcare in rural, remote and First Nations areas across Australia.⁵⁵⁰⁴ This acknowledges the additional expertise required for such providers, including anesthetics, obstetrics, mental health and First Nations health, to provide more comprehensive and specialized care, as well as the efforts of rural health leaders to meet the medical needs of typically underserved communities.

On 23 September 2025, Assistant Minister White announced that the government would provide AUD25 million in funding for research on infertility, pregnancy loss and stillbirth.⁵⁵⁰⁵ This research will provide more reproductive care options for women dealing with pregnancy and infertility issues, thereby expanding equitable care for women.

On 26 September 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing invested AUD61 million towards rare disease or prevention clinical trials as part of the MRFF's Clinical Trials Activity initiative.⁵⁵⁰⁶ This funding aims to advance therapeutics that target rare diseases, drive high-quality care, or test prevention medicine and practices.

On 28 September 2025, Minister Butler announced that new, cheaper medications for breast cancer and rare kidney disease will become available on the PBS from 1 October 2025.⁵⁵⁰⁷ This will increase affordable access to more medicines for Australians living with these noncommunicable diseases.

⁵⁵⁰² \$130 million for research into childhood brain cancer, intellectual disability and infertility, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 20 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/130-million-for-research-into-childhood-brain-cancer-intellectual-disability-and-infertility?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰³ Hunter patients benefitting from historic Medicare investment, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/hunter-patients-benefitting-from-historic-medicare-investment?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁴ Rural Generalist Medicine Recognised: A Health Win for Rural and Remote, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/rural-generalist-medicine-recognised-a-health-win-for-rural-and-remote?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁵ \$25 million for research into infertility, pregnancy loss and stillbirth, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/25-million-for-research-into-infertility-pregnancy-loss-and-stillbirth?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁶ \$61 million for clinical trials, including trials for rare cancer, rare disease and unmet needs, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 26 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://health.gov.au/news/mrff-61-million-for-clinical-trials-including-trials-for-rare-cancer-rare-disease-and-unmet-needs?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁷ New life changing medicines listed on the PBS, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 28 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-life-changing-medicines-listed-on-the-pbs?language=en>

On 30 September 2025, Assistant Minister McBride officially opened the Dubbo Medicare Mental Health Centre in Western Plains.⁵⁵⁰⁸ This is part of initiatives to expand access to essential mental health services for Australians across the country, ensuring the integration of mental health services in the healthcare system.

On 2 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the launch of the new headspace Outreach program in Western New South Wales.⁵⁵⁰⁹ This will increase access to culturally competent mental health services for First Nations youth in Western New South Wales.

On 2 October 2025, Minister Butler announced that the government is investing AUD13.6 million to advance federal health and medical research reforms.⁵⁵¹⁰ The funding will strengthen Australian clinical trials and improve the quality of healthcare for Australians.

On 3 October 2025, Minister Butler announced AUD4 million will be provided for oral health research.⁵⁵¹¹ This aims to improve the quality of equitable oral health services within the health system through upskilling rural health teams as well as improving oral healthcare for Indigenous youth.

On 3 October 2025, Minister Butler announced that a new provider has been identified to operate the Mount Gambier Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.⁵⁵¹² This action is part of the government's commitment to establishing equitable and accessible primary care in the country through the establishment of 50 new urgent care clinics.

On 3 October 2025, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing released the National Best Practice Framework for Early Childhood Intervention developed by the University of Melbourne.⁵⁵¹³ These guidelines aim to facilitate understanding and guide decision-making for parents and carers through early childhood intervention services.

On 8 October 2025, Assistant Minister White announced that the government has provided AUD3.2 million over four years to Red Nose Australia to deliver the Healing Through Community project, therefore supporting families through stillbirth and miscarriage.⁵⁵¹⁴ This therefore enhances access to community health resources for families dealing with the physical and emotional stresses of stillbirth and miscarriage.

⁵⁵⁰⁸ Dubbo Medicare Mental Health Centre now open, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 30 September 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/dubbo-medicare-mental-health-centre-now-open?language=en>

⁵⁵⁰⁹ Mental health support for First Nations young people in Western NSW, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 2 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/mental-health-support-for-first-nations-young-people-in-western-nsw?language=en>

⁵⁵¹⁰ \$13.6 million to cement Australia's status in world-class clinical trials, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 2 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/136-million-to-cement-australias-status-in-world-class-clinical-trials?language=en>

⁵⁵¹¹ \$4 million funding boost to advance oral health care research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/4-million-funding-boost-to-advance-oral-health-care-research?language=en>

⁵⁵¹² New provider for the Mount Gambier Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-provider-for-the-mount-gambier-medicare-urgent-care-clinic?language=en>

⁵⁵¹³ Framework for Early Childhood Intervention launched, Department of Health and Aged Care (Woden) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/framework-for-early-childhood-intervention-launched?language=en>

⁵⁵¹⁴ Supporting families through stillbirth and miscarriage, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 8 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/supporting-families-through-stillbirth-and-miscarriage?language=en>

On 9 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced that the government will be investing an additional AUD72.7 million to boost headspace services across Australia.⁵⁵¹⁵ This initiative aims to expand access to mental health services for youth in Australia.

On 13 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of the Redcliffe Medicare Mental Health Centre to support access to free, walk-in mental healthcare for residents.⁵⁵¹⁶ The health centre includes multidisciplinary teams, including mental health practitioners and peer workers, to support individuals in need.

On 13 October 2025, Assistant Minister White announced changes to the Medicare Benefits Schedule, effective 1 November 2025, to support Tasmanian women.⁵⁵¹⁷ This includes measures to support reduce costs for long-lasting contraceptives like intrauterine devices and contraceptive implants.

On 13 October 2025, Minister Wong and Assistant Minister for Pacific Island Affairs Nita Green announced nearly AUD10 million in funding during this financial year to support HIV services in Papua New Guinea.⁵⁵¹⁸ The funding will help advance prevention measures and surveillance to reduce the transmission of the virus, support education and awareness initiatives and improve clinics treating individuals with HIV.

On 14 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of the Mount Isa Medicare Mental Health Centre to support access to free, walk-in mental healthcare for residents.⁵⁵¹⁹ The health centre includes multidisciplinary teams, including mental health practitioners and peer workers, to support individuals in need.

On 16 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of the Davenport Medicare Mental Health Centre to support access to free, walk-in mental healthcare for residents.⁵⁵²⁰ The health centre includes multidisciplinary teams, including mental health practitioners and peer workers, to support individuals in need.

On 18 October 2025, Assistant Minister McBride announced the opening of a Medicare Mental Health Centre in Campbelltown to support access to free, walk-in mental healthcare for residents.⁵⁵²¹ The health centre includes multidisciplinary teams, including mental health practitioners and peer workers, to support individuals in need.

On 22 October 2025, Minister Butler announced that the Life Saving Drugs Program will include olipudase alfa (Xenpozyme®), an enzyme replacement therapy which is known as the only effective treatment for

⁵⁵¹⁵ National headspace Day: Funding boost to improve headspace services, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 9 October 2025. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/national-headspace-day-funding-boost-to-improve-headspace-services?language=en>

⁵⁵¹⁶ Redcliffe Medicare Mental Health Centre now open, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 13 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/redcliffe-medicare-mental-health-centre-now-open?language=en>

⁵⁵¹⁷ Tasmanian women to benefit from next stage of Women's Health Package, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 13 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-rebecca-white-mp/media/tasmanian-women-to-benefit-from-next-stage-of-womens-health-package?language=en>

⁵⁵¹⁸ Australia expands support for HIV services in Papua New Guinea, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Canberra) 13 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.foreignminister.gov.au/minister/penny-wong/media-release/australia-expands-support-hiv-services-papua-new-guinea>

⁵⁵¹⁹ Mount Isa Medicare Mental Health Centre now open, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 14 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/mount-isa-medicare-mental-health-centre-now-open?language=en>

⁵⁵²⁰ Devonport Medicare Mental Health Centre now open, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 16 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/devonport-medicare-mental-health-centre-now-open?language=en>

⁵⁵²¹ 50 Medicare Mental Health Centre opens in Campbelltown, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 18 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-emma-mcbride-mp/media/50-medicare-mental-health-centre-opens-in-campbelltown?language=en>

individuals with the genetic mutation ASMD.⁵⁵²² This will increase access to free treatment for individuals with this life-threatening condition.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Australia has taken strong action to increase resiliency through MRFF funding for primary healthcare, childhood brain cancers and other medical needs, international medical aid for Vanuatu and an investment in the Medical Research Commercialisation Initiative. It has also taken strong action for more equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through funding for assistive technologies, a focus on sexual and reproductive health, increased Army and Air Force medical capacity, funding to strengthen and maintain the health system through the 2025 Early to Mid-Career Researchers grant opportunity, freezing the cost of PBS medicines in 2025, expanding the PBS to include additional treatments, incorporating RSV vaccines for pregnant women within the National Immunisation Program, international humanitarian funding and pledge for Gavi. Additionally, Australia has remained committed to the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through the autism roadmap which aims to improve health and mental health for autistic Australians, the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Evaluation Framework, novel virtual nursing services to support remote and First Nations communities and an investment for health literacy.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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On 21 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced support for the construction of 148 Basic Health Units across the country as part of the Growth Acceleration Plan.⁵⁵²³ These level three units will expand access to primary care for 24.5 million people, increasing the number of family, oral and multidisciplinary health teams, improving access to healthcare and ensuring quality services.

On 22 November 2024, the Ministry of Health attended the first Brazilian Congress of Family and Community Nursing.⁵⁵²⁴ The Ministry emphasized the federal government's priorities to expand primary healthcare to reach 80 per cent coverage of people with access to quality healthcare.

On 25 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL52 million in funding for prenatal exams including ultrasounds, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and other clinical procedures.⁵⁵²⁵ This funding will help strengthen maternal healthcare as part of an overall goal to reduce maternal mortality rates for Black women by 50 per cent and all women by 25 per cent 2027.

⁵⁵²² New life saving medicine free for rare disease, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Canberra) 22 October 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-mark-butler-mp/media/new-life-saving-medicine-free-for-rare-disease?language=en>

⁵⁵²³ Ministério da Saúde disponibiliza projeto para construção de 148 UBS Porte III, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministerio-da-saude-disponibiliza-projeto-para-construcao-de-148-ubs-porte-iii>

⁵⁵²⁴ Ministério da Saúde participa do 1º Congresso Brasileiro de Enfermagem de Família e Comunidade, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministerio-da-saude-participa-do-1o-congresso-brasileiro-de-enfermagem-de-familia-e-comunidade>

⁵⁵²⁵ Ministério da Saúde destina R\$ 52 milhões para exames de pré-natal no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministerio-da-saude-destina-r-52-milhoes-para-exames-de-pre-natal-no-sus>

On 25 November 2024, Minister of Health Nísia Trindade attended the 12th Brazilian Congress of Epidemiology, emphasizing Brazil's priority to building a more equitable and inclusive Unified Health System (SUS).⁵⁵²⁶ She also addressed the worsening mental health crisis and emerging infectious diseases in Brazil.

On 26 November 2024, the Ministry of Health opened a call for research proposals that aim to increase healthcare equity and quality in Espírito Santo.⁵⁵²⁷ Selected projects will focus on health management, social determinants of health and equity, the right to health and innovation. The Department of Science and Technology at the Ministry of Health will invest BRL4 million for this initiative, alongside BRL2.45 million by state authorities.

On 28 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the increased availability of romosozumab, a drug used to treat severe osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.⁵⁵²⁸ This expansion supports inclusivity in healthcare by removing age restrictions for the medication under the SUS, Brazil's government funded healthcare system.

On 28 November 2024, Minister Trindade met with Governor of Amapá Clécio Luís, Deputy Governor Dorinaldo Malafaia and other state representatives to discuss improvements to the health system.⁵⁵²⁹ To this end, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL44 million to the University Hospital of Amapá to reduce wait times, increase hospital capacity from 30 to 100 beds and increase access to specialized care.

On 28 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced that Brazil had reached two of the three goals set by the United Nations to eliminate AIDS as a public health problem.⁵⁵³⁰ Alongside the target of 95 per cent of treated patients with controlled viral load, Brazil reached the target of having 95 per cent of people living with HIV diagnosed, meeting two of the three UN goals two years ahead of schedule. The Ministry also launched new strategies to eliminate AIDS as a public health issue by 2030.

On 29 November 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the expansion of the SUS to include new medications for acromegaly which is a hormonal disease and amyloid cardiomyopathy.⁵⁵³¹ This will increase patients' access to innovative and effective treatments.

⁵⁵²⁶ Ministra reforça compromisso com fortalecimento do SUS na abertura do 12º Congresso Brasileiro de Epidemiologia, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministra-reforca-compromisso-com-fortalecimento-do-sus-na-abertura-do-12o-congresso-brasileiro-de-epidemiologia>

⁵⁵²⁷ Saúde investe R\$ 4 milhões em apoio ao Programa Pesquisa para o SUS no Espírito Santo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/saude-investe-r-4-milhoes-em-apoio-ao-programa-pesquisa-para-o-sus-no-espírito-santo>

⁵⁵²⁸ SUS amplia tratamento de mulheres na pós-menopausa com osteoporose grave e falha terapêutica, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/sus-amplia-tratamento-de-mulheres-na-pos-menopausa-com-osteoporose-grave-e-falha-terapeutica>

⁵⁵²⁹ Ministra e governador do Amapá debatem liberação de R\$ 44 milhões para Hospital Universitário do estado, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministra-e-governador-do-amapa-debatem-liberacao-de-r-44-milhoes-para-hospital-universitario-do-estado>

⁵⁵³⁰ Brasil amplia diagnóstico de HIV e cumpre mais uma meta da ONU, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/brasil-amplia-diagnostico-de-hiv-e-cumpre-mais-uma-meta-da-onu>

⁵⁵³¹ Novos tratamentos para doença hormonal e doença cardíaca trazem esperança a pacientes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/novos-tratamentos-para-doenca-hormonal-e-doenca-cardiaca-trazem-esperanca-a-pacientes>

On 30 November 2024, Minister Trindade, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Minister of Racial Equality Anielle Franco jointly announced “Health without Racism,” an anti-racism policy package.⁵⁵³² This package includes expanded care for sickle cell disease, comprehensive care for the black and quilombola populations, increased diversity in healthcare through affirmative action and reduced maternal mortality among Black women through the Alyne Network.

On 2 December 2024, the Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) announced a new initiative to fund Civil Society Organizations.⁵⁵³³ This initiative encourages organizations to develop community-based projects that promote human rights, awareness and prevention in HIV, AIDS, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and other sexually transmitted infections.

On 3 December 2024, the Ministry of Health reinforced key initiatives targeted at individuals with disabilities.⁵⁵³⁴ These key actions include the expansion of the Care Network for People with Disabilities, construction of new Specialized Rehabilitation Centers and enhancements of awareness campaigns on the rights and inclusion of disabled individuals.

On 3 December 2024, the Ministry of Health debuted the Integrated HIV Care Monitoring Dashboard which aims to increase transparency about HIV and AIDS healthcare in Brazil, contributing to integrated people-centered health services.⁵⁵³⁵ The publicly available dashboard includes trends and information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of HIV and AIDS.

On 5 December 2024, Minister Trindade announced BRL53 million in funding to acquire oncology equipment for Catalão Regional Hospital.⁵⁵³⁶ This funding will help the hospital become a regional hub for oncology, strengthening the health system and supporting 1.5 million people.

On 6 December 2024, the Ministry of Health launched a new campaign to promote the expansion of primary care in the SUS, emphasizing community-level healthcare and home visits.⁵⁵³⁷ This campaign reinforces and strengthens the sustainability of primary and family healthcare.

⁵⁵³² Ministério da Saúde investe em pacote de medidas para enfrentar o racismo no SUS e ampliar acesso, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 Novembro 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/novembro/ministerio-da-saude-investe-em-pacote-de-medidas-para-enfrentar-o-racismo-no-sus-e-ampliar-acesso>

⁵⁵³³ Aberta seleção de projetos para promoção de saúde e direitos humanos em infecções sexualmente transmissíveis, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/aberta-selecao-de-projetos-para-promocao-de-saude-e-direitos-humanos-em-infeccoes-sexualmente-transmissiveis>

⁵⁵³⁴ Saiba mais sobre as ações do Ministério da Saúde voltadas às pessoas com deficiência, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/saiba-mais-sobre-as-acoes-do-ministerio-da-saude-voltadas-as-pessoas-com-deficiencia>

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⁵⁵³⁶ Hospital Regional de Catalão (GO) receberá R\$ 53 milhões para compra de equipamentos de oncologia, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 5 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/hospital-regional-de-catalao-go-recebera-r-53-milhoes-para-compra-de-equipamentos-de-oncologia>

⁵⁵³⁷ Com atendimento de casa em casa, Saúde da Família é tema da nova campanha do Ministério da Saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/com-atendimento-de-casa-em-casa-saude-da-familia-e-tema-da-nova-campanha-do-ministerio-da-saude>

On 8 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the distribution of 1.5 million Serum vaccine doses across the country.⁵⁵³⁸ This action will enable the health system to manage Covid-19.

On 9 December 2024, members of the Secretariat of Specialized Healthcare discussed upcoming projects and initiatives aiming to expand healthcare accessibility and sustainability.⁵⁵³⁹ These initiatives target vulnerable aspects of Brazil's healthcare, including oncology, women and child healthcare, mental health and care for disabled individuals.

On 10 December 2024, the Ministry of Health at the National Governors' Forum announced the new phase of the More Access to Specialists Program.⁵⁵⁴⁰ This initiative aims to modernize the SUS by reducing wait times increasing efficiency in care and integrating various levels of healthcare. This includes a BRL2.4 billion investment for oncology, cardiology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology and orthopedics.

On 10 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announces the Trans Population Health Care Program.⁵⁵⁴¹ This includes a BRL152 million investment in comprehensive transgender healthcare and treatment support.

On 10 December 2024, Minister Trindade announced the launch of a new phase of the "More Access to Specialists Program" which will receive BRL2.4 billion in fund to improve integrated health services for oncology, cardiology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology and orthopedics as well as reduce wait times for elective surgeries.⁵⁵⁴² This is part of the government's initiative to modernize and improve the SUS.

On 10 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the inclusion of new versions of hydroxyurea and alfaepoetin into the SUS, increasing access to treatment for sickle cell disease.⁵⁵⁴³ This action is part of the government's objective to increase equity in healthcare as sickle cell disease disproportionately impacts Black and quilombola individuals.

On 11 December 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL84.6 million in funding to Rio Grande de Sul to support the recovery of the state's health system after intense flooding.⁵⁵⁴⁴

On 12 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL32 million in funding to implement the National Policy for Comprehensive Health of the Black Population as part of the "Health without Racism" strategy.⁵⁵⁴⁵

⁵⁵³⁸ Ministério da Saúde distribui 1,5 milhão de doses de vacina contra Covid-19, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-distribui-1-5-milhao-de-doses-de-vacina-contr-covid-19>

⁵⁵³⁹ Câmara Técnica do CONASS discute oncologia, saúde mental e acesso a especialistas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/camara-tecnica-do-conass-discute-oncologia-saude-mental-e-acesso-a-especialistas>

⁵⁵⁴⁰ Ministra da Saúde anuncia avanços em nova fase do Mais Acesso a Especialistas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministra-da-saude-anuncia-avancos-em-nova-fase-do-mais-acesso-a-especialistas>

⁵⁵⁴¹ Ministério da Saúde apresenta o Programa de Atenção à Saúde da População Trans, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-apresenta-o-programa-de-atencao-a-saude-da-populacao-trans>

⁵⁵⁴² Ministra da Saúde anuncia avanços em nova fase do Mais Acesso a Especialistas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministra-da-saude-anuncia-avancos-em-nova-fase-do-mais-acesso-a-especialistas>

⁵⁵⁴³ Ministério da Saúde avança na qualificação da assistência farmacêutica para a doença falciforme, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-avanca-na-qualificacao-da-assistencia-farmaceutica-para-a-doenca-falciforme>

⁵⁵⁴⁴ Rio Grande do Sul tem novo aporte de R\$ 84,6 milhões para fortalecer serviços de saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 11 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/rio-grande-do-sul-tem-novo-aporte-de-r-84-6-milhoes-para-fortalecer-servicos-de-saude>

⁵⁵⁴⁵ Ministério da Saúde intensifica ações para fortalecer a saúde da população negra no Brasil, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-intensifica-acoes-para-fortalecer-a-saude-da-populacao-negra-no-brasil>

This will support anti-racism training, workshops and “the creation of a health observatory for the black population with a national panel of health indicators” to ensure equity in the SUS.

On 13 December 2024, Minister Trindade inaugurated two new health units to support over 178,000 residents in the municipality of Mesquita.⁵⁵⁴⁶ This action will help to strengthen Rio de Janeiro’s health system, increasing access to quality and effective primary care.

On 16 December 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL150 million for the city of Rio de Janeiro’s Andaraí and Cardoso Fontes hospitals.⁵⁵⁴⁷ This funding will support the acquisition of medical equipment, increased beds and renovations to increase access and quality of care.

On 17 December 2024, the Ministry of Health distributed 258 new ambulances across 15 states with a BRL74.5 million investment.⁵⁵⁴⁸ This will increase access to emergency services under the SUS.

On 17 December 2024, the Ministry of Health launched the National Program of Experiences in the SUS.⁵⁵⁴⁹ This program aims to expand the accessibility of educational experiences and strengthen the training of healthcare professionals to align with the needs of SUS. This will ensure the promotion of equitable and sustainable healthcare in Brazil.

On 18 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL78 million in funding under the New Growth Acceleration Plan for Health.⁵⁵⁵⁰ This investment will support the Central Public Health Laboratories to modernize equipment and improve processes to improve diagnostics and disease monitoring and reduce wait times. This is part of Brazil’s initiative to strengthen its “health surveillance infrastructure.”

On 23 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced an open call for proposals for the “Shared Management in Health” research program.⁵⁵⁵¹ Selected projects will receive a total of BRL6.25 million to improve the equity and quality of health services, with BRL4.5 million provided by the Ministry of Health’s Department of Science and Technology.

On 23 December 2024, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL4 million to improve pharmaceutical supply centers and pharmacies under the SUS.⁵⁵⁵² 83 municipalities will receive BRL20,000 each to support maintenance and pharmaceutical services to ensure access to effective and quality medications.

⁵⁵⁴⁶ Mesquita, no Rio de Janeiro, ganha novas unidades de saúde para fortalecer assistência especializada, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/mesquita-no-rio-de-janeiro-ganha-novas-unidades-de-saude-para-fortalecer-assistencia-especializada>

⁵⁵⁴⁷ Saúde repassa R\$ 150 milhões à prefeitura do Rio para hospitais do Andaraí e Cardoso Fontes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/saude-repassa-r-150-milhoes-a-prefeitura-do-rio-para-hospitais-do-andara-e-cardoso-fontes>

⁵⁵⁴⁸ Ministério da Saúde entrega 258 novas ambulâncias para renovar frota pelo país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-258-novas-ambulancias-para-renovar-frota-pelo-pais>

⁵⁵⁴⁹ Ministério da Saúde lança Programa Nacional de Vivências no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-programa-nacional-de-vivencias-no-sus>

⁵⁵⁵⁰ Ministério da Saúde destina R\$ 78 milhões para modernização dos Laboratórios Centrais de Saúde Pública, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-destina-r-78-milhoes-para-modernizacao-dos-laboratorios-centrais-de-saude-publica>

⁵⁵⁵¹ Saúde investe R\$ 4,5 milhões no Programa Pesquisa para o SUS no Ceará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/saude-investe-r-4-5-milhoes-no-programa-pesquisa-para-o-sus-no-ceara>

⁵⁵⁵² Ministério da Saúde investe mais de R\$ 4 milhões para estruturação da Assistência Farmacêutica, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-investe-mais-de-r-4-milhoes-para-estruturacao-da-assistencia-farmaceutica>

On 26 December 2024, the Ministry of Health, National Council of Health Secretaries and National Council of Municipal Health Secretaries announced “the Oral Health Care Network” under the SUS.⁵⁵⁵³ The Network will support the access, equity and efficiency of oral health services, encouraging integration of the oral health system. This will include primary health care, specialized outpatient care and specialized hospital, emergency and urgent care services.

On 28 December 2024, the Ministry of Health began distributing 7.8 million doses of rifampicin across the country to support treatment for tuberculosis, leprosy, meningitis, brucellosis and hidradenitis.⁵⁵⁵⁴ Rifampicin is a four-in-one medication that streamlines treatment, increasing recovery rates and decreasing the likelihood of drug resistance.

On 29 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced BRL30 million in funding to support renovations and the acquisition of medical equipment for Bonsucesso Federal Hospital.⁵⁵⁵⁵

On 30 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced a project to build 89 new Basic Health Units under the New Growth Acceleration Plan.⁵⁵⁵⁶ These level four units will improve access to care including gynecological and dental care, support integrated people-centered services through collective and community-based practices and improve administrative services.

On 1 January 2025, the Ministry of Health guaranteed access to Neutral Protamine Hagedorn insulin and regular insulin for type one and type two diabetics with a budget of BRL1 billion to acquire insulin for 2025.⁵⁵⁵⁷ This will support the resilience and inclusivity of the health system.

On 3 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced a project to develop 38 new Basic Health Units under the New Growth Acceleration Program.⁵⁵⁵⁸ This level five units will support 500,000 new primary care appointments per month supporting family, oral and gynecological health. There will also be a focus on integrated care through collective practices, improved facilities and increased inclusion in the health system.

On 6 January 2025, the Ministry of Health distributed 100,000 doses of the yellow fever vaccine to support health services in São Paulo.⁵⁵⁵⁹

⁵⁵⁵³ Ministério da Saúde garante abastecimento de vacinas em todo o país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-garante-abastecimento-de-vacinas-em-todo-o-pais>

⁵⁵⁵⁴ Ministério da Saúde distribui quase 8 milhões de medicamentos essenciais para tratamento da tuberculose, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-distribui-quase-8-milhoes-de-medicamentos-essenciais-para-tratamento-da-tuberculose>

⁵⁵⁵⁵ Ministério da Saúde investe R\$ 30 milhões em equipamentos para Hospital de Bonsucesso, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/ministerio-da-saude-investe-r-30-milhoes-em-equipamentos-para-hospital-de-bonsucesso>

⁵⁵⁵⁶ PAC Saúde lança projeto para a construção de 89 UBSs Porte 4, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/dezembro/pac-saude-lanca-projeto-para-a-construcao-de-89-ubss-porte-4>

⁵⁵⁵⁷ Ministério da Saúde garante o abastecimento de insulinas NPH e regular para tratamento de pessoas com diabetes pelo SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-garante-o-abastecimento-de-insulinas-nph-e-regular-para-tratamento-de-pessoas-com-diabetes-pelo-sus>

⁵⁵⁵⁸ Brasil terá 38 novas UBSs Porte 5 com capacidade para 500 mil atendimentos mensais, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/brasil-tera-38-novas-ubss-porte-5-com-capacidade-para-500-mil-atendimentos-mensais>

⁵⁵⁵⁹ Saúde envia 100 mil doses extras de vacina contra febre amarela para São Paulo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/saude-envia-100-mil-doses-extras-de-vacina-contra-febre-amarela-para-sao-paulo>

On 7 January 2025, the Secretariat of Health and Environmental Surveillance and the United Nations Migration Agency released multiple translated versions of a booklet on health-related precautions against rains and floods, with emphasis on preventing diseases like tetanus and leptospirosis, food safety and critical information about venomous animals.⁵⁵⁶⁰ This initiative aims to increase the accessibility of health information to refugees, migrants and stateless populations in Brazil.

On 8 January 2025, the Ministry of Health released new standardizations of telecare, incorporating digital healthcare services into the SUS procedures and medications table.⁵⁵⁶¹ This measure aims to organize, monitor and evaluate virtual healthcare procedures such as teleconsulting and telediagnosis, enhancing the accessibility to specialized care.

On 9 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the creation of the Health Emergency Operations Centre for Dengue and other Arboviruses and the launch of the National Contingency Plan for Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika.⁵⁵⁶² These preventive measures will allow more efficient coordination and execution aimed at disease prevention, preparation and control. President Lula da Silva also announced a Provisional Measure to provide BRL60,000 to each family with people with disabilities due to congenital Zika syndrome.⁵⁵⁶³

On 10 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will distribute 26,000 regular insulin vials to support SUS hospitals.⁵⁵⁶⁴ This will support increased access to free insulin for diabetics.

On 13 January 2025, Minister Trindade announced new agenda items to support Indigenous healthcare, especially for the Yanomami in Northern Brazil.⁵⁵⁶⁵ Actions include the constructing six new Basic Health Units, increasing the number of health professionals in the region and reopening seven Indigenous health centers.

On 17 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced a series of measures to increase Mpox diagnosis and monitoring. Among these measures is the acquisition of 34,560 tests for Mpox which strengthens critical early detection capacities.⁵⁵⁶⁶ The Ministry also reaffirmed its commitment to work with international institutions to strengthen the global response to Mpox, especially in sub-Saharan countries.

⁵⁵⁶⁰ Saúde disponibiliza orientações multilíngues a migrantes, refugiados e apátridas para situações de chuvas intensas e enchentes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/saude-disponibiliza-orientacoes-multilingues-a-migrantes-refugiados-e-apatridas-para-situacoes-de-chuvas-intensas-e-enchentes>

⁵⁵⁶¹ Ministério da Saúde padroniza as diversas modalidades de teleatendimento, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-padroniza-as-diversas-modalidades-de-teleatendimento>

⁵⁵⁶² Centro de Operações de Emergência vai reforçar resposta do Brasil no controle da dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/centro-de-operacoes-de-emergencia-vai-reforcar-resposta-do-brasil-no-controle-da-dengue>

⁵⁵⁶³ Governo anuncia R\$ 60 mil para pessoas com deficiência decorrente de síndrome congênita de Zika, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/secom/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/05/governo-federal-garante-r-60-mil-para-pessoa-com-sindrome-congenita-causada-pelo-virus-zika-durante-gestacao>

⁵⁵⁶⁴ Ministério da Saúde vai enviar mais 26 mil frascos de insulina humana para apoiar estados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-vai-enviar-mais-26-mil-frascos-de-insulina-humana-ara-apoiar-estados>

⁵⁵⁶⁵ "Diminuímos a desassistência e a desnutrição que o garimpo ilegal" trouxe aos indígenas", diz ministra, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/diminuimos-a-desassistencia-e-a-desnutricao-que-o-garimpo-ilegal-trouxe-aos-indigenas-diz-ministra>

⁵⁵⁶⁶ "Ministério da Saúde intensifica enfrentamento à Mpox no Brasil, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-intensifica-enfrentamento-a-mpox-no-brasil>

On 17 January 2025, the Ministry of Health sent five medical and supply kits to support residents in the municipality of Picos after extreme floods.⁵⁵⁶⁷ Each kit includes 32 medications and 16 medical supplies to support “500 people for three months or 1,500 people for one month.” This will help with the recovery of the health system.

On 20 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the distribution of 6.5 million rapid dengue tests across the country with an investment of BRL17.3 million.⁵⁵⁶⁸ This will help reinforce local health systems.

On 23 January 2025, Minister Trindade announced measures to strengthen Rio Grande do Sul’s health system.⁵⁵⁶⁹ This includes new technologies to control dengue under the 2024/2025 Action Plan to Reduce the Impacts of Arboviruses, BRL68.6 million in funding for the More Access to Specialists Program, “the construction of a maternity hospital in Porto Alegre and a Normal Birth Center in Bagé” to support the Alyne Network initiative to reduce maternal mortality rates, BRL59.4 million to improve the state’s hospital infrastructure and BRL265 million to help the Teaching Hospital of the Federal University of Pelotas increase its health services capacity. This funding is provided through the New Growth Acceleration Plan.

On 25 January 2025, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Sports signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement to support people with disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder.⁵⁵⁷⁰ As part of this agreement, the Secretariat of Specialized Health Care will support technical and scientific knowledge sharing to ensure integrated health services that support people with disabilities.

On 27 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the certification of 33 new specialists from Pernambuco, Piauí, Paraíba and Ceará under the Training Program in Epidemiology Applied to the Services of the Unified Health System.⁵⁵⁷¹ This will help local health systems better respond to public health emergencies and ensure adequate prevention and protection measures.

On 27 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced 478 health care projects with an investment of BRL189 million.⁵⁵⁷² Projects include the construction of two Psychosocial Care Centers, five Specialized Rehabilitation Centers, 109 Health Academies and 240 Basic Health Units.

⁵⁵⁶⁷ Saúde envia 1,5 tonelada de medicamentos e insumos para vítimas das enchentes em Picos (PI), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/saude-envia-1-5-tonelada-de-medicamentos-e-insumos-para-vitimas-das-enchentes-em-picos-pi>

⁵⁵⁶⁸ Ministério da Saúde anuncia distribuição de 6,5 milhões de testes rápidos inéditos para dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-distribuicao-de-6-5-milhoes-de-testes-rapidos-ineditos-para-dengue>

⁵⁵⁶⁹ Ministra da Saúde anuncia novas tecnologias para controle da dengue e investimentos na saúde do Rio Grande do Sul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministra-da-saude-anuncia-novas-tecnologias-para-controle-da-dengue-e-investimentos-na-saude-do-rio-grande-do-sul>

⁵⁵⁷⁰ Governo Federal assina acordo para promover saúde e inclusão social das pessoas com deficiência, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/governo-federal-assina-acordo-para-promover-saude-e-inclusao-social-das-pessoas-com-deficiencia>

⁵⁵⁷¹ Ministério da Saúde e ESP/CE formam 33 novos especialistas para resposta a surtos e emergência de saúde pública, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-e-esp-ce-formam-33-novos-especialistas-para-resposta-a-surtos-e-emergencia-de-saude-publica>

⁵⁵⁷² Ministério da Saúde anuncia retomada de mais 478 obras em todo o país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-retomada-de-mais-478-obras-em-todo-o-pais>

On 31 January 2025, Minister Trindade announced the delivery of 192 ambulances with an investment of BRL49 million during a two-day trip to Salvador.⁵⁵⁷³ The Minister also inaugurated “the country’s first palliative care hospital.”

On 31 January 2025, the Ministry of Health delivered 170 new ambulances to 135 Northeastern cities.⁵⁵⁷⁴ The government invested BRL49.1 million for this initiative to increase access to emergency services.

On 31 January 2025, the Ministry of Health sent a team to evaluate healthcare services, including vaccinations and screenings, for Venezuelan migrants entering Brazil.⁵⁵⁷⁵ The Ministry also reaffirmed its commitment to international humanitarian aids and supporting migrant healthcare.

On 6 February 2025, the Ministry of Health conducted an audit to analyze, evaluate and thus enhance the mental health service within the primary care system.⁵⁵⁷⁶ This audit revealed that there are gaps in care continuity and a lack of training.

On 7 February 2025, Brazil resumed the Health in Schools Program to promote cooperation between health and education.⁵⁵⁷⁷ This aims to enhance education on mental health, peace culture and equality among school-aged populations.

On 8 February 2025, the Ministry of Health mobilized the National Force of the SUS to provide healthcare services to 111 Brazilians repatriated from the United States.⁵⁵⁷⁸

On 11 February 2025, the Ministry of Health held the fourth Ordinary Meeting of the National Commission for Planning and Sizing the Workforce in the SUS to address the growing demand and distribution inequalities of healthcare professionals.⁵⁵⁷⁹ This meeting focused on developing the Ten-Year Health Workforce Planning Plan to promote equality and sustainability in healthcare policies.

⁵⁵⁷³ Na Bahia, ministra Nísia visita hospital ortopédico e inaugura primeiro hospital de cuidados paliativos do país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/na-bahia-ministra-nisia-visita-hospital-ortopedico-e-inaugura-primeiro-hospital-de-cuidados-paliativos-do-pais>

⁵⁵⁷⁴ Região Nordeste recebe 170 novas ambulâncias do Samu 192, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/regiao-nordeste-recebe-170-novas-ambulancias-do-samu-192>

⁵⁵⁷⁵ Equipe do Ministério da Saúde chega a Roraima para avaliar acolhimento aos migrantes venezuelanos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 31 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/janeiro/equipe-do-ministerio-da-saude-chega-a-roraima-para-avaliar-acolhimento-aos-migrantes919apan919siaanos>

⁵⁵⁷⁶ Saúde fortalece auditoria na saúde mental para aprimorar atendimento na atenção primária, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/saude-fortalece-auditoria-na-saude-mental-para-aprimorar-atendimento-na-atencao-primaria>

⁵⁵⁷⁷ Programa Saúde na Escola garante direito à saúde e reduz desigualdades nos territórios brasileiros, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/programa-saude-na-escola-garante-direito-a-saude-e-reduz-desigualdades-nos-territorios-brasileiros>

⁵⁵⁷⁸ Força Nacional do SUS garante atendimento humanizado a brasileiros repatriados dos EUA, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/forca-nacional-do-sus-garante-atendimento-humanizado-a-brasileiros-repatriados-dos-eua>

⁵⁵⁷⁹ Saúde inicia dimensionamento da força de trabalho no SUS e demografias profissionais, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 11 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/saude-inicia-dimensionamento-da-forca-de-trabalho-no-sus-e-demografias-profissionais>

On 13 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the second phase of PAC, with BRL5.8 billion in investment and new initiatives.⁵⁵⁸⁰ This plan includes investment in new equipment, vehicles, health units, polyclinics, mobile dental units, psychosocial care centres, and telehealth infrastructures. The meeting highlighted initiatives like free access to Farmácia Popular and enhanced oral and mental health services.⁵⁵⁸¹

On 13 February 2025, Brasília, in partnership with the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization, hosted the High-Level Dialogue: Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Health and Human Rights.⁵⁵⁸² This brought together an array of professionals across Brazil and from Colombia and Canada to discuss challenges in substance use policy, with emphasis on the intersection of mental health, substance use and human rights.

On 14 February 2025, the Ministry of Health's Advisory Board for Racial Equity in Health has established a Technical Support Group "to combat racial inequalities, through affirmative actions that expand access and attention to the specific health needs of the black population."⁵⁵⁸³

On 17 February 2025, the Secretariat of Indigenous Health of the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund, launched a manual in the Amazon region to promote better water, sanitization, and hygiene practices among indigenous communities.⁵⁵⁸⁴

On 18 February 2025, the Ministry of Health adopted the World Health Organization's recommendation to make calcium supplements available to all pregnant women through the SUS.⁵⁵⁸⁵ This inclusion is expected to support maternal and neo-natal health as calcium supplements reduce the risk of pre-eclampsia by up to 55 per cent.

On 19 February 2025, Minister Trindade and representatives of the Portuguese Government signed two memorandums of understanding during the Brazil-Portugal Summit.⁵⁵⁸⁶ They aim to promote health cooperation through a joint working group, and healthy eating and obesity prevention through enhancing public health policies and addressing mutual challenges like chronic diseases.

⁵⁵⁸⁰ Ministra Nísia Trindade anuncia nova fase do PAC com quase R\$ 6 bilhões em investimentos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/ministra-nisia-trindade-anuncia-nova-fase-do-pac-com-quase-r-6-bilhoes-em-investimentos>

⁵⁵⁸¹ Ministério da Saúde anuncia 100% de gratuidade no Farmácia Popular e abre credenciamento a todos os municípios do país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-100-de-gratuidade-no-farmacia-popular-e-abre-credenciamento-a-todos-os-municipios-do-pais>

⁵⁵⁸² Brasília recebe evento internacional para discutir políticas920apan920 álcool, outras drogas, saúde e direitos humanos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/no920apan920si025/fevereiro/brasil-recebe-evento-internacional-para-discutir-politicas-sobre-alcool-outras-drogas-saude-e-direitos-humanos>

⁵⁵⁸³ Saúde institui grupo de apoio técnico para a assessoria para equidade racial, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 14 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/saude-institui-grupo-de-apoio-tecnico-para-a-assessoria-para-equidade-racial>

⁵⁵⁸⁴ Sesai e UNICEF lançam manual para agentes indígenas de saneamento da região amazônica, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/sesai-e-unicef-lancam-manual-para-agentes-indigenas-de-saneamento-da-regiao-amazonica>

⁵⁵⁸⁵ Em estratégia contra a pré-eclâmpsia, suplementação de cálcio passa a ser universal para gestantes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/em-estrategia-contra-a-pre-eclampsia-suplementacao-de-calcio-passa-a-ser-universal-para-gestantes>

⁵⁵⁸⁶ Brasil e Portugal firmam acordo para fortalecer cooperação na saúde e em prol da alimentação saudável e prevenção da obesidade, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/brasil-e-portugal-firmam-acordo-para-fortalecer-cooperacao-na-saude-e-em-prol-da-alimentacao-saudavel-e-prevencao-da-obesidade>

On 19 February 2025, the National Force of the SUS and Secretariat of Indigenous Health co-led a two-day initiative to train 64 indigenous people from 15 ethnic groups to deliver first aid.⁵⁵⁸⁷ This initiative aims to increase emergency and rescue preparedness in remote areas.

On 20 February 2025, Minister Trindade allocated BRL1.34 million to support dengue disease management in São José do Rio Preto.⁵⁵⁸⁸ This funding will help expand emergency care and strengthen the National Force of the SUS increasing resiliency.

On 21 February 2025, the Ministry of Health, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, State Health Department of Pernambuco and Foundation for Science and Technology Support of the state allocated BRL7.5 million to the eighth edition of the Research for the SUS Program.⁵⁵⁸⁹ This funding will be divided between successful projects to improve health care in Pernambuco. Projects will focus on reforms to the Health Care Networks, management and innovation and women's, maternal and children's health.

On 21 February 2025, Minister Trindade, announced the call for public health laboratories proposals under the New Growth Acceleration Plan for Health for Brazil's Health Industrial Economic Complex.⁵⁵⁹⁰ This includes an investment of BRL1.7 billion to strengthen public laboratories which support the production of vaccines and medications across the country.

On 21 February 2025, the Ministry of Health approved the Anti-Racism Strategy Action Plan for 2025 which outlines the priority actions for eliminating ethnic-racial inequalities and barriers to healthcare.⁵⁵⁹¹ This plan includes the complete implementation of the Affirmative Action Program and improvement of ethnic community data in health systems.

On 24 February 2025, the Ministry of Health incorporated small intestine and multivesicular transplants into the SUS.⁵⁵⁹² Previously unavailable as standard treatments, these procedures are now accessible due to increased technical capacity and hospital partnerships.

On 25 February 2025, President Lula da Silva and Minister Trindade announced an agreement to produce a single-dose dengue vaccine in Brazil.⁵⁵⁹³ This initiative is expected to produce 60 million doses annually by 2026 to be delivered through the National Immunization Program.

⁵⁵⁸⁷ Indígenas são treinados pela Força Nacional do SUS para primeiros socorros em áreas remotas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/indigenas-sao-treinados-pela-forca-nacional-do-sus-para-primeiros-socorros-em-areas-remotas>

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⁵⁵⁹¹ Plano de ação da Estratégia Antirracista para a saúde para os próximos 12 meses é aprovado, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/plano-de-acao-da-estrategia-antirracista-para-a-saude-para-os-proximos-12-meses-e-aprovado>

⁵⁵⁹² SUS passa a of921apan921siaa921apan921se de intestino delgado e multivisceral, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/sus-passa-a-oferecer-transplante-de-intestino-delgado-e-multivisceral>

⁵⁵⁹³ Governo Federal anuncia primeira vacina 100% nacional e de dose única contra a dengue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/governo-federal-anuncia-primeira-vacina-100-nacional-e-de-dose-unica-contra-a-dengue>

On 25 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the distribution of 1.6 million yellow fever vaccine doses.⁵⁵⁹⁴ This will help to reinforce the health system in São Paulo, Maranhão, Minas Gerais and Rio de Janeiro which have had recent yellow fever cases.

On 25 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Secretariat of Indigenous Health, Ministry of Indigenous Peoples and other institutions are partnering to develop the National Indigenous Sanitation Program.⁵⁵⁹⁵ This program will support integrated people-centered care by increasing access to environmental sanitation and improving living conditions for indigenous communities in Brazil.

On 25 February 2025, the Ministries of Health, Human Rights and Citizenship, Labor and Employment and Social Security jointly held the Interministerial Dialogue Meeting on the Health-Work-Social Security-Human Rights Agenda.⁵⁵⁹⁶ This meeting aimed to promote the health and improvement of quality of life of workers.

On 27 February 2025, at the Tripartite Inter-managerial Commission meeting, the Ministry of Health launched the National Guideline for the integrated action of Endemic Disease Control Agents and Community Health Agents.⁵⁵⁹⁷ This guideline aims to enhance the collaboration between health surveillance and primary care teams for disease prevention and healthcare delivery improvement. The Secretariat of Indigenous Health also presented its directive and operational axes of Indigenous health management, marking the first time a working group discussed Indigenous health.⁵⁵⁹⁸

On 28 February 2025, the Deliberative Management Committee approved the Secretariat of Indigenous Health's fourth project under the Institutional Development Program of the SUS.⁵⁵⁹⁹ This project will support healthcare for indigenous women, newborns and children through increased diagnostics and treatment for cervical cancer, maternal health support, growth and nutrition monitoring and promoting vaccinations. It will receive BRL34.5 million in funding.

On 10 March 2025, Minister of Health Alexandre Padilha delivered his inaugural speech emphasizing his commitment to reducing wait times and expanding access to specialized care.⁵⁶⁰⁰ He also vowed to modernize the SUS and reinforce early cancer diagnosis, vaccination campaigns and partnerships with scientific institutions and global health agencies.

⁵⁵⁹⁴ Saúde envia 1,6 milhão de doses extras de vacina contra febre amarela para 4 estados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/saude-envia-1-6-milhao-de-doses-extras-de-vacina-contra-febre-amarela-para-4-estados>

⁵⁵⁹⁵ Brasil avança na construção do Programa Nacional de Saneamento Indígena (PNSI), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/brasil-avanca-na-construcao-do-programa-nacional-de-saneamento-indigena-nsi>

⁵⁵⁹⁶ Reunião interministerial debate saúde do trabalhador e da trabalhadora como direito humano, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/reuniao-interministerial-debate-saude-do-trabalhador-e-da-trabalhadora-como-direito-humano>

⁵⁵⁹⁷ Diretriz inédita integra vigilância e atenção primária à saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/diretriz-inedita-integra-vigilancia-e-atencao-primaria-a-saude>

⁵⁵⁹⁸ Pela primeira vez, grupo de trabalho discute saúde indígena na CIT, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/pela-primeira-vez-grupo-de-trabalho-discute-saude-indigena-na-cit>

⁵⁵⁹⁹ Proadi-SUS vai investir mais R\$ 34,5 milhões em estratégias para a saúde indígena, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/proadi-sus-vai-investir-mais-r-34-5-milhoes-em-estrategias-para-a-saude-indigena>

⁵⁶⁰⁰ Alexandre Padilha assume Ministério da Saúde e reafirma obsessão em reduzir tempo de espera no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/alexandre-padilha-assume-ministerio-da-saude-e-reafirma-obsessao-em-reduzir-tempo-de-espera-no-sus>

On 11 March 2025, Minister Padilha announced the establishment of a new working group to propose a response model for the country to better face outbreaks, epidemics, endemics and impacts of climate change.⁵⁶⁰¹

On 12 March 2025, Brazil and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization developed the “Children, Adolescents and Screens: Guide on the Use of Digital Devices.”⁵⁶⁰² This publication aims to promote safe, healthy and balanced digital tools use and protect children’s physical and mental health.

On 12 March 2025, Minister Padilha held his first meeting in the National Congress and met with the women’s caucus in the Chamber of Deputies to affirm the government’s commitment to prioritize women’s health.⁵⁶⁰³ The caucus proposed initiatives to address cancer care, mental health and black women’s health.

On 12 March 2025, Miratu village’s Basic Indigenous Health Unit reopened after renovations to support approximately 100 indigenous individuals in Miratu and Pupekury.⁵⁶⁰⁴ This action will support inclusive, equitable and quality healthcare for indigenous communities.

On 13 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced various infrastructure improvements to support women’s health as part of the New Growth Acceleration Plan.⁵⁶⁰⁵ This includes the construction of new maternity hospitals, birth centers and regional polyclinics to support childbirth, specialized medical services and chronic disease management.

On 17 March 2025, Ceará’s Special Indigenous Health District (DSEI) and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation launched a project to promote indigenous healing and medicines through participatory mapping.⁵⁶⁰⁶ This project will include 15 ethnic groups across 106 villages to promote cultural awareness and build a more equitable and inclusive health system. The DSEI is part of the Brazilian Indigenous Health Subsystem managed by the Ministry of Health’s Special Secretariat of Indigenous Health.

On 18 March 2025, the Ministry of Health proposed a new initiative for university hospitals across the country to extend their operational hours to perform elective and diagnostic surgeries.⁵⁶⁰⁷ This aims to reduce wait times in the SUS for medium and high-complexity procedures.

⁵⁶⁰¹ Ministro Padilha anuncia grupo de trabalho para aprimorar enfrentamento a futuras pandemias, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 11 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/ministro-padilha-anuncia-grupo-de-trabalho-para-aprimorar-enfrentamento-a-futuras-pandemias>

⁵⁶⁰² Governo federal lança guia sobre o uso de dispositivos digitais por crianças e adolescentes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/governo-federal-lanca-guia-sobre-o-uso-de-dispositivos-digitais-por-criancas-e-adolescentes>

⁵⁶⁰³ A saúde integral da mulher é prioridade absoluta do Ministério da Saúde, afirma Padilha em primeira reunião no Congresso Nacional, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/a-saude-integral-da-mulher-e-prioridade-absoluta-do-ministerio-da-saude-afirma-padilha-em-primeira-reuniao-no-congresso-nacional>

⁵⁶⁰⁴ Unidade Básica de Saúde Indígena é reinaugurada em Altamira (PA), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/unidade-basica-de-saude-indigena-e-reinaugurada-em-altamira-pa>

⁵⁶⁰⁵ Novo PAC Saúde: mais cuidado e estrutura para as mulheres brasileiras, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/novo-pac-saude-mais-cuidado-e-estrutura-para-as-mulheres-brasileiras>

⁵⁶⁰⁶ Distrito sanitário indígena do Ceará cria projeto para valorizar as medicinas indígenas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/distrito-sanitario-indigena-do-ceara-cria-projeto-para-valorizar-as-medicinas-indigenas>

⁵⁶⁰⁷ Ministério da Saúde e EBSEH reforçam parceria para reduzir tempo de espera no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/ministerio-da-saude-e-ebserh-reforcam-parceria-para-reduzir-tempo-de-espera-no-sus>

On 21 March 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the Epidemiology and Inequalities Panel to track the prevalence of diseases and injuries by race.⁵⁶⁰⁸ This highlights the significant health disparities affecting the black population.

On 21 March 2025, Minister Padilha and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of São Tomé and Príncipe Ilza Amado Vaz signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen healthcare cooperation.⁵⁶⁰⁹ The countries aim to promote equitable and accessible health systems through shared practices and training.

On 21 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will distribute 35 million flu vaccine doses across its Northeast, South, Central-West and Southeast states by the end of April.⁵⁶¹⁰ This action will help to reinforce the health system and protect vulnerable and at-risk populations like pregnant women, young children, the elderly, healthcare workers, indigenous individuals and people with chronic illnesses.

On 27 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced an additional 156 ambulances distributed across 114 cities to improve the health system.⁵⁶¹¹ This action will enable two million Brazilians to access specialized care whilst improving quality and reducing wait times.

On 28 March 2025, the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES) supported the Impulso Previne cervical cancer screening and prevention program with BRL1 million through the Together for Health initiative, in collaboration with the Dynamo Institute.⁵⁶¹² The initiative aims to centralize access to information and health services for health professionals and patients.

On 31 March 2025, Minister Padilha announced BRL15.2 million to renovate a maternity ward and BRL7.8 million to open a Rehabilitation Center to support people with disabilities in Ponta Grossa.⁵⁶¹³ He also allocated BRL123 million for waste management in Maringá and announced the transition of 80 hospitals to solar energy in Londrina as part of the One Health approach.

On 2 April 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the Partnership for Productive Development to produce insulin glargine to strengthen national medical production and reduce dependence on international supply chains.⁵⁶¹⁴ This initiative aims to deliver 20 million vials for diabetes patients.

⁵⁶⁰⁸ Saúde lança painel de doenças e agravos na população por raça e cor, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 March 2025.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/saude-lanca-painel-de-doencas-e-agravos-na-populacao-por-raca-e-cor>

⁵⁶⁰⁹ Brasil firma acordo com São Tomé e Príncipe para fortalecimento mútuo de sistemas de saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/brasil-firma-acordo-com-sao-tome-e-principe-para-fortalecimento-mutuo-de-sistemas-de-saude>

⁵⁶¹⁰ Ministério da Saúde começa a distribuir 35 milhões de doses da vacina contra a gripe, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/ministerio-da-saude-comeca-a-distribuir-35-milhoes-de-doses-da-vacina-contra-a-gripe>

⁵⁶¹¹ Ministério da Saúde entrega mais 156 novas ambulâncias do SAMU 192 para ampliar atendimento de urgência e reduzir o tempo de espera no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-mais-156-novas-ambulancias-do-samu-192-para-ampliar-atendimento-de-urgencia-e-reduzir-o-tempo-de-espera-no-sus>

⁵⁶¹² Março Lilás: BNDES apoia programa em prevenção ao câncer do colo do útero, Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (Rio de Janeiro) 28 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/cultura/Marco-Lilas-BNDES-apoia-programa-em-prevencao-ao-cancer-do-colo-do-uterio/>

⁵⁶¹³ No Paraná, ministro Padilha anuncia ampliação da rede de saúde para reduzir tempo de espera, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 31 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/marco/no-parana-ministro-padilha-anuncia-ampliacao-da-rede-de-saude-para-reduzir-tempo-de-espera>

⁵⁶¹⁴ Ministério da Saúde confirma parceria para produção nacional de insulina de ação prolongada, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-confirma-parceria-para-producao-nacional-de-insulina-de-acao-prolongada>

On 3 April 2025, BNDES approved financing worth BRL20 million for Scitech Produtos Médicos SA to provide medical devices for the SUS.⁵⁶¹⁵ The aim of this funding is to “meet the SUS demand for drug-eluting stents for coronary arteries, balloon catheters for angioplasty, guide catheters for angioplasty, steerable guide wires for angioplasty, valved introducers and peripheral balloons,” therefore supporting increased access to necessary procedures for patients.

On 3 April 2025, President Lula da Silva approved the Dental Reconstruction Program for Women Victims of Domestic Violence, integrating free and humanized dental treatments for women victims of domestic abuse into the SUS.⁵⁶¹⁶ Alongside this program, the government is increasing oral health funding by 206 per cent and implementing sexual healthcare services in its public health facilities.

On 3 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that deferiprone will be added to the SUS.⁵⁶¹⁷ This will support patients experiencing iron overload due to sickle cell disease to have equitable healthcare.

On 4 April 2025, Minister Padilha emphasized the country’s opportunity to become a global leader in health-related scientific and industrial production.⁵⁶¹⁸ He also announced increased investments in mRNA vaccine production, stating that, “If the United States has cut funding for research into messenger RNA vaccines, Brazil is taking the opposite path.”

On 11 April 2025, Minister Padilha announced over BRL90 million in funding to acquire modern oncological equipment for Rio de Janeiro, Pernambuco, Mato Grosso, Paraná, São Paulo, Amapá and Bahia.⁵⁶¹⁹ This action will help improve cancer prevention, diagnostics and treatment whilst reducing wait times and reinforcing the health system.

On 15 April 2025, the Ministry of Health trained 12 nurses to insert copper intrauterine devices used for contraception.⁵⁶²⁰ This action aims to advance sexual and reproductive health for women.

On 15 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the purchase of 57 million Covid-19 vaccine doses to support vaccinations for priority groups such as pregnant women, children, the elderly and those who are immunocompromised.⁵⁶²¹ The government will allocate BRL700 million to support the administering of 15 million of these doses in 2025.

⁵⁶¹⁵ BNDES aprova R\$ 20 mi para Scitech fornecer dispositivos médicos ao SUS, Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (Rio de Janeiro) 3 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025.

[https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/cultura/BNDES-aprova-R\\$-20-mi-para-Scitech-fornecer-dispositivos-medicos-ao-SUS/](https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/cultura/BNDES-aprova-R$-20-mi-para-Scitech-fornecer-dispositivos-medicos-ao-SUS/)

⁵⁶¹⁶ Vítimas de violência doméstica terão reconstrução dentária gratuita no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/vitimas-de-violencia-domestica-terao-reconstrucao-dentaria-gratuita-no-sus>

⁵⁶¹⁷ Ministério da Saúde amplia acesso a medicamentos para pacientes com doença falciforme, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-amplia-acesso-a-medicamentos-para-pacientes-com-doenca-falciforme>

⁵⁶¹⁸ Se os Estados Unidos cortaram recursos para a pesquisa em vacinas de RNA mensageiro, o Brasil está fazendo o caminho oposto, afirma ministro Padilha, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/se-os-estados-unidos-cortaram-recursos-para-a-pesquisa-em-vacinas-de-rna-mensageiro-o-brasil-esta-fazendo-o-caminho-oposto-afirma-ministro-padilha>

⁵⁶¹⁹ Ministério da Saúde reforça assistência oncológica no SUS com cinco novos aceleradores lineares, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 11 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-reforca-assistencia-oncologica-no-sus-com-cinco-novos-aceleradores-lineares>

⁵⁶²⁰ Enfermeiras são formadas para inserção de DIU na Ilha de Marajó, no Pará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/enfermeiras-sao-formadas-para-insercao-de-diu-na-ilha-de-marajo-no-para>

⁵⁶²¹ Ministério da Saúde fecha compra de 57 milhões de doses da vacina contra a Covid-19, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-fecha-compra-de-57-milhoes-de-doses-da-vacina-contra-a-covid-19>

On 16 April 2025, Minister Padilha and Chinese Ambassador Zhu Qingqiao reaffirmed their countries' strategic partnership in health and technology during a meeting.⁵⁶²² The partnership focuses on digitalizing the SUS, including the construction of the first digital reference hospital in São Paulo integrating technologies like artificial intelligence. The two countries also reiterated their commitment to joint initiatives like biomedicine, vaccine development and digital health.

On 17 April 2025, the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Office for Project Services accelerated the rebuilding of Rio Grande do Sul's SUS health network after the 2024 climate disaster.⁵⁶²³

On 23 April 2025, Minister Padilha and Minister of Education Camilo Santana jointly announced the establishment of an interministerial commission to evaluate and improve the quality of medical education.⁵⁶²⁴ The commission will utilize the data from the new National Medical Training Assessment Exam to monitor medical students' progress.

On 25 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced Indigenous Peoples Vaccination Month with a goal of vaccinating over 72,000 indigenous individuals by 24 May 2025.⁵⁶²⁵ This action will help to build a more inclusive health system.

On 25 April 2025, Minister Padilha and Governor of Bahia Jerônimo Rodrigues signed an agreement whereby the federal government will allocate BRL7.8 million to build 38 Basic Indigenous Health Units and acquire ten ambulances, medical equipment and supplies and 70 water supply systems for the state.⁵⁶²⁶ This funding aims to strengthen healthcare for indigenous peoples in the region.

On 26 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the delivery of 25 new ambulances to Bahia.⁵⁶²⁷ Minister Padilha also allocated BRL159 million to modernize the state's public laboratory to improve its production of diagnostics and treatments.

⁵⁶²² Ministério da Saúde reforça parceria com a China para construção do primeiro hospital inteligente do Brasil, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-reforca-parceria-com-a-china-para-construcao-do-primeiro-hospital-inteligente-do-brasil>

⁵⁶²³ Saúde e ONU apresentam projeto de apoio à reestruturação da rede de saúde em municípios gaúchos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/saude-e-onu-apresentam-projeto-de-apoio-a-reestruturacao-da-rede-de-saude-em-municipios-gauchos>

⁵⁶²⁴ Saúde e Educação anunciam comissão interministerial para avaliar a qualidade da formação médica no Brasil, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/saude-e-educacao-anunciam-comissao-interministerial-para-avaliar-a-qualidade-da-formacao-medica-no-brasil>

⁵⁶²⁵ Ministério da Saúde lança Mês de Vacinação dos Povos Indígenas para proteção de 72 mil indígenas em todo o país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-mes-de-vacinacao-dos-povos-indigenas-para-protecao-de-72-mil-indigenas-em-todo-o-pais>

⁵⁶²⁶ Ministério da Saúde lança Mês de Vacinação dos Povos Indígenas para proteção de 72 mil indígenas em todo o país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-mes-de-vacinacao-dos-povos-indigenas-para-protecao-de-72-mil-indigenas-em-todo-o-pais>

⁵⁶²⁷ Ministério da Saúde entrega 25 novas ambulâncias do SAMU 192 para a Bahia e anuncia investimento de R\$ 160 milhões na Bahiafarma, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/abril/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-25-novas-ambulancias-do-samu-192-para-a-bahia-e-anuncia-investimento-de-r-160-milhoes-na-bahiafarma>

On 6 May 2025, the Ministry of Health announced BRL100 million in annual funding to support healthcare for children suffering from severe acute respiratory syndrome.⁵⁶²⁸

On 15 May 2025, the Ministry of Health expanded access to donepezil for patients with severe Alzheimer's disease under the SUS.⁵⁶²⁹ The medicine helps to manage symptoms of the disease.

On 20 May 2025, Brazil voted in favour of the Pandemic Agreement at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁵⁶³⁰ The adopted agreement is focused on equitable access to healthcare, strengthening local health systems, supporting marginalized individuals and groups and providing financing for healthcare resilience and preparedness.

On 23 May 2025, the Ministry of Health incorporated the AC Camargo Cancer Center into the Institutional Development Support Program for the SUS.⁵⁶³¹ This action will expand the SUS' ability to support cancer diagnosis and treatment for Brazilians.

On 23 May 2025, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Luciana Santos received a delegation from the China Isotope and Radiation Corporation in Brasília to discuss the modernization of radiopharmaceutical production and nuclear application in medical diagnostics.⁵⁶³² The meeting focused on increased the supply of radiopharmaceuticals for treatment, diagnostic services and other relevant health services, enhancing sustainability and cooperation between health systems.

On 26 May 2025, President Lula da Silva enacted a law to incorporate “treatment and support for families facing the loss of a child during or after pregnancy” within the SUS.⁵⁶³³ Bill 1.640/2022 is expected to result in enhanced clinical protocols, psychosocial support and medical examinations in cases of stillbirth or pregnancy loss. This change supports integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 26 May 2025, the Ministry of Health announced BRL362 million in funding for 2025 and BRL640.4 million in 2026 to support “3,953 new teams, services, programs and incentives” aimed at expanding healthcare across 1,878 cities in Brazil.⁵⁶³⁴ New accreditations include primary, family and oral health teams, prison and street clinics, multidisciplinary teams including Basic Health Units and units to support riverside populations. This will help to build more resilient and sustainable health systems.

⁵⁶²⁸ Saúde libera R\$ 100 milhões para reforçar atendimento a crianças com vírus respiratórios no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/saude-libera-r-100-milhoes-para-reforcar-atendimento-a-criancas-com-virus-respiratorios-no-sus>

⁵⁶²⁹ SUS amplia tratamento para casos graves de Alzheimer, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/sus-amplia-tratamento-para-casos-graves-de-alzheimer>

⁵⁶³⁰ Brasil vota favoravelmente a Acordo de Pandemias aprovado pela OMS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/brasil-vota-favoravelmente-a-acordo-de-pandemias-aprovado-pela-oms>

⁵⁶³¹ Ministério da Saúde amplia Proadi-SUS com inclusão do A.C. Camargo Cancer Center, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/ministerio-da-saude-amplia-proadi-sus-com-inclusao-do-a-c-camargo-cancer-center>

⁵⁶³² Brasil e China avançam parceria em radiofármacos com foco em inovação e saúde pública, Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (Brasília) 23 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mcti/pt-br/acompanhe-o-mcti/noticias/2025/05/brasil-e-china-avancam-parceria-em-radiofarmacos-com-foco-em-inovacao-e-saude-publica>

⁵⁶³³ Lei sancionada pelo presidente Lula garante tratamento para luto parental no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/lei-sancionada-pelo-presidente-lula-garante-tratamento-para-luto-parental-no-sus>

⁵⁶³⁴ Ministério da Saúde credencia 3,9 mil novas equipes e serviços na atenção primária do SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/ministerio-da-saude-credencia-3-9-mil-novas-equipes-e-servicos-na-atencao-primaria-do-sus>

On 26 May 2025, the Ministry of Health incorporated topical tacrolimus, metasone furoate 0.1 per cent and methotrexate into the SUS to offer enhanced treatment for atopic dermatitis.⁵⁶³⁵ This will support access to free treatment under the public health system.

On 27 May 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it is beginning to release resources to strengthen the SUS in the 49 municipalities of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo which were affected by the Fundão Dam collapse in Mariana in 2015, with BRL825 million in funding until the end of 2026.⁵⁶³⁶ This initiative aims to strengthen the resilience of health systems after emergency or disaster situations.

On 28 May 2025, the Ministry of Health performed the first pediatric heart surgery with telemonitoring in the North region. The procedure was performed with real-time guidance from the Hcor team in São Paulo.⁵⁶³⁷ This initiative demonstrates efficient utilization of the SUS' health infrastructure to strengthen local care capacity and train health professionals, ensuring equitable access to care across the country.

On 28 May 2025, the Ministry of Health released updated reference designs for Psychosocial Care Centres to guide construction under the new PAC, focusing on more inclusive, humanized and functional mental health facilities.⁵⁶³⁸ This action will support the provision of people-centered mental health services.

On 29 May 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a notification system via WhatsApp and Gov.BR app's voicemail to citizens who use SUS services to patients on continuous-use medication.⁵⁶³⁹ The service will benefit 270,000 patients and the first messages will be delivered to a group of hypertensive patients who have only collected three medications in the last 12 months from Farmácia Popular, the government's primary care medication program. The aim of this initiative is to improve communication systems between healthcare services and the public in addition to improving public health through enhanced treatment compliance.

On 30 May 2025, Minister Padilha announced BRL150 million for Fiocruz and the Butantan Institute and BRL60 million for Embrapii to advance mRNA vaccine technology and pharmaceutical production.⁵⁶⁴⁰ Minister Padilha also signed executive orders for 29 projects to boost local production of essential medicines and digital health technologies, positioning Brazil as a global leader in health innovation. 22 of these projects will receive BRL378 million for innovative digital health products, while seven projects will focus on essential medications for rare diseases including cystic fibrosis, multiple sclerosis and spinal muscular atrophy.

⁵⁶³⁵ Pacientes com dermatite atópica passam a contar com tratamento integral no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/pacientes-com-dermatite-atopica-passam-a-contar-com-tratamento-integral-no-sus>

⁵⁶³⁶ Ministério da Saúde inicia liberação de recursos do Novo Acordo do Rio Doce, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/ministerio-da-saude-inicia-liberacao-de-recursos-do-novo-acordo-do-rio-doce>

⁵⁶³⁷ SUS realiza cirurgia assistida de cardiopatia congênita entre Manaus e São Paulo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/sus-realiza-cirurgia-assistida-de-cardiopatia-congenita-entre-manaus-e-sao-paulo>

⁵⁶³⁸ Ministério da Saúde atualiza projetos referenciados para construção de CAPS na saúde mental, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/ministerio-da-saude-atualiza-projetos-referenciados-para-construcao-de-caps-na-saude-mental>

⁵⁶³⁹ Farmácia Popular: cidadãos receberão aviso sobre medicamento de uso contínuo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/farmacia-popular-cidadaos-receberao-aviso-sobre-medicamento-de-uso-continuo>

⁵⁶⁴⁰ Ministro da Saúde anuncia fortalecimento de parcerias para produção nacional de vacinas com RNA mensageiro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/ministro-da-saude-anuncia-fortalecimento-de-parcerias-para-producao-nacional-de-vacinas-com-rna-mensageiro>

On 30 May 2025, Brazil launched Agora Tem Especialistas, a countrywide initiative to reduce SUS wait times by expanding access to specialist consultations, exams and surgeries through partnerships with public and private healthcare providers.⁵⁶⁴¹ This action aims to improve the accessibility of health services for all.

On 31 May 2025, Minister Padilha attended the “Now There Are Specialists” surgery campaign held by the University Hospital of Brasília.⁵⁶⁴² This initiative aims to reduce waiting lists for procedures in the SUS system and use facilities and services at 45 university hospitals affiliated with the Brazilian Hospital Services Company, therefore improving efficiency in allocation of resources within the health system to provide accessible surgical care to the population.

On 2 June 2025, the Ministry of Health established the National Committee for the Prevention of Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality to support policies aimed at reducing preventable deaths of women, babies and children in Brazil.⁵⁶⁴³ The committee will propose strategies addressing social and regional inequalities while aligning with broader initiatives to improve parental care, emergency response and women’s health autonomy.

On 4 June 2025, the Ministry of Health launched measures to further improve Brazil’s transplant system, including Virtual Crossmatch technology, new transplant types such as small intestine and multivisceral transplants and regional organ allocation reform.⁵⁶⁴⁴ The Ministry also established the Transplant Donation Quality Program to train healthcare professional to support families during the donation process, with an overall goal to boost donation rates.

On 5 June 2025, Minister Padilha facilitated the delivery of 160 beds and wards dedicated to pulmonology, thoracic surgery, oncology, and head and neck surgery patients and the delivery of 167 new ambulances to SAMU 192.⁵⁶⁴⁵ This initiative aims to strengthen health services in the North and Northeast regions, with the services being delivered to the Octávio Mangabeira Specialized Hospital in Salvador, Bahia and 55 ambulances being designated for the state of Bahia.

On 6 June 2025, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL561 million for investments in scientific research.⁵⁶⁴⁶ The funding will be allocated for women’s health, oncology, rare diseases and neglected diseases research, therefore improving equity in access to treatment options for women as well as improving the quality of care and treatment options for prioritised diseases.

⁵⁶⁴¹ Governo Federal lança o Agora Tem Especialistas para ampliar o atendimento à população e reduzir tempo de espera no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/governo-federal-lanca-o-agora-tem-especialistas-para-ampliar-o-atendimento-a-populacao-e-reduzir-tempo-de-espera-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁴² Com apoio do novo programa federal, HUB realiza mutirão para acelerar cirurgias no DF, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 31 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/maio/com-apoio-do-novo-programa-federal-hub-realiza-mutirao-para-acelerar-cirurgias-no-df>

⁵⁶⁴³ Comitê Nacional de Prevenção da Mortalidade Materna, Fetal e Infantil é instituído pelo Ministério da Saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/comite-nacional-de-prevencao-da-mortalidade-materna-fetal-e-infantil-e-instituido-pelo-ministerio-da-saude>

⁵⁶⁴⁴ Brasil bate recorde de transplantes e anuncia medidas para modernizar sistema e aumentar doações, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/brasil-bate-recorde-de-transplantes-e-anuncia-medidas-para-modernizar-sistema-e-aumentar-doacoes>

⁵⁶⁴⁵ Para ampliar atendimento, Padilha entrega 160 leitos na Bahia e 167 ambulâncias para Norte e Nordeste, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 5 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/para-ampliar-atendimento-padilha-entrega-160-leitos-na-bahia-e-167-ambulancias-para-norte-e-nordeste>

⁵⁶⁴⁶ Saúde destina R\$ 561 milhões para pesquisas científicas em 2025, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 6 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/saude-destina-r-561-milhoes-para-pesquisas-cientificas-em-2025>

On 9 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that they have selected 91 projects for the Education through Work for Health Program - Information and Digital Health.⁵⁶⁴⁷ These projects aim to integrate digital health technology research and education into training for undergraduate health programs, therefore enhancing the capacity of health professionals to work with digital technologies in the efficient provision of healthcare.

On 9 June 2025, the Ministry of Health declared a public health emergency to address long wait times for specialized care in the SUS, enabling the immediate implantation of the Agora Tem Especialistas program to expand access to consultations, exams and surgeries.⁵⁶⁴⁸ This initiative includes accrediting facilities, deploying mobile units, enhancing telehealth and investing in infrastructure and personnel to reduce backlogs and improve timely diagnoses.

On 10 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced 3,000 new residency grants and 500 new specialist positions will be awarded with a particular focus on underserved regions.⁵⁶⁴⁹ The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of the health system to provide specialist services in the SUS and reduce waiting times for appointments, exams and surgeries.

On 10 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Conceição Hospital Group Primary Care Network comprised of 12 units will operate a third shift.⁵⁶⁵⁰ Seven Basic Health Units will now be open until 10pm and five will be open until 8pm, therefore increasing access to primary care services for all patients.

On 14 June 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the “Donate Blood. You Can” campaign aimed at encouraging voluntary blood donation.⁵⁶⁵¹ The campaign aims to provide information and education on the importance of maintaining blood supplies at safe levels for those in need of transfusions, transplants and oncological procedures, therefore ensuring that blood supplies are sustainable for necessary health services.

On 16 June 2025, the Ministry of Health created the National Situation Room for Monitoring and Response to Respiratory Virus Infection aimed at the surveillance and monitoring of respiratory infections such as avian influenza.⁵⁶⁵² This initiative aims to mitigate the spread of infectious respiratory disease through coordination between technical areas and strategic partners in order to create effective surveillance, prevention and response plans.

On 16 June 2025, Minister Padilha announced that more than BRL834 million will be allocated to increase access to consultations, exams and surgeries, thus reducing waiting times for services in the public health

⁵⁶⁴⁷ Ministério da Saúde seleciona 91 projetos para a transformação digital do SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/ministerio-da-saude-seleciona-91-projetos-para-a-transformacao-digital-do-sus>

⁵⁶⁴⁸ Agora Tem Especialistas: Ministério da Saúde reconhece a urgência de ampliar o atendimento especializado à população no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/agora-tem-especialistas-ministerio-da-saude-reconhece-a-urgencia-de-ampliar-o-atendimento-especializado-a-populacao-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁴⁹ Saúde anuncia 3 mil novas bolsas de residência e 500 vagas para especialistas no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/saude-anuncia-3-mil-novas-bolsas-de-residencia-e-500-vagas-para-especialistas-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁵⁰ Hospitais do grupo GHC fazem mais de 100 cirurgias apenas na 1ª semana do terceiro turno, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/hospitais-do-grupo-ghc-fazem-mais-de-100-cirurgias-apenas-na-1a-semana-do-terceiro-turno>

⁵⁶⁵¹ Ministério da Saúde lança campanha para incentivar doação regular de sangue, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-campanha-para-incentivar-doacao-regular-de-sangue>

⁵⁶⁵² Ministério da Saúde cria sala de situação para monitorar infecções por vírus respiratórios, incluindo influenza aviária, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/ministerio-da-saude-cria-sala-de-situacao-para-monitorar-infeccoes-por-virus-respiratorios-incluindo-influenza-aviaria>

system.⁵⁶⁵³ The funding includes support for the Agora tem Especialistas initiatives aimed at providing specialist support services to underserved areas as well as new services in cities such as oncology services, new intensive care unit beds, 192 new ambulances and increased medical residency scholarships to improve the training quality and availability of specialists.

On 17 June 2025, the Ministry of Health led the BRICS Health Working Group's Senior Officials Meeting in Brasilia, finalizing the Declaration of the 15th Meeting of BRICS Health Ministers, which reflects Brazil's seven health priorities during its 2025 presidency.⁵⁶⁵⁴ BRICS Health Ministers also agreed to recommend a formal partnership to eliminate socially determined diseases, advancing cooperation on vaccines, tuberculosis, digital health and regulatory frameworks.

On 18 June 2025, the Ministry of Health selected 202 institutions to receive support for creating new medical and health residency programs, prioritizing underserved regions and critical specialties to strengthen the SUS.⁵⁶⁵⁵

On 23 June 2025, Brazil and Japan signed a Health Cooperation Memorandum to advance joint initiatives in primary care, digital health, professional training, oncology, vaccine development and healthy aging.⁵⁶⁵⁶ It also includes pilot projects using artificial intelligence and telemonitoring.

On 23 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the SUS will offer amniotic membrane transplant therapy as a treatment for burns.⁵⁶⁵⁷ This initiative aims to expand access to burn treatment options for patients accessing public health services across the country.

On 23 June 2025, the National Force of the SUS provided 180 medical services as part of the Cooperative Itinerant Justice program in the Legal Amazon region in partnership with the National Council of Justice.⁵⁶⁵⁸ The program assessed health situation in the region and considered accessible care for those affected by long wait times and healthcare resource shortages.

⁵⁶⁵³ Em Belo Horizonte, ministro da Saúde anuncia R\$ 834 milhões em investimentos para fortalecer o SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/em-belo-horizonte-ministro-da-saude-anuncia-r-834-milhoes-em-investimentos-para-fortalecer-o-sus>

⁵⁶⁵⁴ Ministério da Saúde lidera articulação em saúde durante reunião de altos oficiais do BRICS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/ministerio-da-saude-lidera-articulacao-em-saude-durante-reuniao-de-altos-oficiais-do-brics>

⁵⁶⁵⁵ Ministério da Saúde seleciona 202 instituições para criação de programas de residência, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/ministerio-da-saude-seleciona-202-instituicoes-para-criacao-de-programas-de-residencia>

⁵⁶⁵⁶ Brasil e Japão assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/brasil-e-japao-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude>

⁵⁶⁵⁷ SUS ofertará terapia com transplante da membrana amniótica no tratamento de queimaduras, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/sus-ofertara-terapia-com-transplante-da-membrana-amniotica-no-tratamento-de-queimaduras>

⁵⁶⁵⁸ Força Nacional do SUS realiza 180 atendimentos em cidade da Amazônia Legal, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/forca-nacional-do-sus-realiza-180-atendimentos-em-cidade-da-amazonia-legal>

On 24 June 2025, the Ministries of Health and Finance jointly announced a new measure allowing private and philanthropic hospitals to offer specialized SUS services in exchange for up to BRL2 billion in annual financial credits to offset federal tax debts.⁵⁶⁵⁹ This action enables health services to be provided in an affordable manner.

On 24 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced a BRL300 million annual investment to launch the Integrated Care Offer in gynecology, expanding access to diagnosis and treatment for over 95 million women through the SUS.⁵⁶⁶⁰ The ministry also launched a BRL400 million Radiotherapy Expansion Plan to modernize cancer care with 121 new linear accelerators by 2026.

On 27 June 2025, BNDES announced BRL220 million in funding to pharmaceutical company Blanver for medicine production.⁵⁶⁶¹ The funding aims to accelerate innovation and research in drug development and will support the development of 19 new medications, including medications for HIV/AIDS, cancer and diabetes. This initiative will thus enhance the quality and variety of treatment options available to patients.

On 28 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will begin offering the meningococcal ACWY vaccine through the SUS for 12-month-old children starting on 1 July 2025.⁵⁶⁶² This initiative aims to protect public health by preventing the spread of severe infectious bacterial meningitis as well as promote health through encouraging vaccination.

On 1 July 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the “Healthy and Sustainable Territories in Care Promotion Project: an intersectoral and intersectional approach” project.⁵⁶⁶³ The program aims to train community leaders in health, involving social movement leaders, rights counselors, and primary health care professionals from the SUS. BRL24 million will be allocated to the training initiatives, starting in the north and northeast regions and focusing on building sustainable, effective community health solutions.

On 2 July 2025, the Ministry of Health opened accreditation for hospitals, clinics and healthcare providers to join the Agora Tem Especialistas program, allowing them to offer specialized services to SUS patients starting in August.⁵⁶⁶⁴ Through a BRL5.5 billion investment, the initiative will reduce waiting times by expanding community outreach, mobilizing mobile care units for remote regions and enabling public-private coordination for surgeries, consultations and exams annually.

⁵⁶⁵⁹ Hospitais privados e filantrópicos poderão reforçar atendimento no SUS em troca de compensação por crédito financeiro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025.

<https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/hospitais-privados-e-filantropicos-poderao-reforcar-atendimento-no-sus-em-troca-de-compensacao-por-credito-financeiro>

⁵⁶⁶⁰ Saúde da mulher terá R\$ 300 milhões para nova oferta de cuidados integrados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/saude-da-mulher-tera-r-300-milhoes-para-nova-oferta-de-cuidados-integrados>

⁵⁶⁶¹ BNDES aprova R\$ 220 mi à farmacêutica Blanver para produção de medicamentos e IFAs, Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (Rio de Janeiro) 27 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. [https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/cultura/BNDES-aprova-R\\$-220-mi-a-farmaceutica-Blanver-para-producao-de-medicamentos-e-IFAs/](https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/cultura/BNDES-aprova-R$-220-mi-a-farmaceutica-Blanver-para-producao-de-medicamentos-e-IFAs/)

⁵⁶⁶² Saúde amplia vacinação contra meningite bacteriana, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/saude-amplia-vacinacao-contra-meningite-bacteriana>

⁵⁶⁶³ Ministério da Saúde lança projeto que valoriza saberes locais e forma lideranças comunitárias, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-projeto-que-valoriza-saberes-locais-e-forma-liderancas-comunitarias>

⁵⁶⁶⁴ Saúde inicia credenciamento de serviços privados para reforçar atendimento especializado e reduzir tempo de espera no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/saude-inicia-credenciamento-de-servicos-privados-para-reforcar-atendimento-especializado-e-reduzir-tempo-de-espera-no-sus>

On 3 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the etonogestrel-releasing subdermal contraceptive implant (Implanon) will be available through the SUS.⁵⁶⁶⁵ This initiative aims to make effective contraceptive methods available by distributing approximately 1.8 million of the devices by 2026 and 500 thousand during 2025, therefore improving the quality and accessibility of reproductive care in the country.

On 4 July 2025, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and the Brazilian Hospital Services Company announced “E Day” on 5 July 2025, taking place in all federal university hospitals that are fully part of SUS.⁵⁶⁶⁶ Thousands of patients will be served by the initiative in priority areas such as oncology, cardiology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology and women’s health, with 10.3 thousand elective surgeries, consultations and scheduled exams taking place to ensure timely access to health services.

On 4 July 2025, Minister Padilha and Ceará Governor Elmano de Freitas announced that Brazil will allocate BRL362 million to improve healthcare in Ceará under the Agora Tem Especialistas program.⁵⁶⁶⁷ This includes BRL85.6 million to nearly double the capacity of the Itapipoca Regional Hospital, BRL13.5 million to support the Ceará University Hospital in expanding cancer treatment and BRL24 million annually for the Women’s Hospital to become a “Super Diagnostic and Treatment Center for women.” These measures will strengthen healthcare in the state, building more resilient, equitable and inclusive health systems.

On 7 July 2025, at the BRICS Leaders’ Summit in Rio, President Lula da Silva launched a historical partnership to eliminate socially determined diseases, marking a major step toward global health equity.⁵⁶⁶⁸ This partnership reaffirms Brazil’s commitment to equitable health access.

On 9 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the expansion of the SUS to include the Levonogestrel - Releasing Intrauterine Device and desogestrel as hormonal treatment options for endometriosis.⁵⁶⁶⁹ This will expand affordable care for women with the disease.

On 12 July 2025, Minister Padilha allocated BRL32 million to Contagem, supporting specialized care in the city.⁵⁶⁷⁰ Of this, BRL23.6 will be equally divided between subsidizing orthopedic arthroplasty procedures and opening a “high complexity cardiovascular surgery service.” The remaining BRL8 million will be used to cover emergency cardiovascular surgeries through the Medium and High Complexity Ceiling.

⁵⁶⁶⁵ Implante contraceptivo mais moderno será oferecido no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/implante-contraceptivo-mais-moderno-sera-oferecido-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁶⁶ Mutirão do Agora Tem Especialistas realizará 10,3 mil cirurgias, exames e consultas para pacientes do SUS neste sábado (5), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/mutirao-do-agora-tem-especialistas-realizara-10-3-mil-cirurgias-exames-e-consultas-para-pacientes-do-sus-neste-sabado-5>

⁵⁶⁶⁷ Saúde destina mais de R\$ 360 milhões para ampliar o atendimento especializado no Ceará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/saude-destina-mais-de-r-360-milhoes-para-ampliar-o-atendimento-especializado-no-ceara>

⁵⁶⁶⁸ Com liderança de Lula, BRICS cria parceria contra doenças ligadas à pobreza e exclusão social, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/com-lideranca-de-lula-brics-cria-parceria-contra-doencas-ligadas-a-pobreza-e-exclusao-social>

⁵⁶⁶⁹ SUS vai ofertar novos tratamentos para reduzir progressão da endometriose e melhorar qualidade de vida das pacientes, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/sus-vai-ofertar-novos-tratamentos-para-inibir-progressao-da-endometriose-e-melhorar-qualidade-de-vida-das-pacientes>

⁵⁶⁷⁰ Em Minas Gerais, ministro da Saúde habilita novos serviços de Oncologia para expandir atendimento especializado no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 12 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/em-minas-gerais-ministro-da-saude-habilita-novos-servicos-de-oncologia-para-expandir-atendimento-especializado-no-sus>

On 13 July 2025, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL13 million for the Children's Hospital of Maringá.⁵⁶⁷¹ This funding will support expansions in pediatric care, including for cancer and rare diseases, increasing the equity and efficiency of mobile clinics, medical transportations and other specialized services.

On 16 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it has accredited 1,133 new primary health teams across 736 municipalities around the country, strengthening the SUS and supporting the expansion of healthcare for underserved communities.⁵⁶⁷² This expansion was supported by BRL106.47 million for 2025, along with a BRL270.36 million budget for 2026.

On 18 July 2025, Minister Padilha inaugurated the Lagarto Interstate Hospital of Love's new chemotherapy, radiotherapy and brachytherapy services, supporting increased oncology access in a historically underserved region.⁵⁶⁷³ Minister Padilha also allocated BRL4.6 million to implement digital pathology at the hospital, as part of a total BRL16.2 million investment for this technology at the hospital and BRL1 million to expand complex procedures in Lagarto.

On 22 July 2025, the Ministry of Health allocated BRL25.4 million for pharmaceutical services across 428 municipalities in the country.⁵⁶⁷⁴ This action will strengthen the SUS, supporting "access to effective, safe and high-quality medications and their rational use."

On 24 July 2025, the Ministry of Health launched an open call for 635 new openings for training for specialist doctors, alongside 1,143 reserve openings.⁵⁶⁷⁵ Beginning 28 July 2025, doctors will be able to apply for these openings, with selected individuals to receive 12 months of training in specialized care. Through the Agora Tem Especialistas program, this initiative aims to increase specialized care in underserved regions across the country.

On 9 July 2025, the Ministry of Health opened accreditation for private and philanthropic hospitals to the Agora Tem Especialistas program, offering specialized SUS services in exchange for financial credit.⁵⁶⁷⁶ The BRL2 billion annual initiative will cut waiting times in six priority specialties with credits useable from January 2026 to offset debt or future obligations.

On 11 July 2025, Minister Padilha received the first batch of nationally produced human insulin in over two decades, enabled by a BRL142 million technology transfer from India's Wockhardt to Brazil's public laboratory

⁵⁶⁷¹ Ministério da Saúde investe mais de R\$ 19 milhões por ano no atendimento infantil em Maringá (PR), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-investe-mais-de-r-19-milhoes-por-ano-no-atendimento-infantil-em-maringa-pr>

⁵⁶⁷² Ministério da Saúde credencia 1,1 mil novas equipes na atenção primária do SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 16 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-credencia-1-1-mil-novas-equipes-na-atencao-primaria-do-sus>

⁵⁶⁷³ Ministério da Saúde amplia atendimento oncológico em hospital referência no tratamento de câncer em Sergipe, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-amplia-atendimento-oncologico-em-hospital-referencia-no-tratamento-de-cancer-em-sergipe>

⁵⁶⁷⁴ Ministério da Saúde investe R\$ 25,4 milhões para fortalecer a assistência farmacêutica em 428 municípios, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-investe-r-25-4-milhoes-para-fortalecer-a-assistencia-farmacutica-em-428-municipios>

⁵⁶⁷⁵ Agora Tem Especialistas abre 635 vagas imediatas para médicos atuarem no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/agora-tem-especialistas-abre-635-vagas-imediatas-para-medicos-atuarem-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁷⁶ Hospitais privados e filantrópicos já podem manifestar interesse em atender pacientes do SUS em troca de crédito financeiro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/hospitais-privados-e-filantropicos-ja-podem-manifestar-interesse-em-atender-pacientes-do-sus-em-troca-de-credito-financeiro>

Funed and Biom. ⁵⁶⁷⁷ The initiative will supply up to 50 per cent of the annual SUS demand for insulin, benefitting 350,000 people with diabetes and strengthening Brazil's pharmaceutical sovereignty.

On 17 July 2025, President Lula and Minister Padilha jointly announced a BRL6 billion investment from the New Growth Acceleration Program (PAC) Seleção 2 to expand and modernize the SUS. ⁵⁶⁷⁸ This also aims to reduce wait times by strengthening primary care, expanding specialized services and ensuring access to modern equipment, diagnostics and telehealth. President Lula also signed a law guaranteeing breast reconstruction surgery for all women who have suffered breast mutilation, regardless of the cause.

On 19 July 2025, Minister Padilha inaugurated, in Curitiba, the world's largest biofactory for producing *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes infected with *Wolbachia*, a bacterium that blocks dengue, Zika and chikungunya transmission. ⁵⁶⁷⁹ With an investment of over BRL82 million, the facility will produce 100 million eggs weekly, expanding coverage from 5 million to 140 million in 40 high incidence municipalities.

On 23 July 2025, President Lula da Silva, Minister Padilha and Minister of Management and Innovation Esther Dweck signed a decree making the National Health Data Network the official interoperability platform for the SUS, with over 80 per cents of states and 68 per cent of municipalities integrated. ⁵⁶⁸⁰ The measure will require data integration for participation and will soon use the platform as the basis for SUS records, enhancing transparency, efficiency and patient monitoring and regulating SUS digital platforms.

On 25 July 2025, Health Minister Padilha and Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Luciana Santos, during the Strategic Health Brazil - Americas event, launched a BRL450 million plan to boost scientific sovereignty. ⁵⁶⁸¹ This plan includes Brazil's first Center of Competence for RNA Technologies to advance mRNA vaccines and therapies.

On 28 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that SUS patients will be able to receive health insurance coverage through national plans starting in September. ⁵⁶⁸² BRL750 million in reimbursement debt will be converted into the provision of more consultations, exams and surgeries, improving public access to specialist services as well as increasing the timeliness of care provision.

⁵⁶⁷⁷ Após 20 anos, Brasil retoma produção de insulina em iniciativa conduzida pelo Ministério da Saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 11 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/apos-20-anos-brasil-retoma-producao-de-insulina-em-iniciativa-conduzida-pelo-ministerio-da-saude>

⁵⁶⁷⁸ Novo PAC Saúde destina R\$ 6 bilhões para construir mais UBSs, CAPS, policlínicas e expandir frota do SAMU, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 17 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/novo-pac-saude-destina-r-6-bilhoes-para-construir-mais-ubss-caps-policlinicas-e-expandir-frota-do-samu>

⁵⁶⁷⁹ Ministério da Saúde inaugura a maior biofábrica de *Wolbachia* do mundo, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-inaugura-a-maior-biofabrica-de-wolbachia-do-mundo>

⁵⁶⁸⁰ Ministério da Saúde institui Rede Nacional de Dados em Saúde como plataforma oficial de integração de dados do SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministerio-da-saude-institui-rede-nacional-de-dados-em-saude-como-plataforma-oficial-de-integracao-de-dados-do-sus>

⁵⁶⁸¹ Brasil terá Centro de Competência em RNA mensageiro para fortalecer produção de vacinas e medicamentos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/brasil-tera-centro-de-competencia-em-rna-mensageiro-para-fortalecer-producao-de-vacinas-e-medicamentos>

⁵⁶⁸² Pacientes do SUS poderão ser atendidos por planos de saúde a partir de setembro. Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/pacientes-do-sus-poderao-ser-atendidos-por-planos-de-saude-a-partir-de-setembro>

On 29 July 2025, the Ministry of Health opened the Global Conference of Climate and Health in Brasília to shape adaptation policies for the health sector ahead of 30th United Nations Conference on Climate Change.⁵⁶⁸³ The event supports the Belém Health Action Plan, which focuses on tackling climate impacts on health, strengthening early warning systems and promoting equity and climate justice.

On 29 July 2025, the Ministry of Health published Ordinance SAES/MS No. 3,080 through the Secretariat of Specialized Health Care.⁵⁶⁸⁴ The ordinance qualifies health institutions across the country to perform infusions of the gene therapy Zolgensma for patients with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, therefore enhancing the quality of life and survival of patients with this rare genetic disease through access to a new treatment option as part of the SUS.

On 30 July 2025, Minister Padilha announced an investment of BRL53 million to strengthen the healthcare network in Belém.⁵⁶⁸⁵ Part of the initiative includes funding for eight Basic Health Units, with BRL9 million allocated for staffing, expansion and renovation to ensure high quality, accessible care in the region.

On 31 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that they are ramping up vaccinations against measles following the confirmation of 11 measles cases in Campos Lindos, Tocantins.⁵⁶⁸⁶ Araguaína, Tocantins and the Maranhão municipalities of Balsas and Imperatriz will receive booster vaccinations by 1 August 2025, due to their proximity and to prevent further disease spread, and immersion seminars on disease prevention are being held for health professionals and managers to enhance their knowledge on disease control.

On 1 August 2025, Minister Padilha announced BRL400 million in investment for the Agora Tem Especialistas program to enable new specialized services in the SUS.⁵⁶⁸⁷ Rio de Janeiro will receive BRL200 million of the funding, and the funding will be allocated to initiative such as providing specialist outpatient care and improving system capacity for gynecology, orthopaedics and ophthalmology, improving the inclusivity of healthcare for women and reducing wait times for health services.

On 2 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced more than BRL40 million in funding to enhance the activities of 226 human milk banks across the country.⁵⁶⁸⁸ The funding aims to support collection, processing, storage, quality control and distribution of human milk, supporting nutrition and quality care for low-weight and premature babies in neonatal units in addition to providing breastfeeding support for women.

⁵⁶⁸³ Em evento pré-COP30, Ministério da Saúde discute plano de adaptação às mudanças climáticas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/em-evento-pre-cop30-ministerio-da-saude-discute-plano-de-adaptacao-as-mudancas-climaticas>

⁵⁶⁸⁴ Terapia gênica inédita chega ao SUS para tratamento da Atrofia Muscular Espinhal, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/terapia-genica-inedita-chega-ao-sus-para-tratamento-da-atrofia-muscular-espinhal>

⁵⁶⁸⁵ Ministro da Saúde anuncia investimento de R\$ 53 milhões em Belém para a COP30, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/ministro-da-saude-anuncia-investimento-de-r-53-milhoes-em-belem-para-a-cop-30>

⁵⁶⁸⁶ Vacinação contra sarampo é intensificada no Tocantins e Maranhão, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 31 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/julho/vacinacao-contra-sarampo-e-intensificada-no-tocantins-e-maranhao>

⁵⁶⁸⁷ Ministério da Saúde anuncia mais de R\$ 400 milhões para ampliar ações do Agora Tem Especialistas no país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a936apan936s/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-mais-de-r-400-milhoes-para-ampliar-acoes-do-agora-tem-especialistas-no-pais>

⁵⁶⁸⁸ Ministério da Saúde destina mais de R\$ 40 milhões para fortalecer ações de 226 bancos de leite humano do país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a936apan936s/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-destina-mais-de-r-40-milhoes-para-fortalecer-acoes-de-226-bancos-de-leite-humano-do-pais>

On 4 August 2025, BNDES announced that the Brazilian laboratory EMS has begun selling injectable pens with GLP-1 antagonists for the treatment of diabetes and obesity, with the support of BNDES.⁵⁶⁸⁹ This will provide access to effective treatment for Brazilians living with diabetes and obesity.

On 4 August 2025, Vice President and Minister of Development, Industry, Commerce and Services Geraldo Alckmin announced that the government will invest BRL2.4 billion to purchase over 10,000 pieces of healthcare equipment for primary care and surgery, with preference to products manufactured in Brazil and products manufactured using local technology.⁵⁶⁹⁰ This initiative aims to improve the resilience and sustainability of the healthcare supply chain in Brazil while enhancing care within the SUS.

On 7 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Brazilian Agency for Management Support of the SUS will receive 180,000 pieces of infrastructure to improve Basic Health Units in more than five thousand municipalities across Brazil.⁵⁶⁹¹ The initiative aims to provide quality work environments and equipment for healthcare teams, professional development and training and ensure universal, comprehensive and effective healthcare across Brazil.

On 7 August 2025, Secretary of Information and Digital Health of the Ministry of Health Ana Estela Haddad, participated in the launch ceremony of the Alagoas Telehealth Center.⁵⁶⁹² The Ministry of Health provided BRL4.6 million in funding and the centre is part of SUS Digital. The initiative aims to enhance inclusion and access to comprehensive women's healthcare, with a particular focus on high-risk pregnancies.

On 9 August 2025, the Ministry of Health distributed more than 74,000 doses of the measles vaccine to cover all 139 municipalities in the state of Tocantins after 17 confirmed imported cases of measles in the state.⁵⁶⁹³ The move aims to prevent the rapid spread of measles in the region and ensure public health and safety.

On 9 August 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the first Indigenous Mobile Emergency Care Service which will begin operating around the clock for urgent and emergency care in the area of the Kaiowá Evangelical Mission Hospital, within the Aldeia Jaguapiru Indigenous reservation, in Dourados, Mato Grosso do Sul.⁵⁶⁹⁴ The mobile emergency care service will provide bilingual services in both Portuguese and Guarani, and aims to provide inclusive care to approximately 25,000 Indigenous people in the region.

⁵⁶⁸⁹ Com apoio do BNDES, EMS inicia venda de canetas injetáveis para tratamento de obesidade e diabetes, Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (Rio de Janeiro) 4 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/industria/Com-apoio-do-BNDES-EMS-inicia-venda-de-canetas-injetaveis-para-tratamento-de-obesidade-e-diabetes/>

⁵⁶⁹⁰ Governo Federal prioriza indústria nacional em compra de equipamentos para o SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a937apan937s/noticias/2025/agosto/governo-federal-prioriza-industria-nacional-em-compra-de-equipamentos-para-o-sus>

⁵⁶⁹¹ PAC Saúde: AgSUS vai adquirir 180 mil equipamentos para UBS em mais de 5 mil municípios, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a937apan937s/noticias/2025/agosto/pac-saude-agsus-vai-adquirir-180-mil-equipamentos-para-ubs-em-mais-de-5-mil-municipios>

⁵⁶⁹² Ministério da Saúde lança Núcleo de Telessaúde de Alagoas para gestantes de alto risco, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a937apan937s/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-nucleo-de-telessaude-de-alagoas-para-gestantes-de-alto-risco>

⁵⁶⁹³ No dia D, Ministério da Saúde leva vacinação contra o sarampo ao Tocantins, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a937apan937s/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-promove-mais-um-dia-d-de-vacinacao-contra-o-sarampo-no-tocantins>

⁵⁶⁹⁴ Brasil inaugura primeiro SAMU 192 Indígena, com atendimento 24h e profissionais bilíngues, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a937apan937s/noticias/2025/agosto/brasil-inaugura-primeiro-samu-192-indigena-com-atendimento-24h-e-profissionais-bilíngues>

On 13 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the National Health Surveillance Agency has approved the architectural design for polyclinics, a new service in the SUS under the PAC.⁵⁶⁹⁵ This provides states, municipalities and the Federal District with a safe and standardized model for constructing polyclinics that will support medical and non-medical care of various specialties as well as medical imaging facilities, ensuring equitable care for all across the country.

On 13 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that they have begun distributing two new free condom models under the SUS.⁵⁶⁹⁶ This initiative aims to increase condom use, particularly amongst young people, with a goal to prevent unplanned pregnancies and protect against sexually transmitted infections such as HIV, viral hepatitis and syphilis.

On 14 August 2025, the federal government and city of Recife provided the first care for SUS patients through a healthcare provider.⁵⁶⁹⁷ Eight patients will begin undergoing exams and surgeries in Pernambuco at the Ariano Suassuna Hospital as part of ongoing initiatives to strengthen access to timely specialist care in the country.

On 15 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that they have begun implementing the DNA-HPV molecular biology test in the SUS.⁵⁶⁹⁸ This initiative will promote access to early screening for cervical cancer in the public health system and promote health equity by enhancing preventative measures for women's health.

On 18 August 2025, the Ministry of Health opened two Basic Indigenous Health Units in the State of Ceará with an investment of BRL2.848 million.⁵⁶⁹⁹ This will expand access to comprehensive health services designed for Indigenous people, therefore enhancing the inclusivity of the public health system.

On 19 August 2025, the Ministry of Health inaugurated two new Basic Indigenous Health Units in the interior of Xingu Indigenous territory in Mato Grosso.⁵⁷⁰⁰ The units will be staffed by family health and oral health teams and will expand access to healthcare for approximately nine thousand Indigenous people in the region.

⁵⁶⁹⁵ Projetos arquitetônicos de Policlínicas do PAC Saúde recebem aval da Anvisa e aceleram a execução das obras, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a938apan938s/noticias/2025/agosto/projetos-arquiteticos-de-policlinicas-do-pac-saude-recebem-aval-da-anvisa-e-aceleram-a-execucao-das-obras>

⁵⁶⁹⁶ Para aumentar uso de preservativos no país, Ministério da Saúde diversifica oferta de camisinhas no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a938apan938s/noticias/2025/agosto/para-aumentar-uso-de-preservativos-no-pais-ministerio-da-saude-diversifica-oferta-de-camisinhas-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁹⁷ Pacientes do SUS começam a ser atendidos por planos de saúde em iniciativa pioneira do Agora Tem Especialistas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 14 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/a938apan938s/noticias/2025/agosto/pacientes-do-sus-comecam-a-ser-atendidos-por-planos-de-saude-em-iniciativa-pioneira-do-agora-tem-especialistas>

⁵⁶⁹⁸ Ministério da Saúde oferta tecnologia inovadora 100% nacional para detectar câncer do colo do útero no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-oferta-tecnologia-inovadora-100-nacional-para-detectar-cancer-do-colo-do-utero-no-sus>

⁵⁶⁹⁹ Ministério da Saúde inaugura duas novas Unidades Básicas de Saúde Indígena no Ceará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 18 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-inaugura-duas-novas-unidades-basicas-de-saude-indigena-no-ceara>

⁵⁷⁰⁰ Território Xingu recebe novas UBSIs e sistemas de abastecimento de água, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/territorio-xingu-recebe-novas-ubsis-e-sistemas-de-abastecimento-de-agua>

On 21 August 2025, President Lula da Silva and Minister Padilha delivered 400 mobile dental units with an investment of BRL152 million from New PAC Health.⁵⁷⁰¹ The delivery is part of the Brasil Sorridente strategy which aims to provide accessible dental care to those in rural, remote and hard-to-reach regions.

On 22 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Agora Tem Especialistas program would begin a new phase of strengthening the Digital Unified Health System through the distribution of three thousand telehealth clinics to basic health units.⁵⁷⁰² This will enable access to specialist care for patients living in remote areas.

On 22 August 2025, Minister Padilha inaugurated the Comprehensive Assistance Reference Center for Women in Campinas.⁵⁷⁰³ The new unit received BRL6.5 million in investments and aims to reduce waiting times for consultations, exams and surgeries pertaining to women's health with a capacity of 250 consultations daily, therefore increasing the effectiveness as well as the inclusivity of the public health system.

On 26 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Mais Médicos Program is being reinforced as 1,498 medical professionals are expected to begin working on 27 August 2025 in 987 different municipalities.⁵⁷⁰⁴ This initiative aims to expand access to primary care and family health by increasing the number of available providers in the country, therefore improving the long-term sustainability of primary care.

On 26 August 2025, the Ministry of Health received a delegation of parliamentarians from Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru, forming the Parliamentary Front on Tuberculosis in the Americas, to discuss global and countrywide goals to eradicate tuberculosis by 2030, address social determinants of health and use technology in tuberculosis treatment and detection.⁵⁷⁰⁵ The discussion aimed to foster multilateral collaboration between health systems to address common infectious threats to populations.

On 26 August 2025, Minister Padilha and Minister of Health of Uruguay Cristina Lustemberg met to reactivate the Binational Health Commission on the Border between Brazil and Uruguay, committing to hold a binational vaccination campaign from 26-28 August.⁵⁷⁰⁶ The campaign aims to immunise border residents and migrants, protecting them against infectious disease across national borders and reaffirming the importance of preventative and public health.

⁵⁷⁰¹ Governo Federal entrega 400 unidades odontológicas móveis para levar atendimento a 1,4 milhão de pessoas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/governo-federal-entrega-400-unidades-odontologicas-moveis-para-levar-atendimento-a-1-4-milhao-de-pessoas>

⁵⁷⁰² Ministério da Saúde entrega 3 mil kits de tele saúde e lança edital inédito para expandir atendimento a distância com hospitais privados, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-entrega-3-mil-kits-de-telessaude-e-lanca-edital-inedito-para-expandir-atendimento-a-distancia-com-hospitais-privados>

⁵⁷⁰³ Padilha inaugura Centro de Referência da Mulher em Campinas e anuncia expansão de serviços no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 22 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/padilha-inaugura-centro-de-referencia-da-mulher-em-campinas-e-anuncia-expansao-de-servicos-no-sus>

⁵⁷⁰⁴ Mais Médicos: 1,500 professionals begin working in 987 municipalities and 23 DSEIs, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/mais-medicos-1-5-mil-profissionais-comecam-a-atuar-em-987-municipios-e-23-dseis>

⁵⁷⁰⁵ Brasil recebe parlamentares do Uruguai, Paraguai e Peru para fortalecer resposta à tuberculose nas Américas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/brasil-recebe-parlamentares-do-uruguai-paraguai-e-peru-para-fortalecer-resposta-a-tuberculose-nas-americas>

⁵⁷⁰⁶ Brasil fortalece cooperação em saúde com o Uruguai e reforça vacinação nas fronteiras com países do Mercosul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/brasil-fortalece-cooperacao-em-saude-com-o-uruguai-e-reforca-vacinacao-nas-fronteiras-com-paises-do-mercosul>

On 26 August 2025, the Ministry of Health hosted parliamentarians from Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru in Brasília to strengthen regional coordination against tuberculosis under the Parliamentary Front on Tuberculosis in the Americas.⁵⁷⁰⁷

On 27 August 2025, the Ministry of Health began the release of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes with Wolbachia technology in collaboration with the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation to combat dengue, Zika and chikungunya in the municipalities of Joinville, Balneário Camboriú and Blumenau in Santa Catarina.⁵⁷⁰⁸ This preventative health measure aims to target areas of disease spread in order to efficiently distribute resources and address population-specific health needs.

On 27 August 2025, Minister Padilha attended the inauguration of the new linear accelerator in the Passo Fundo Clinical Hospital.⁵⁷⁰⁹ This will guarantee access to radiotherapy for patients in the SUS, therefore ensuring expanded access to cancer treatment for those in need of radiotherapy as a treatment option.

On 27 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the initiation of the Social Participation in Men's Health Care project, which is aimed at training and qualifying social control bodies to strengthen the national men's health program.⁵⁷¹⁰ The project aims to identify local factors influencing the implementation of Pnaish, the national men's health program, in order to promote primary care for men and reduce unnecessary hospitalisation in men.

On 27 August 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a series of strategic initiatives aimed at the care of children, adolescents and youth, including developments in the Health Innovation Laboratory.⁵⁷¹¹ These actions aim to highlight best practices and innovations in care for the young population, ensuring that the health system can equitably serve young patients.

On 27 August 2025, the National Force of the SUS launched the 2025 national training cycle in Multiple Casualty Incident Management in Pernambuco.⁵⁷¹² The training included healthcare professionals, the fire department, civil defense, referral hospitals and other organisations to build capacity for dealing with health emergencies in a collaborative and integrated manner.

On 28 August 2025, during Vice President Alckmin's official mission to Mexico, the Ministry of Health signed memorandums between Anvisa and Cofepris to accelerate regulatory reviews and between Fiocruz and the

⁵⁷⁰⁷ Brasil recebe parlamentares do Uruguai, Paraguai e Peru para fortalecer resposta à tuberculose nas Américas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/brasil-recebe-parlamentares-do-uruguai-paraguai-e-peru-para-fortalecer-resposta-a-tuberculose-nas-americas>

⁵⁷⁰⁸ Ministério da Saúde implementa e amplia o método Wolbachia em cidades de Santa Catarina, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-implementa-e-amplia-o-metodo-wolbachia-em-cidades-de-santa-catarina>

⁵⁷⁰⁹ Com inauguração de acelerador linear, Ministério da Saúde amplia tratamento de câncer em Passo Fundo (RS), Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/com-inauguracao-de-acelerador-linear-ministerio-da-saude-amplia-tratamento-de-cancer-em-passo-fundo-rs>

⁵⁷¹⁰ Projeto promove participação social na atenção à saúde do homem no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/projeto-promove-participacao-social-na-atencao-a-saude-do-homem-no-sus>

⁵⁷¹¹ Ministério lança Laboratório de Inovação em Saúde, novo modelo de cuidado integral e curso para profissionais da atenção primária, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-lanca-laboratorio-de-inovacao-em-saude-novo-modelo-de-cuidado-integral-e-curso-para-profissionais-da-atencao-primaria>

⁵⁷¹² Força Nacional do SUS realiza capacitação inédita em Pernambuco para resposta a emergências com múltiplas vítimas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/forca-nacional-do-sus-realiza-capacitacao-inedita-em-pernambuco-para-resposta-a-emergencias-com-multiplas-vitimas>

Mexican government to develop mRNA vaccine technologies.⁵⁷¹³ The partnership strengthens Brazil-Mexico health cooperation, advancing regional innovation, sovereignty and vaccine production within the Health Economic-Industrial Complex.

On 28 August 2025, Minister Padilha inaugurated the first Specialised Rehabilitation Center on Marajó Island and delivered 43 Mobile Dental Units to municipalities in Pará, totalling more than BRL23 million in investments.⁵⁷¹⁴ In addition, Minister Padilha launched the co-financing of Primary Care. These initiatives aim to expand the population's access to specialised health services in remote areas.

On 29 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Agora Tem Especialistas program will begin providing services to the isolated indigenous peoples of the Vale do Javari Special Indigenous Health District at Aldeia Itacoai in Amazonas.⁵⁷¹⁵ Until 7 September 2025, specialised services in ophthalmology, gynecology, obstetrics and pediatrics will be offered in addition to diagnostic ultrasounds and laboratory tests to make these services more accessible to isolated indigenous populations.

On 29 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that doctors in the More Doctors for Brazil program will be able to complete a free Digital Health training course offered by the Brazilian Agency for Support to SUS Management in partnership with the Hospital das Clínicas of the University of São Paulo School of Medicine.⁵⁷¹⁶ The course offers simulation telehealth scenarios as well as practice using digital health tools, ensuring that physicians are competent in using digital health services to provide quality healthcare to patients.

On 29 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that they will be carrying out a specialised care initiative in the Zo'é Indigenous Land in Óbidos, Pará, serving approximately 343 people.⁵⁷¹⁷ The initiative allows for surgical procedures such as laparoscopic cholecystectomy to be performed without the need for evacuation in addition to the provision of primary care services, therefore expanding access to healthcare services and reducing risks such as contamination due to transfer procedures.

On 30 August 2025, the Ministry of Health conducted a measles vaccination campaign in the 79 municipalities of Mato Grosso do Sul.⁵⁷¹⁸ Since the state borders Bolivia and Paraguay, which both have high incidence of measles, the measure was taken to protect the health of residents of the state as well as promote preventative health measures in the population.

On 30 August 2025, Minister Padilha signed a BRL1 billion Public-Private Partnership to build a new 100 per cent SUS smart hospital in Porto Alegre, integrating Hospital Fêmina, Hospital da Criança Conceição and the

⁵⁷¹³ No México, Governo Federal celebra acordos em regulação sanitária e em vacinas com RNA mensageiro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 28 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/no-mexico-governo-federal-celebra-acordos-em-regulacao-sanitaria-e-em-vacinas-com-rna-mensageiro>

⁵⁷¹⁴ Ministro da Saúde inaugura serviços especializados no Pará como legado da COP 30, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 27 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministro-da-saude-inaugura-servicos-especializados-no-para-como-legado-da-cop-30>

⁵⁷¹⁵ Mutirão do programa Agora Tem Especialistas vai atender 1.317 indígenas no Vale do Javari, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/mutirao-do-programa-agora-tem-especialistas-vai-atender-1-317-indigenas-no-vale-do-javari>

⁵⁷¹⁶ AgSUS oferta curso em Saúde Digital para profissionais do Programa Mais Médicos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/agsus-oferta-curso-em-saude-digital-para-profissionais-do-programa-mais-medicos>

⁵⁷¹⁷ Ministério da Saúde leva cuidado especializado ao povo Zo'é no Pará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/ministerio-da-saude-leva-cuidado-especializado-ao-povo-zoe-no-para>

⁵⁷¹⁸ Ministério da Saúde intensifica ações contra o sarampo com Dia D de vacinação no Mato Grosso do Sul, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-intensifica-acoes-contra-o-sarampo-com-dia-d-de-vacinacao-em-mato-grosso-do-sul>

Obstetric Center of Hospital Conceição.⁵⁷¹⁹ The unit will feature artificial intelligence, digital health tools and 531 beds alongside a research center.

On 1 September 2025, the Ministry of Health accredited Brazil's first 14 Matrix and Assistance Teams through Ordinance GM/MS No. 8,032/2025.⁵⁷²⁰ The accreditations include the municipalities of Pelotas, Curitiba, Araguaína and Blumeneau, with BRL8 million provided in funding to the teams per year to integrate palliative care services into the Unified Health System.

On 2 September 2025, Minister Padilha announced an investment of BRL170 million to restructure and hire professionals for federal institutes and the Lagoa hospital.⁵⁷²¹ This initiative aims to improve the quality of hospital services and enhance the effectiveness of health service provision through reducing wait times for specialised services.

On 2 September 2025, the Ministry of Health and PAHO held the National Meeting for Evaluation and Optimization of the Public Health Laboratory Network under the Protect Mission.⁵⁷²² The initiative enhances pandemic preparedness and border disease surveillance across seven states within the One Health framework.

On 5 September 2025, Minister Padilha announced BRL61.5 million in funding to support oral health services and specialised services in the Ceará region.⁵⁷²³ This funding helped deliver 23 Mobile Dental Units and 17 SAMU 192 ambulances in Fortaleza, enable new oncology and cardiology services in Barbalha and Cariri and support new Specialized Rehabilitation Centers for people with disabilities.

On 8 September 2025, Brazil advanced toward PAHO/WHO certification for eliminating mother-to-child HIV transmission, following field inspections across seven states.⁵⁷²⁴ This action aims to enhance access to preventative healthcare targeting HIV transmission for women and children in Brazil.

On 10 September 2025, Minister Padilha signed a technology transfer partnership for the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine.⁵⁷²⁵ This will enable Brazil to produce the vaccine and make it available within the SUS,

⁵⁷¹⁹ Governo Federal investe R\$ 1 bilhão em novo hospital inteligente 100% SUS no RS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 30 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/agosto/governo-federal-investe-r-1-bilhao-em-novo-hospital-inteligente-100-sus-no-rs>

⁵⁷²⁰ Ministério da Saúde habilita primeiras equipes de Cuidados Paliativos no SUS e investe R\$ 8 milhões na Política Nacional de Cuidados Paliativos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-habilita-primeiras-equipes-de-cuidados-paliativos-no-sus-e-investe-r-8-milhoes-na-politica-nacional-de-cuidados-paliativos>

⁵⁷²¹ Saúde anuncia R\$ 170 milhões para ampliar atendimento na rede federal de saúde no Rio de Janeiro, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/saude-anuncia-r-170-milhoes-para-ampliar-atendimento-na-rede-federal-de-saude-no-rio-de-janeiro>

⁵⁷²² Ministério da Saúde realiza diagnóstico nacional para otimizar serviços de laboratórios públicos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-realiza-diagnostico-nacional-para-otimizar-servicos-de-laboratorios-publicos>

⁵⁷²³ Ministério da Saúde investe R\$ 61,5 milhões para ampliar atendimentos especializados e garantir mais acesso à saúde bucal no Ceará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 5 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-investe-r-61-5-milhoes-para-ampliar-atendimentos-especializados-e-garantir-mais-acesso-a-saude-bucal-no-ceara>

⁵⁷²⁴ Brasil dá passo decisivo rumo à certificação internacional de eliminação da transmissão vertical do HIV, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/brasil-da-passo-decisivo-rumo-a-certificacao-internacional-de-eliminacao-da-transmissao-vertical-do-hiv>

⁵⁷²⁵ Ministério da Saúde fecha parceria para produção nacional da vacina contra o vírus sincicial respiratório e sua oferta no SUS em novembro deste ano, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 10 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-fecha-parceria-para-producao-nacional-da-vacina-contra-o-virus-sincicial-respiratorio-e-sua-oferta-no-sus-em-novembro-deste-ano>

therefore enhancing affordability and access to preventative measures for an infectious disease and protecting the population's health and wellbeing.

On 11 September 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a two-day training program on intrauterine device (IUD) insertion for nurses.⁵⁷²⁶ The training program aimed to expand the number of healthcare professionals capable of providing reproductive health services, therefore strengthening the health system's capacity to provide reproductive and sexual health services.

On 12 September 2025, the Ministry of Health began the distribution of a new shipment of 321,400 reusable pens for administering NPH insulin and regular insulin.⁵⁷²⁷ 2.2 million units will be delivered by October 2025, therefore enhancing access to care for diabetes patients and maintaining a sustainable national supply of insulin administration pens.

On 13 September 2025, President da Silva and Minister Padilha oversaw the largest SUS campaign under the Agora Tem Especialistas program.⁵⁷²⁸ The campaign provided 29,000 health services at 45 federal hospitals, expanding access to specialised care services and reducing wait times for exams, appointments and surgeries.

On 19 September 2025, the Ministry of Health launched health services provided in trucks as part of the Agora Tem Especialistas program.⁵⁷²⁹ This initiative aims to launch 27 trucks by the completion of the phase in October and seeks to provide accessible specialist health services such as mobile surgeries to reduce wait times in the public health system.

On 19 September 2025, marking the 35th anniversary of the SUS, Minister Padilha received the first 100,000 units of the contraceptive implant Implanon and 100 training kits.⁵⁷³⁰ The BRL224 million initiative will distribute 1.8 million implants by 2026, expanding free access to long-acting reversible contraception and reducing unplanned and teen pregnancies across Brazil.

On 22 September 2025, Deputy Health Minister Mariângela Simão reaffirmed Brazil's commitment to eradicating hepatitis by 2030 at the fourth Annual Meeting of the Group of Friends to Eliminate Hepatitis which brought together representatives from Brazil, South Africa, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Japan, the Philippines, India and Thailand in New York.⁵⁷³¹ This reflects Brazil's commitment to developing a globally interdependent health system to combat worldwide health challenges such as hepatitis.

⁵⁷²⁶ Ministério da Saúde promove formação de enfermeiras e enfermeiros multiplicadores para inserção do DIU no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-promove-formacao-de-enfermeiras-e-enfermeiros-multiplicadores-para-insercao-do-diu-no-sus>

⁵⁷²⁷ Ministério da Saúde recebe primeiro lote de 2,5 milhões de canetas reutilizáveis para insulina, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-recebe-primeiro-lote-de-2-5-milhoes-de-canetas-reutilizaveis-para-insulina>

⁵⁷²⁸ Com Lula e Padilha, mutirão do Agora Tem Especialistas realiza 29 mil atendimentos no país, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 13 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/com-lula-e-padilha-mutirao-do-agora-tem-especialistas-realiza-29-mil-atendimentos-no-pais>

⁵⁷²⁹ Projeto-piloto com carretas inicia atendimento móvel para pacientes do SUS em Goiânia, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/projeto-piloto-com-carretas-inicia-atendimento-movel-para-pacientes-do-sus-em-goiania>

⁵⁷³⁰ Ministério da Saúde recebe as primeiras unidades do Implanon, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 19 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-recebe-as-primeiras-unidades-do-implanon>

⁵⁷³¹ Em Nova York, Ministério da Saúde do Brasil reforça compromisso com eliminação das hepatites até 2030, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/em-nova-york-ministerio-da-saude-do-brasil-reforca-compromisso-com-eliminacao-das-hepatites-ate-2030>

On 23 September 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that Brazilians will have access to 1,798 new teams and services in primary care and 391 municipalities have been accredited to receive funding incentives for Mobile Dental Units, totalling BRL94 million in investment this year and BRL387 million in 2026.⁵⁷³² This initiative aims to expand access to primary care and dental care across Brazil, integrating these services within the public health system.

On 23 September 2025, Minister Padilha announced that women aged 40 to 49 will be able to access mammograms through the SUS even without signs of breast cancer.⁵⁷³³ This initiative aims to encourage early detection and care for breast cancer in addition to accessible services provided by mobile care in 22 states as part of Minister Padilha's series of actions targeting diagnosis and treatment services.

On 23 September 2025, the Ministry of Health transferred BRL30 million in funds to 1,304 municipalities for the implementation of initiatives involving medicinal plants and phytotherapeutics.⁵⁷³⁴ The funding will ensure the safe access to medicinal plant products and expand supplies and treatment options for Brazilians through the SUS.

On 24 September 2025, the National Congress approved Provisional Measure 1.301/2025, which created the *Agora Tem Especialistas* program.⁵⁷³⁵ This reaffirms the government's support for enhancing access to specialised services by mobilizing the country's health infrastructure and providing more surgeries, services and exams to ensure timely access to specialised care.

On 24 September 2025, Deputy Health Minister Mariângela Simão presented Brazil's Belém Health Action Plan as a key proposal for COP30 in New York, integrating health and climate agendas.⁵⁷³⁶ Developed with WHO, PAHO and global partners, the plan outlines strategies for climate-resilient health systems, including surveillance, innovation and adaptation.⁵⁷³⁷ Brazil also announced BRL53 million in health investments to strengthen Belém's network.

⁵⁷³² Ministério credencia mais de 2 mil equipes de saúde e Unidades Odontológicas Móveis, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-credencia-mais-de-2-mil-equipes-de-saude-e-unidades-odontologicas-moveis>

⁵⁷³³ Ministério da Saúde garante acesso a mamografia a partir dos 40 anos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-garante-acesso-a-mamografia-a-partir-dos-40-anos>

⁵⁷³⁴ Saúde destina mais de R\$ 30 milhões para ações com plantas medicinais e fitoterápicos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/saude-destina-mais-de-30-milhoes-de-reais-para-aco-es-com-plantas-medicinais-e-fitoterapicos>

⁵⁷³⁵ Congresso Nacional aprova Medida Provisória que criou o Agora Tem Especialistas com ampla maioria, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/congresso-nacional-aprova-medida-provisoria-que-criou-o-agora-tem-especialistas-com-ampla-maioria>

⁵⁷³⁶ Em Nova York, vice-ministra da Saúde do Brasil defende saúde como elemento central da agenda climática, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/em-nova-york-vice-ministra-da-saude-do-brasil-defende-saude-como-elemento-central-da-agenda-climatica>

⁵⁷³⁷ Plano de ação de saúde de Belém é apresentado em Nova York em evento global, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/plano-de-acao-em-saude-de-belem-e-apresentado-em-nova-york-em-evento-global>

On 26 September 2025, President Lula da Silva and Minister Padilha announced the start of BRL1.6 billion in transfers from the New Rio Doce Agreement to rebuild and expand health services in 48 municipalities of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo affected by the Fundão Dam collapse.⁵⁷³⁸

On 26 September 2025, the Ministry of Health announced a BRL2.5 billion investment for the construction of 89 new SUS care units across all 26 states and welcomed 322 new specialist doctors in 156 municipalities under the Agora Tem Especialistas program.⁵⁷³⁹

On 29 September 2025, the Ministry of Health re-established the National Technical Committee on LGBTIA+ Health after a seven-year suspension, restoring a key space for social participation and policy oversight within the SUS.⁵⁷⁴⁰ The committee, comprising of 27 social movements and associations, will guide the review of the National LGBT Comprehensive Health Policy and promote equitable, inclusive healthcare for LGBTIA+ populations nationwide.

On 1 October 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the National Multivaccination Campaign aimed at children up to 15 years of age.⁵⁷⁴¹ This initiative aims to ensure that children are up to date with their vaccinations and protected from disease, with the program scheduled to run from 6 October to 31 October and a D-Day for vaccination mobilisation scheduled for 18 October. Over 6.8 million doses will be distributed during the campaign.

On 1 October 2025, the Ministry of Health highlighted the creation of the Secretariat of Information and Digital Health and the progress of the National Health Data Network, which allows for patients' clinical histories to be monitored anywhere in the country.⁵⁷⁴² The Ministry also highlighted the 26 telehealth centers operating throughout the country, thereby affirming accessible healthcare throughout the country as well as development of health infrastructure to meet modern technological demands.

On 1 October 2025, the Ministry of Health participated in the 31st Technical-Scientific Seminar and the ninth Scientific Conference of the National Agency for Research on HIV and Viral Hepatitis - Emerging Infectious Diseases Brazil-France in Fortaleza.⁵⁷⁴³ The Ministry of Health's Secretariat for Health and Environmental Surveillance highlighted the importance of collaboration on global health issues such as HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, coinfections and health surveillance, underscoring Brazil's commitment to international cooperation for resilient health systems.

⁵⁷³⁸ Governo Federal libera R\$ 1,6 bilhão para ações de saúde nos municípios atingidos pelo rompimento da barragem de Mariana, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/governo-federal-libera-r-1-6-bilhao-para-aco-es-de-saude-nos-municipios-atingidos-pelo-rompimento-da-barragem-de-mariana>

⁵⁷³⁹ Ministério da Saúde anuncia a chegada de mais de 320 médicos especialistas e R\$ 2,5 bilhões para 899 novas unidades públicas de saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 26 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-a-chegada-de-mais-de-320-medicos-especialistas-e-r-2-5-bilhoes-para-899-novas-unidades-publicas-de-saude>

⁵⁷⁴⁰ Ministério institui Comitê Técnico Nacional de Saúde LGBTIA+, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 29 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/ministerio-institui-comite-tecnico-nacional-de-saude-lgbtia>

⁵⁷⁴¹ Ministério da Saúde lança campanha nacional de vacinação para proteção de crianças e adolescentes de até 15 anos de idade, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-lanca-campanha-nacional-de-vacinacao-para-protecao-de-criancas-e-adolescentes-de-ate-15-anos-de-idade>

⁵⁷⁴² Saúde digital fortalece a rede pública e amplia o acesso de milhões de brasileiros, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 1 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/saude-digital-fortalece-a-rede-publica-e-amplia-o-acesso-de-milhoes-de-brasileiros>

⁵⁷⁴³ Brasil e França reforçam cooperação científica em saúde em encontro internacional em Fortaleza, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 2 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/setembro/brasil-e-franca-reforcam-cooperacao-cientifica-em-saude-em-encontro-internacional-em-fortaleza>

On 2 October 2025, Minister Padilha attended the 62nd Directing Council Meeting and the 177th Executive Committee Session of PAHO virtually, where Brazil assumed the vice presidency of the Executive Committee.⁵⁷⁴⁴ This underscores Brazil's commitment to developing a resilient regional health system and collaborating with other countries in the region to tackle health emergencies and expand public health surveillance.

On 3 October 2025, the Ministry of Health approved the incorporation of the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay for the diagnosis of histoplasmosis into the SUS.⁵⁷⁴⁵ This aims to detect histoplasmosis early and help healthcare systems take proactive measures to control the mycosis endemic in Brazil.

On 3 October 2025, Minister Padilha announced that the state of Pará will receive BRL240 million in federal funding to strengthen its health network.⁵⁷⁴⁶ The funding will go towards expanding cancer treatment services, installing linear accelerators for radiotherapy in the State Hospital and providing increased surgeries through the Agora Tem Especialistas program, therefore enhancing access to specialised healthcare services for people in Pará.

On 3 October 2025, the federal government allocated BRL21.8 million in funding to qualify pharmacies and pharmaceutical supply centers in 3,639 municipalities.⁵⁷⁴⁷ This move aims to expand access to quality medication through providing infrastructure support for the operation of pharmacies as part of the National Pharmaceutical Services Qualification Program.

On 4 October 2025, Minister Padilha announced new investments totalling BRL230 million for the state of Piauí, including funding for replenishing the MAC ceiling, national vaccination campaigns in the region and expanding the number of available pediatric oncology beds.⁵⁷⁴⁸ These investments will enhance access to specialised healthcare services in the state of Piauí.

On 7 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it administered more than 70,000 vaccine doses to Indigenous peoples during Indigenous Peoples Vaccination Month 2025.⁵⁷⁴⁹ This surpassed the 67,000 vaccine doses administered during the same period in 2024, highlighting the government's commitment to enhancing the inclusivity of preventative health practices towards Indigenous populations.

⁵⁷⁴⁴ Brasil assume vice-presidência da OPAS e consolida papel estratégico em saúde nas Américas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 8 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/brasil-assume-vice-presidencia-da-opas-e-consolida-papel-estrategico-em-saude-nas-americas>

⁵⁷⁴⁵ Ministério da Saúde incorpora teste para diagnóstico de histoplasmoze no SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-incorpora-teste-para-diagnostico-de-histoplasmoze-no-sus>

⁵⁷⁴⁶ Rede de saúde do Pará receberá R\$ 240 milhões em novos investimentos, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/rede-de-saude-do-para-recebera-r-240-milhoes-em-novos-investimentos>

⁵⁷⁴⁷ Governo Federal destina R\$ 21,8 milhões para melhorar farmácias do SUS em 3.639 mil municípios, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/governo-federal-destina-r-21-8-milhoes-para-melhorar-farmacias-do-sus-em-3-639-mil-municipios>

⁵⁷⁴⁸ Ministério da Saúde anuncia mais R\$ 230 milhões para ampliar serviços e fortalecer o SUS no Piauí, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 4 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-anuncia-mais-r-230-milhoes-para-ampliar-servicos-e-fortalecer-o-sus-no-piaui>

⁵⁷⁴⁹ Ministério da Saúde aplica mais de 70 mil doses no mês de vacinação dos povos indígenas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-aplica-mais-de-70-mil-doses-no-mes-de-vacinacao-dos-povos-indigenas>

On 7 October 2025, the federal government regulated the Clinical Research Law for scientific development and health in Brazil.⁵⁷⁵⁰ The legislation will advance ethical clinical research through actions such as accelerating project evaluation processes, therefore increasing the pace at which quality health improvements can be instated within the Brazilian health system.

On 9 October 2025, the Ministry of Health received a batch of 2,500 units of the antidote fomepizole to control methanol poisoning in the country.⁵⁷⁵¹ This reinforces the supply of the health system and its capacity to deal with the surge in methanol poisoning cases, ensuring efficient resource allocation to states with the highest number of cases.

On 15 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced BRL113.2 million to support the retention and expansion of medical residents within the SUS.⁵⁷⁵² Between 2025-2026, this funding will go towards improving specialized training programs, on-the-job training and innovation whilst providing financial incentives to residents and supervisors.

On 20 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced BRL100 million in funding to advance women's health, including a focus on breast cancer, maternal safety, vaccines and the National Genomics and Precision Public Health Program.⁵⁷⁵³ This funding will support innovative solutions to ensure comprehensive healthcare for women.

On 24 October 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will increase its annual investment for the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative from BRL12 million to BRL25 million.⁵⁷⁵⁴ This funding will support reductions in maternal and neonatal deaths.

On 25 October 2025, Minister Padilha announced BRL232 million will be allocated towards the expansion and improvement of healthcare in Pará through the new PAC.⁵⁷⁵⁵ This funding will support the development of various health facilities including two regional polyclinics, a specialized rehabilitation center and 64 basic health units, supporting healthcare in the Amazon.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Brazil has taken strong action to build more resilient and sustainable health systems by funding to expand primary care, constructing additional Basic Health Units and specialized units, providing new ambulances,

⁵⁷⁵⁰ Governo Federal regulamenta Lei de Pesquisa Clínica para atrair investimentos em inovação, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 7 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/governo-federal-regulamenta-lei-de-pesquisa-clinica-para-atrair-investimentos-em-inovacao>

⁵⁷⁵¹ Ministério da Saúde recebe lote com 2,5 mil unidades do antídoto fomepizol, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 9 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 22 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-recebe-lote-com-2-5-mil-unidades-do-antidoto-fomepizol>

⁵⁷⁵² Incentivo inédito de R\$ 113 milhões vai expandir e fixar residentes em saúde nas áreas estratégicas para o SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 15 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/incentivo-inedito-de-r-113-milhoes-vai-expandir-e-fixar-residentes-em-saude-nas-areas-estrategicas-para-o-sus>

⁵⁷⁵³ Investimento de R\$ 100 milhões em pesquisa contempla áreas voltadas à saúde da mulher, câncer de mama e produtos de terapias avançadas, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 20 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/investimento-de-r-100-milhoes-em-pesquisa-contempla-areas-voltadas-a-saude-da-mulher-cancer-de-mama-e-produtos-de-terapias-avancadas>

⁵⁷⁵⁴ Ministério da Saúde investe R\$ 25 milhões para ampliar rede Amigo da Criança com foco na redução da mortalidade materna e neonatal, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 24 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/ministerio-da-saude-investe-r-25-milhoes-para-ampliar-rede-amigo-da-crianca-com-foco-na-reducao-da-mortalidade-materna-e-neonatal>

⁵⁷⁵⁵ Em Santarém, ministro da Saúde anuncia R\$ 232 milhões do Novo PAC para ampliar rede assistencial no Pará, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 25 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/outubro/em-santarem-ministro-da-saude-anuncia-r-232-milhoes-do-novo-pac-para-ampliar-rede-assistencial-no-para>

medical supplies and technologies, assisting with health systems recovery after flooding and supporting increased health capacity. It has also taken strong action to build equitable and inclusive health systems by combating major health epidemics such as dengue and AIDS that impact vulnerable populations, expanding Black and Indigenous healthcare and increasing healthcare for migrants, asylum seekers, individuals with disabilities and the transgender population. Furthermore, Brazil has taken strong action to provide integrated people-centered health services including mental health through the construction of new Psychosocial Care Centers, a focus on collective and community-based practices under the New Growth Acceleration Plan and a new law to support healthcare including psychosocial support for families experiencing pregnancy loss. Since May 2025, Brazil has also launched a notification system for patients with continuous-use medication, allocated significant funding for the development of mRNA vaccine technology, essential medications and innovative digital health products as well as for gynecology, radiotherapy, HIV/AIDS and cancer care, announced measures to improve its transplantation system, established new residency and specialist grants, increased funding to reduce wait times in the public health system, led the BRICS Health Working Group's Senior Officials Meeting to finalize the Declaration of the 15th Meeting of BRICS Health Ministers and launched a historical BRICS partnership to eliminate socially determined diseases, improved access to contraceptives by incorporating Implanon within the SUS and opened the first Indigenous Mobile Emergency Care Service. These actions support all of the criteria of this commitment.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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On 27 November 2024, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Élisabeth Brière announced CAD1.8 million for Mackay Manor's project called Renfrew County Mobile Substance Use Service.⁵⁷⁵⁶ This will aid in expanding access to harm reduction and substance use care in Renfrew County via an integrated mobile substance use service staffed with medical and support services. This project is aligned with Canada's commitment to reducing harm related to substance, as outlined in its renewed Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy.

On 5 December 2024, Minister of Health Mark Holland and Alberta's Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange announced a bilateral agreement to invest CAD162 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases and screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁵⁷

On 5 December 2024, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Quebec Lieutenant Jean-Yves Duclos, on behalf of Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne, announced CAD40 million to expand "plant-based vaccines and therapeutics" and develop an innovative influenza vaccine.⁵⁷⁵⁸ The funding will be allocated to Aramis Biotechnologies in Quebec, strengthening Canada's vaccine capabilities and health emergency preparedness.

⁵⁷⁵⁶ Government of Canada Taking Action to Address Substance Use Harms and Improve Health Outcomes, Health Canada (Renfrew) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/11/government-of-canada-taking-action-to-address-substance-use-harms-and-improve-health-outcomes.html>

⁵⁷⁵⁷ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Alberta to improve access to drugs for rare diseases, Health Canada (Edmonton) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/12/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-alberta-to-improve-access-to-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁵⁸ Government of Canada announces investment in Québec-based Aramis Biotechnologies, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 5 December 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2024/12/government-of-canada-announces-investment-in-quebec-based-aramis-biotechnologies.html>

On 6 December 2024, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health Ya'ara Saks launched two hubs to expand Integrated Youth Services (IYS) to increase mental health care access for youth.⁵⁷⁵⁹ The government also launched a Youth Mental Health Fund with CAD500 million in funding to expand the services of community programs like IYS and facilitate connections with broader mental health networks.

On 10 January 2025, Minister Holland announced the new Canada Health Act Services Policy taking effect on 1 April 2026, detailing that services deemed medically necessary will be covered by provincial or territorial health care plans, whether provided by a physician or a physician equivalent.⁵⁷⁶⁰ This change is to address the number of health services that patients often pay out of pocket due to lack of a primary care physician and to accommodate the evolving health care delivery system to account for other medical providers with overlapping scopes of practice.

On 10 January 2025, Minister Holland and Saskatchewan's Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill announced a bilateral agreement to allocate CAD40 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁶¹

On 15 January 2025, Minister Holland and New Brunswick's Minister of Health John Dornan announced a bilateral agreement to allocate over CAD32 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁶²

On 22 January 2025, Member of Parliament Wayne Long pledged more than CAD900,000 to the Sophia Recovery Centre to expand their peer substance use health workforce through mentorship and wellness training for women.⁵⁷⁶³ This project will help increase community support for harm reduction and recovery for women in New Brunswick.

On 24 January 2025, Minister Holland and Ontario's Minister of Health Sylvia Jones announced a bilateral agreement to allocate over CAD535 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁶⁴

⁵⁷⁵⁹ Government of Canada invests in transformative youth mental health care model, Health Canada (Ottawa) 6 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2024/12/government-of-canada-invests-in-transformative-youth-mental-health-care-model.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁰ Statement from the Minister of Health on the Canada Health Act, Health Canada (Ottawa) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/01/statement-from-the-minister-of-health-on-the-canada-health-act.html>

⁵⁷⁶¹ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Saskatchewan to improve access to drugs for rare diseases, Health Canada (Saskatoon) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/01/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-saskatchewan-to-improve-access-to-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁶² Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with New Brunswick to improve access to drugs for rare diseases, Health Canada (Fredericton) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/01/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-new-brunswick-to-improve-access-to-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁶³ Improving health outcomes for communities in Saint John, New Brunswick, Health Canada (Saint John) 22 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/01/improving-health-outcomes-for-communities-in-saint-john-new-brunswick.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁴ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Ontario to improve access to drugs for rare diseases, Health Canada (Ottawa) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/01/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-ontario-for-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

On 31 January 2025, Minister Saks announced CAD2 million in funding for the Government of Nova Scotia and Maggie's Place: A Resource Centre for Families Association.⁵⁷⁶⁵ This funding will strengthen community-based mental health and wellness initiatives for children and families.

On 4 February 2025, Member of Parliament for the Northwest Territories Michael McLeod, on behalf of Minister Holland and the Northwest Territories' Minister of Health and Social Services Lesa Semmler, invested CAD5.3 million towards the recruitment and retention of new personal support workers (PSWs) in the Northwest Territories.⁵⁷⁶⁶ This agreement will support the education and training of new PSWs which provide community-based healthcare to older adults, those with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. This action supports the Aging with Dignity bilateral agreement under the government's Working Together to Improve Health Care for Canadians plan which aims to strengthen the healthcare workforce and improve care of vulnerable populations.

On 12 February 2025, Minister Saks, Head of the Department of Psychiatry at Women's College Hospital Simone Vigod and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at McMaster University Benicio Frey announced the publication of the Canadian Network for Mood and Anxiety Treatments 2024 Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Related Disorders in the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry.⁵⁷⁶⁷ These guidelines serve to educate healthcare providers in the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety and mood-related disorders surrounding pregnancy and postpartum and connect patients with resources, including "Seeds of Hope: A Patient and Family Guide." As the first of its kind, this publication represents the government's commitment to increasing accessibility towards perinatal mental health services.

On 13 February 2025, Minister Holland dedicated CAD1.7 million through the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund to support projects led by the Society of Obstetrics and Gynecologists of Canada and Sex Information and Education Council of Canada.⁵⁷⁶⁸ These projects aim to enhance development and distribution of menopause-specific health services and address misinformation in sexual and reproductive health education in youth. Through these efforts, the government demonstrates its commitment to increasing the accessibility and reliability of sexual and reproductive health services, especially for underserved populations.

On 20 February 2025, Minister Saks announced the six projects to receive over CAD46 million through the Youth Mental Health Fund over the next five years.⁵⁷⁶⁹ These projects have a direct role in the IYS networks and hubs to support the accessibility of youth mental health services. This announcement represents the first phase of funding to expand the IYS.

⁵⁷⁶⁵ Government of Canada and Nova Scotia increase 'nvestment in province's community mental health supports, Public Health Agency of Canada (Truro) 31 January 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2025/01/government-of-canada-and-nova-scotia-increase-investment-in-provinces-community-mental-health-supports.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁶ Canada signs a bilateral agreement for \$5.3 million with Northwest Territories to strengthen support for personal support workers, Health Canada (Yellowknife) 4 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/canada-signs-a-bilateral-agreement-for-53-million-with-northwest-territories-to-strengthen-support-for-personal-support-workers.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁷ First of their kind Guidelines Provide Recommendations for Treating Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Pregnancy and Postpartum, Health Canada (Toronto) 12 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/first-of-their-kind-guidelines-provide-recommendations-for-treating-mood-and-anxiety-disorders-in-pregnancy-and-postpartum.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁸ Government of Canada Provides \$1.7 million to Improve Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services, Health Canada (Ottawa) 13 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/government-of-canada-provides-17-million-to-improve-access-to-sexual-and-reproductive-health-services.html>

⁵⁷⁶⁹ Government of Canada spotlights first community-based projects to spearhead Canada's largest investment in improving youth mental health, Health Canada (Vancouver) 20 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/government-of-canada-spotlights-first-community-based-projects-to-spearhead-canadas-largest-investment-in-improving-youth-mental-health.html>

On 24 February 2025, Minister Saks announced CAD279,000 to be distributed between the first three recipients of the Promoting Health Equity: Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund.⁵⁷⁷⁰ Based in Alberta, the projects will support culturally aware and community-based mental health resources and support, focused on improving equity, addressing determinants of mental health and addressing anti-Black racism.

On 26 February 2025, the Government of Canada invested over CAD84.8 million towards 65 provincial and community-led projects to target the illegal drug and overdose crisis.⁵⁷⁷¹ Funding through the Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) and the Emergency Treatment Fund, these projects will aid educational, prevention, harm reduction and treatment systems that are culturally and trauma appropriate in a large-scale effort against the overdose crisis.

On 26 February 2025, Member of Parliament McLeod dedicated over CAD1.9million to the project “Tlicho No One Left Alone” under Tlicho Leagia Ts’ili Ko.⁵⁷⁷² This donation will strengthen the recovery journey of Indigenous people from Tlicho region of the Northwest Territories by enhancing the community support system and staff training, aligning with government efforts towards more inclusive community care towards underserved populations.

On 27 February 2025, Minister Holland announced a national pharmacare agreement that commits CAD267 million towards universal coverage for prescription drugs in Manitoba.⁵⁷⁷³ This agreement covers diabetes medication and contraception and hormone replacement therapies to support the reproductive freedom of 350,000 individuals. The government is also investing CAD48 million through the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases to improve access to rare diseases medication.

On 28 February 2025, Minister Saks and Minister of Indigenous Services of Canada Patty Hajdu dedicated over CAD11.4 million from the Emergency Treatment Fund towards 14 community-led projects across Canada.⁵⁷⁷⁴ This funding will aid local organizations to quickly respond to overdose crises faced specifically by municipalities and Indigenous communities as part of a larger-scale effort against illegal drugs in Canada.

On 28 February 2025, Minister Saks dedicated CAD73.3 million from SUAP towards an additional 51 community-led projects across Canada.⁵⁷⁷⁵ This funding will aid local organizations respond to illegal substance-based harm in a culturally sensitive and appropriate manner, as part of a larger-scale effort against illegal drugs in Canada.

⁵⁷⁷⁰ Improving access to mental health services for Black Canadians, Public Health Agency of Canada (Edmonton) 24 February 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2025/02/improving-access-to-mental-health-services-for-black-canadians.html>

⁵⁷⁷¹ Supporting community-based organizations and helping community address critical needs related to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis, Health Canada (Ottawa) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/supporting-community-based-organizations-and-helping-community-address-critical-needs-related-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis.html>

⁵⁷⁷² Improving health outcomes for communities in Northwest Territories, Health Canada (Behchoko) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/improving-health-outcomes-for-communities-in-northwest-territories.html>

⁵⁷⁷³ Government of Canada signs pharmacare agreement with Manitoba to improve affordable access to medications, Health Canada (Winnipeg) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/government-of-canada-signs-pharmacare-agreement-with-manitoba-to-improve-affordable-access-to-medications.html>

⁵⁷⁷⁴ Supporting community-led responses to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis, Health Canada (Thunder Bay) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/supporting-community-led-responses-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis.html>

⁵⁷⁷⁵ Supporting community-led responses to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis, Health Canada (Thunder Bay) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/supporting-community-led-responses-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis.html>

On 28 February 2025, Member of Parliament Marcus Powlowski and Minister Saks dedicated over CAD838,000 from SUAP to the Elizabeth Fry Society of Northwestern Ontario.⁵⁷⁷⁶ This project will support two transitional homes in Thunder Bay that provide harm reduction support to women and gender diverse individuals affected by substance abuse and addiction as part of a larger-scale, community-partnered effort against illegal drugs in Canada.

On 28 February 2025, Member of Parliament McLeod, on behalf of Minister Saks, announced more than CAD1.9 million in funding from SUAP to the Government of the Northwest Territories for the “Supporting Tobacco Cessation” project.⁵⁷⁷⁷ This initiative aims to provide smoking cessation education and treatment to individuals at increased health risk due to tobacco use, particularly emphasizing expansion into regional remote community health centers across the territory and partnerships with the Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation Task Force and the Ottawa Heart Institute.

On 4 March 2025, Parliamentary Secretary Yasir Naqvi announced over CAD3.9 million from the Emergency Treatment Fund for Ottawa’s project to support communities most affected by illegal drugs.⁵⁷⁷⁸ This funding will aid local efforts to quickly respond to overdose crises as part of a larger-scale effort against illegal drugs in Canada.

On 5 March 2025, Minister Saks announced over CAD17.5 million in funding over five years for 13 projects aimed at preventing family and gender-based violence in Canada.⁵⁷⁷⁹ The funded initiatives aim to develop, deliver and evaluate programming to support children, families and service providers in building safe relationships. These efforts aim to address the public health impacts of violence and reflect Canada’s commitment to community physical and mental well-being.

On 6 March 2025, Minister Holland and British Columbia’s Minister of Health Josie Osborne signed a national pharmacare agreement whereby the federal government will provide CAD670 million for universal coverage for prescription drugs in British Columbia over the next four years.⁵⁷⁸⁰ This action will provide medication to diabetes patients and contraception and hormone replacement therapies to support the reproductive freedom of 1.3 million individuals.

On 6 March 2025, Member of Parliament Seamus O’Regan, on behalf of Minister Saks, announced over CAD2.4 million in federal funding through SUAP for two initiatives in St. John’s.⁵⁷⁸¹ First Light St. John’s Friendship Centre will receive over CAD946,000 to research Indigenous incarceration and substance use and co-develop reintegration and treatment solutions with Indigenous partners. Thrive CYN St. John’s will receive over CAD1.5 million for its “Collaboration for Change [and] Capacity” project to enhance harm reduction services by engaging individuals with lived and living experience. These initiatives support Canada’s

⁵⁷⁷⁶ Supporting a community-led response to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis in Northwestern Ontario, Health Canada (Thunder Bay) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/supporting-a-community-led-response-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis-in-northwestern-ontario.html>

⁵⁷⁷⁷ Increasing supports for residents of Northwest Territories to quit smoking, Health Canada (Yellowknife) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/02/increasing-supports-for-residents-of-northwest-territories-to-quit-smoking.html>

⁵⁷⁷⁸ Supporting Ottawa community-led responses to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis, Health Canada (Ottawa) 4 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/supporting-ottawa-community-led-responses-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis.html>

⁵⁷⁷⁹ Government of Canada funds new initiatives to prevent family and gender-based violence, Health Canada (Ottawa) 5 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-funds-new-initiatives-to-prevent-family-and-gender-based-violence.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁰ Government of Canada signs pharmacare agreement with British Columbia to improve universal access to free medications, Health Canada (Vancouver) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-pharmacare-agreement-with-british-columbia-to-improve-universal-access-to-free-medications.html>

⁵⁷⁸¹ Improving health outcomes for communities St. John’s, Health Canada (St. John’s) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/improving-health-outcomes-for-communities-st-johns.html>

comprehensive response to the toxic drug supply and overdose crisis by strengthening community-based care and evidence-informed policy.

On 7 March 2025, Minister Holland and Prince Edward Island's Minister of Health Mark McLane signed a national pharmacare agreement whereby the federal government will provide CAD40 million towards universal coverage for prescription drugs in Prince Edward Island over the next four years.⁵⁷⁸² This action will provide medication to diabetes patients and contraception and hormone replacement therapies to support the reproductive freedom of 41,000 citizens. The government will also provide CAD10 million for rare diseases medicines through the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases.

On 7 March 2025, the Government of Canada allocated over CAD11.8 million for eight community-led projects through SUAP as part of its Canada-wide efforts to reduce tobacco-related harms.⁵⁷⁸³ These initiatives target tobacco and vaping cessation, with an emphasis on evidence-based, culturally tailored and population-specific harm reduction approaches. This investment supports Canada's broader strategy to reduce tobacco use to less than 5 per cent by 2035.

On 7 March 2025, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced CAD675 million in funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance between 2026-2030.⁵⁷⁸⁴ This funding will support malaria vaccines for 50 million children, human papillomavirus vaccines for 120 million girls and expanded vaccine storage capacities and stockpiles. This contribution aims to strengthen global health security.

On 7 March 2025, Member of Parliament Brendan Hanley, on behalf of Minister of Health Kamal Khera and Minister McPhee signed a national pharmacare agreement whereby the federal government will allocate CAD9.5 million towards universal coverage for prescription drugs in Yukon over the next four years.⁵⁷⁸⁵ This initiative will provide diabetes medication and contraception and hormone replacement therapies for women and gender diverse individuals to support the reproductive freedom of over 12,000 residents.

On 9 March 2025, Minister Hussen announced CAD272.1 million in development funding for 14 projects in Bangladesh and the Indo-Pacific region.⁵⁷⁸⁶ Of this, CAD27 million will be allocated to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and United Nations Population Fund to strengthen primary health care in Bangladesh with a focus on sexual and reproductive health. CAD18 million will go towards the HealthBridge Foundation of Canada to build a more resilient sexual and reproductive health system in Bangladesh, Nepal and Vietnam and CAD15 million will be allocated to the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research to support health services in the region.

⁵⁷⁸² Government of Canada signs pharmacare agreement with Prince Edward Island to improve universal access to free medications, Health Canada (Charlottetown) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-pharmacare-agreement-with-prince-edward-island-to-improve-universal-access-to-free-medications.html>

⁵⁷⁸³ Supporting community-based organizations who are helping address tobacco harms, Health Canada (Ottawa) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/supporting-community-based-organizations-who-are-helping-address-tobacco-harms.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁴ Minister Hussen renews Canada's pledge for global health and lifesaving vaccines, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/03/minister-hussen-renews-canadas-pledge-for-global-health-and-lifesaving-vaccines.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁵ Government of Canada signs pharmacare agreement with Yukon to improve universal access to free medications, Health Canada (Whitehorse) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-pharmacare-agreement-with-yukon-to-improve-universal-access-to-free-medication-.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁶ Backgrounder - Minister Hussen announces support for development projects in Bangladesh and the Indo-Pacific region, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 March 2025. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/03/backgrounder---minister-hussen-announces-support-for-development-projects-in-bangladesh-and-the-indo-pacific-region.html>

On 11 March 2025, Minister Champagne announced CAD62 million in funding for Entos Pharmaceuticals' biomanufacturing facility and research and development centre.⁵⁷⁸⁷ Through the Strategic Innovation Fund, this contribution will support the development of genetic medications for infections, cancer and rare and neurodegenerative diseases, while enhancing preparedness for health emergencies by increasing biomanufacturing capacities in Canada.

On 13 March 2025, Minister Holland and Yukon's Minister of Health Tracy-Anne McPhee announced a bilateral agreement to dedicate over CAD8.5 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁸⁸ The first step in this agreement promises access to Yescarta, a chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy for relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphomas in adults. This agreement marks Yukon's commitment to the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases started in March 2023 by the federal government.

On 13 March 2025, Minister Holland and Minister Semmler announced a bilateral agreement to dedicate over CAD7.8 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁸⁹ The first step in this agreement promises access to Poteligeo, the drug therapy for mycosis fungoides and Sézary syndrome. This agreement marks the Northwest Territories' commitment to the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases started in March 2023 by the Government of Canada.

On 13 March 2025, Minister Holland and Nunavut's Minister of Health John Main announced a bilateral agreement to dedicate over CAD7.3 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁹⁰ The first step in this agreement promises access to four rare disease drugs: Poteligeo, Epkinly, Welireg, and Yescarta. This agreement marks the Nunavut's commitment to the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases started in March 2023 by the Government of Canada.

On 18 March 2025, Member of Parliament for Longueuil-Charles-LeMoyne and Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness Sherry Romanado, on behalf of Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry Anita Anand, announced CAD60 million for Delpharm Boucherville Canada Inc.⁵⁷⁹¹ Through the Strategic Innovation Fund, this contribution will help increase the company's manufacturing capacity for sterile injectables which are essential medications, while also supporting job opportunities.

⁵⁷⁸⁷ Canada supports biomanufacturing capacity to advance next generation medicines, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Edmonton) 11 March 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2025/03/canada-supports-biomanufacturing-capacity-to-advance-next-generation-medicines.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁸ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Yukon for Drugs for Rare Diseases, Health Canada (Whitehorse) 13 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-yukon-for-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁸⁹ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Northwest Territories for Drugs for Rare Diseases, Health Canada (Yellowknife) 13 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-northwest-territories-for-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁹⁰ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Nunavut for Drugs for Rare Diseases, Health Canada (Iqaluit) 13 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-nunavut-for-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁹¹ Government of Canada investing \$60 million in Boucherville biomanufacturing project, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Boucherville) 18 March 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-investing-60-million-in-boucherville-biomanufacturing-project.html>

On 19 March 2025, Minister Anand announced CAD49.9 million for STEMCELL Technologies Canada Inc., through the Strategic Innovation Fund.⁵⁷⁹² This investment will help advance the “large-scale production of essential inputs used to develop and manufacture vaccines, therapies and diagnostic technologies” through the development of two new biomanufacturing facilities in British Columbia.

On 20 March 2025, Minister Khera and Nova Scotia’s Minister of Health Michelle Thompson announced a bilateral agreement to dedicate over CAD39 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁹³ The first step in this agreement promises access to six rare disease drugs: Poteligeo, Epkinly, Welireg, Yescarta, Oxlumo, and Koselugo. This agreement marks Nova Scotia’s commitment to the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases started in March 2023 by the Government of Canada.

On 21 March 2025, Minister Khera announced a bilateral agreement with Quebec to dedicate over CAD305 million to improve access to selected new drugs for rare diseases, along with improving screening, diagnostics and access to existing drugs for rare diseases.⁵⁷⁹⁴ This agreement marks Quebec’s commitment to the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases started in March 2023 by the Government of Canada, as well as Quebec’s Action Plan on Rare Diseases 2023-2027.

On 21 March 2025, Minister Khera announced CAD6.3 million in funding to Sinneave Family Foundation and the Autism Alliance of Canada over five years to build a National Autism Network.⁵⁷⁹⁵ The network will aim to improve diagnosis, autism services, public health research and awareness and inclusion.

On 22 March 2025, Minister Khera and Minister of Government Transformation, Public Services and Procurement Ali Ehsassi announced the next phase of the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) to expand eligibility to all remaining uninsured Canadians aged 18 to 64.⁵⁷⁹⁶ This expansion follows a successful first year in which more than 3.4 million Canadians were approved for the CDCP and 1.7 million received care. The CDCP aims to improve access to oral health care for low and middle-income Canadians and is a central component of Canada’s strategy to strengthen universal health access.

On 22 March 2025, Minister Anand announced a partnership with OmniaBio to support its expansion of cell and gene therapies manufacturing and “provide production services to companies around the world.”⁵⁷⁹⁷ This partnership will help strengthen Canada’s vaccines, therapeutics and biomanufacturing capacity, supporting treatments for chronic diseases like cancer, diabetes, and autoimmune, neurological and cardiovascular diseases.

On 6 May 2025, the Government of Canada, Trinidadian Ministry of Health, Pan American Health Organisation and the World Health Organization collaborated for a Vaccination and Health Fair in Trinidad

⁵⁷⁹² Federal government invests \$49.9 million in STEMCELL Technologies Canada Inc., Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Burnaby) 19 March 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2025/03/federal-government-invests-499-million-in-stemcell-technologies-canada-inc.html>

⁵⁷⁹³ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Nova Scotia to improve access to drugs for rare diseases, Health Canada (Halifax) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-nova-scotia-to-improve-access-to-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁹⁴ Government of Canada signs bilateral agreement with Quebec for Drugs for Rare Diseases, Health Canada (Quebec City) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-signs-bilateral-agreement-with-quebec-for-drugs-for-rare-diseases.html>

⁵⁷⁹⁵ Government of Canada announces the organization to establish and lead the National Autism Network, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2025/03/government-of-canada-announces-the-organization-to-establish-and-lead-the-national-autism-network.html>

⁵⁷⁹⁶ Canadian Dental Care Plan expands to include millions of new eligible Canadians, Health Canada (Newmarket) 22 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/03/canadian-dental-care-plan-expands-to-include-millions-of-new-eligible-canadians.html>

⁵⁷⁹⁷ Federal government announces support for cutting-edge, AI- and robotics-enabled cell and gene therapy manufacturing, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Hamilton) 22 March 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2025/03/federal-government-announces-support-for-cutting-edge-ai-and-robotics-enabled-cell-and-gene-therapy-manufacturing.html>

and Tobago.⁵⁷⁹⁸ The initiative offered health services and education to the public, highlighting the importance of vaccination for resilient health systems.

On 16 June 2025, Secretary of State for Sport Adam van Koeverden, on behalf of Minister of Health Marjorie Michel, announced CAD5 million for the 2025-2026 Let's Get Moving initiative.⁵⁷⁹⁹ Led by ParticipACTION, the initiative supports integrated people-centered healthcare through awareness campaigns and community challenges encouraging physical activity which is known to improve mental and physical health.

On 23 June 2025, Health Emergency Readiness Canada and the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority signed an Administrative Agreement focused on medical countermeasures for health emergency preparedness and response, during the EU-Canada Summit.⁵⁸⁰⁰ The institutions will cooperate over the next five years to develop supply chain resilience, advance research and innovation and address challenges, supporting health systems' resilience against public health threats.

On 25 June 2025, Secretary of State for International Development Randeep Sarai attended the Gavi pledging conference in Brussels, reaffirming Canada's CAD675 million pledge to the Alliance over the next five years.⁵⁸⁰¹ Secretary Sarai also met with several international partners on the sidelines of the conference, discussing cooperation for global health.

On 21 July 2025, Minister Michel pledged CAD2.8 million in funding towards the Emergency Treatment Fund to support four community projects addressing the overdose crisis in the Atlantic.⁵⁸⁰² These projects, including a mobile outreach project in Fredericton, will aid the response to rising illicit drug activity and overdose at the community level, including in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.

On 22 July 2025, Minister Michel and Member of Parliament for Moncton-Dieppe Ginette Petitpas Taylor pledged over CAD78 million in funding for seven companies in the next five years to improve French health services in Francophone communities.⁵⁸⁰³ This will aid the Official Languages Health Program in supporting post-secondary training institutions to increase recruitment, internship and placement opportunities of healthcare providers in French-speaking communities, aiming to create a more inclusive and equitable healthcare system across languages.

On 26 July 2025, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health Maggie Chi, on behalf of Minister Michel, announced CAD39.4 million in funding for dementia and healthy ageing research through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's CIHR Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging Research Initiative, alongside CAD5.4 million through Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council, the Azrieli

⁵⁷⁹⁸ Ministry of Health, PAHO/WHO, and Government of Canada Host Vaccination Health Fair in South Trinidad, PAHO (Port of Spain) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/6-5-2025-ministry-health-pahowho-and-government-canada-host-vaccination-health-fair-south-0>

⁵⁷⁹⁹ Government of Canada provides support for ParticipACTION to promote active lifestyles, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ottawa) 16 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2025/06/government-of-canada-provides-support-for-participaction-to-promote-active-lifestyles.html>

⁵⁸⁰⁰ EU and Canada strengthen cooperation on preparedness and response to cross border health threats, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/eu-and-canada-strengthen-cooperation-preparedness-and-response-cross-border-health-threats-2025-06-24_en

⁵⁸⁰¹ Canada renews support to protect the world's children against infectious diseases, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/06/canada-renews-support-to-protect-the-worlds-children-against-infectious-diseases.html>

⁵⁸⁰² Supporting community-led responses to the illegal toxic drug and overdose crisis in Atlantic Canada, Health Canada (Fredericton) 21 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/07/supporting-community-led-responses-to-the-illegal-toxic-drug-and-overdose-crisis-in-atlantic-canada.html>

⁵⁸⁰³ Government of Canada improves access to health services for Francophone minority communities, Health Canada (Moncton) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/07/government-of-canada-improves-access-to-health-services-for-francophone-minority-communities0.html>

Foundation and its Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence and the Brain Canada Foundation.⁵⁸⁰⁴ CAD40.3 million of this amount will be allocated to the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging to “study prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for people with dementia and their caregivers,” including two teams, co-funded by Australia, focusing on Indigenous communities in Canada and Australia. Additionally, CAD2.4 million will go towards Brain Health Care’s training platform and CAD2.1 million will be allocated towards the Brain Health Resources and Integrated Diversity Hub.

On 18 August 2025, Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier-Gloucester committed over CAD33 million to improve health services in French for underserved Francophone communities in Ontario.⁵⁸⁰⁵ This funding will provide support towards four French-speaking postsecondary institutions and the Government of Ontario to increase recruitment and training for Francophone health programs and ensure better access to care through the Official Languages Health Program.

On 11 September 2025, Minister Michel announced CAD17 million in funding to improve Francophone health services in Western Canada.⁵⁸⁰⁶ This action expands on existing Official Languages Health Program initiatives in Ontario to make healthcare more accessible for French-speaking communities through efforts like increasing students in Francophone healthcare education programs and linguistic training for service providers.

On 29 September 2025, Minister Michel pledged CAD13 million through the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fund to support accessibility to sexual and reproductive services across Canada.⁵⁸⁰⁷ This funding will be distributed to fifteen community organizations responsible for promoting sexual and reproductive health accessibility, including developing related resources for healthcare providers, increasing public awareness and providing aid for abortion care.

On 15 October 2025, Member of Parliament for Longueuil—Charles-LeMoyne and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence Sherry Romanado and Member of Parliament for Vaudreuil Peter Schiefke, on behalf Minister Michel announced CAD52 million in funding for the Community Health and Social Services Network and McGill University.⁵⁸⁰⁸ Over the next five years, this funding will support improved health and social care for the anglophone community in Quebec.

On 16 October 2025, Minister Michel announced CAD10 million to support Albertan youth through the Youth Mental Health Fund.⁵⁸⁰⁹ The funding will expand Integrated Youth Services which incorporate free mental health, primary care, substance abuse, sexual health and other services to support youth and families.

⁵⁸⁰⁴ Government of Canada and partners invest \$44.8 million to support healthy brain aging, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Toronto) 26 July 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2025/07/government-of-canada-and-partners-invest-448-million-to-support-healthy-brain-aging.html>

¹⁶² Government of Canada improves access to health services for Francophone minority communities in Ontario, Health Canada (Ottawa) 18 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/08/government-of-canada-improves-access-to-health-services-for-francophone-minority-communities-in-ontario0.html>

¹⁶³ Government of Canada improves access to health services for Francophone minority communities across Western Canada, Health Canada (Ottawa) 11 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/09/government-of-canada-improves-access-to-health-services-for-francophone-minority-communities-across-western-canada0.html>

¹⁶⁴ Government of Canada improves access to sexual and reproductive health services, Health Canada (Montreal) 28 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/09/government-of-canada-improves-access-to-sexual-and-reproductive-health-services0.html>

⁵⁸⁰⁸ Government of Canada improves access to health services for Anglophone minority communities in Quebec, Health Canada (Montreal) 15 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/10/government-of-canada-improves-access-to-health-services-for-anglophone-minority-communities-in-quebec0.html>

⁵⁸⁰⁹ Expanding mental health care to more youth in Alberta, Health Canada (Calgary) 16 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2025/10/expanding-mental-health-care-to-more-youth-in-alberta.html>

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Canada has taken strong action to build more resilient and sustainable health systems through funding for Bangladesh and the Indo-Pacific and expanding access to free primary care through the new Canada Health Act Services Policy. It has also taken strong action to support equitable and inclusive health systems through the national pharmacare plan, Canadian Dental Care Plan, funding for rare diseases, dementia and healthy ageing research, equitable healthcare for Francophone communities and the autism network as well as investing in training PSWs in the Northwest Territories. Canada has also advanced the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health, through substantial funding for the Youth Mental Health Fund and substance abuse recovery, a focus on culturally appropriate tobacco-related projects, projects to address family and gender-based violence and support for the Let's Get Moving initiative.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 4 December 2024, China launched a partnership with Laos and the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to improve child health outcomes and combat malnutrition.⁵⁸¹⁰ The government committed USD1.48 million to this initiative to benefit over 221,000 children and families across the country, particularly those in rural areas. This action is aimed at helping Laos to build a more sustainable health system by improving access to healthcare, training over 600 healthcare workers to care for newborns and children and increasing the availability of care.

On 5 December 2024, the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine announced their plan to train 1,300 workers overseas in traditional Chinese medicine.⁵⁸¹¹ The aim of this initiative is to encourage the use of traditional Chinese medicine and provide workers with skills to provide necessary medical care internationally.

On 15 December 2024, China attended the 17th Korea-Japan-China Health Ministers' Meeting to discuss healthcare cooperation between the three countries.⁵⁸¹² The meeting included the adoption of the Joint Statement of the Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting which focuses on strengthening public health, promoting healthy ageing and building more equitable, resilient and sustainable health systems that support Universal Health Coverage. Additionally, the countries revised the Tripartite Memorandum of Cooperation and the Joint Plan of Action' on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Pandemics and Infectious Diseases of Common Concern with High Potential Consequences.

On 26 December 2024, the government set 12356 as the nationwide mental health support hotline number.⁵⁸¹³ The move aims to provide mental health education, psychological counseling and support and response to

⁵⁸¹⁰ China, Lao PDR, UNICEF Unite to Deliver Life-saving Support for Children, UNICEF (Vientiane) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.unicef.org/laos/press-releases/china-lao-pdr-unicef-unite-deliver-life-saving-support-children>

⁵⁸¹¹ China to help train over 1,300 people from abroad in TCM, China Daily (Xinhua) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202412/05/WS67510b6aa310f1265a1d13b7.html>

⁵⁸¹² 한국, 일본·중국과 더 안전하고 건강하며 번영하는 미래 위한 협력 의지 다져, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483927&tag=&nPage=32

⁵⁸¹³ 12356 set as hotline for distress calls, China Daily (Beijing) 27 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202412/27/WS676df8b4a310f1265a1d5303.html>

urgent mental health needs. The government also aims to integrate the service with police, fire and medical aid emergency lines for rapid and accessible emergency support.

On 27 December 2024, China's diseases control authority announced that it was piloting a monitoring system for pneumonia of unknown origin.⁵⁸¹⁴ This reaffirms China's commitment to ensuring resilience in disease monitoring systems amidst increases in respiratory illnesses by focusing on early monitoring of disease outbreaks.

On 2 January 2025, the National Health Commission launched a plan to address gaps in mental healthcare services from 2025 to 2027.⁵⁸¹⁵ The plan aims to address mental health issues amongst children and adolescents as mental health issues amongst youth in China continue to rise.

On 4 January 2025, the National Health Commission rolled out a national plan to address senile dementia.⁵⁸¹⁶ Addressing a lack of appropriate care for Alzheimer's and dementia, this plan aims to provide a comprehensive prevention and control program spanning prevention, treatment, diagnosis and early intervention for those at risk, amidst the challenges posed by China's aging population.

On 9 January 2025, the National Healthcare Security Administration initiated the first cross-border pharmaceutical centralized procurement platform.⁵⁸¹⁷ The initiative aims to strengthen healthcare collaborations between China and Southeast Asian countries part of the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) in purchasing medicines and medical supplies and seeks to improve the accessibility of these medicines to the general population.

On 14 January 2025, the State Administration for Market Regulation issued its Compliance Guidelines for Healthcare Companies to Prevent Commercial Bribery Risks.⁵⁸¹⁸ The regulations ensure the professional integrity of healthcare providers and ensure that the healthcare system serves to protect the health and interests of patient populations.

On 20 February 2025, China and Korea contributed USD4 million to the African Center for Disease Control amid funding cuts from the United States.⁵⁸¹⁹ The funding aims to contribute to health outbreak surveillance and developing resilient health systems in Africa.

On 9 March 2025, Head of the National Health Commission Lei Haichao announced that China aims to make sleep and mental health clinics available in all "prefecture-level" cities across China by the end of 2025.⁵⁸²⁰ This initiative aims to provide the necessary professional health services for those struggling with psychological or sleep-related anxiety.

⁵⁸¹⁴ China steps up monitoring of emerging respiratory diseases, Reuters (Beijing) 27 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-steps-up-monitoring-emerging-respiratory-diseases-2024-12-27/>

⁵⁸¹⁵ China Health Commission to narrow gaps in mental health services, Reuters (Hong Kong) 2 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-health-commission-narrow-gaps-mental-health-services-2025-01-02/>

⁵⁸¹⁶ China launches action plan to tackle dementia amid aging population challenge, The State Council The People's Republic of China (Xinhua) 4 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202501/04/content_WS6778d68fc6d0868f4e8ee83a.html

⁵⁸¹⁷ Nation deepens ASEAN health ties, China Daily (Beijing) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202501/24/WS6792ec18a310a2ab06ea90fd.html>

⁵⁸¹⁸ China Finalizes Its First Anti-Corruption Guidelines for the Health Care and Life Sciences Industry, Jones Day (Shanghai) 29 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.jonesday.com/en/insights/2025/01/china-finalizes-its-first-anti-corruptionguidelines-for-the-health-care-and-life-sciences-industry>

⁵⁸¹⁹ China And Korea Step Up With \$4 Million For Africa CDC Amid US Cuts, Report Afrique (Paris) 21 February 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://r959apan959frique.com/news/africa/china-korea/>

⁵⁸²⁰ China to expand mental health services nationwide: official, Xinhua (Beijing) 9 March 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250309/fa35a5e87b8c4ec2bf9eec0d202b1ea5/c.html>

On 9 April 2025, China announced that it will improve healthy diets and access to speciality foods and supplements for Chinese citizens.⁵⁸²¹ The initiative aims to increase the supply of high-quality agricultural products, ramp up efforts to prevent illegal additives from being added to food and improve dietary and exercise guidelines for those living with chronic conditions such as hypertension or diabetes.

On 10 April 2025, the National Health Commission and National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine released a notice stating that all major hospitals will be required to set up weight management clinics by the end of June 2025.⁵⁸²² The notice applies to all hospitals under the commission, the administration and provincial-level health authorities and aims to reduce the rates of obesity and incidences of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in the country.

On 14 April 2025, the national patriotic health campaign committee announced its focus on weight management, health improvements in rural areas and the provision of traditional Chinese medicine as part of an extended Healthy China initiative.⁵⁸²³ This plan aims improve equitable healthcare services in rural areas and address the challenge of obesity in China by 2030.

On 19 April 2025, China sent a health team to Myanmar following their recent magnitude 7.9 earthquake.⁵⁸²⁴ The team provided services such as water testing, mosquito-borne disease testing, environmental sanitation checks, vaccination guidance and participated in a knowledge exchange with Myanmar public health officials as part of their health assistance.

On 28 April 2025, Vice-Premier Liu Guozhong urged member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to enhance cooperation and innovation in the health sector.⁵⁸²⁵ The statement aims to encourage the strengthening of multilateral public health security, sharing disease prevention technologies, advancing medical science and preserving traditional medicine.

On 30 April 2025, China adopted a revised Law on the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases aimed at improving the prevention of epidemics.⁵⁸²⁶ The law provides a strong safeguard for the development of a disease control system by medical and health institutions and clarifies the rights and responsibilities of government departments, disease control agencies, medical institutions, businesses and individuals in the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

On 17 May 2025, Chinese officials attended a symposium on “AI for Health” hosted by the Specialized Committee on Artificial Intelligence of the World Internet conference in Beijing.⁵⁸²⁷ The symposium focused on encouraging AI-enabled innovation in the healthcare sector in addition to building a people-centered risk prevention and control system for AI in health.

⁵⁸²¹ China unveils plan to boost health-related consumption, China Daily (Beijing) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/10/WS67f72f1fa3104d9fd381e89b.html>

⁵⁸²² Health authorities ask all major hospitals to set up weight management clinics, China Daily (Beijing) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/10/WS67f775aca3104d9fd381e980.html>

⁵⁸²³ China targets obesity reduction, rural health, TCM services by 2030, China Daily (Beijing) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/15/WS67fe102ca3104d9fd381f6a2.html>

⁵⁸²⁴ China's health assistance supports quake-affected Myanmar: health official, Xinhua (Mandalay) 11 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250511/298f98b22a424039b0831d5cc91ee4dd/c.html>

⁵⁸²⁵ SCO member countries urged to advance vital health sector, China Daily (Xi'an) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202504/30/WS6811768da310a04af22bcf9d.html>

⁵⁸²⁶ China revises law to strengthen infectious disease prevention, control, The State Council The People's Republic of China (Beijing) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/30/content_WS681208b5c6d0868f4e8f238c.html

⁵⁸²⁷ Symposium discusses AI for health, China Daily (Beijing) 17 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202505/17/WS68289631a310a04af22c0035.html>

On 19 May 2025, the Chinese delegation to the 78th World Health Assembly reaffirmed the country's commitment to building a global health community.⁵⁸²⁸ Head of the National Health Commission Haichao stated that China is working towards a comprehensive public health strategy through 18 national programs and reaffirmed its support for global health governance through the World Health Organization (WHO).

On 20 May 2025, Vice-Premier Guozhong committed an additional USD500 million to the WHO over five years during a speech at the 78th World Health Assembly.⁵⁸²⁹ This funding aims to encourage multilateralism for global health and preserve global health security.

On 23 May 2025, Director-General of the government-owned China Isotope and Radiation Corporation's Beijing Branch Zhang Yiming and his delegation met with Brazil's Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Luciana Santos in Brasília to discuss the modernization of radiopharmaceutical production and nuclear application in medical diagnostics.⁵⁸³⁰ The meeting focused on increased the supply of radiopharmaceuticals for treatment, diagnostic services and other relevant health services, enhancing sustainability and cooperation between health systems.

On 5 June 2025, the National Health Commission released a statement stating that all tertiary hospitals offering obstetric services will be able to provide epidural anesthesia during childbirth.⁵⁸³¹ The National Health Commission stated that this will expand access to pain relief during labor and delivery and encouraged hospitals to build the necessary infrastructure and provide personnel and equipment for access to pain relief.

On 12 June 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi and Angola's Minister of External Relations Tête António signed two legal instruments for cooperation in health and an economic partnership for development.⁵⁸³² The cooperation is aimed at building a Community of Human Health and dispatching a health team to Angola, in addition to exchanging experiences and providing medical assistance.

On 23 June 2025, the National Health Commission announced the inclusion of new guidelines to increase the integration of western and Chinese traditional medicine.⁵⁸³³ The guidelines focus on long-term collaboration between the sectors, including through joint research, to improve treatments for complex, infectious and chronic diseases.

On 10 July 2025, the National Health Commission held a health systems symposium focused on health reform in Xinjiang.⁵⁸³⁴ Attendees noted the importance of strengthening primary and tiered healthcare in the region, including through reforms to public hospitals, salary systems and costs for medical services.

⁵⁸²⁸ China committed to continuing contributions to global health: delegation, Xinhua (Geneva) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250519/d991db26ce4a410cbc79e526d26c7c90/c.html>

⁵⁸²⁹ China to boost WHO funding by US\$500 million amid budget cuts, The Nation (Bangkok) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/world/40050318>

⁵⁸³⁰ Brasil e China avançam parceria em radiofármacos com foco em inovação e saúde pública, Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (Brasília) 23 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mcti/pt-br/acompanhe-o-mcti/noticias/2025/05/brasil-e-china-avancam-parceria-em-radiofarmacos-com-foco-em-inovacao-e-saude-publica>

⁵⁸³¹ Hospitals nationwide to offer pain-free childbirth, China Daily (Beijing) 6 June 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202506/06/WS684240efa310a04af22c37c1.html>

⁵⁸³² Angola and China sign agreements on health and economic partnership, Prensa Latina (Habana) 12 June 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.plenglish.com/news/2025/06/12/angola-and-china-sign-agreements-on-health-and-economic-partnership/>

⁵⁸³³ China advances TCM-Western medicine integration in treating complex diseases, 中华人民共和国国家卫生健康委员会 (Beijing) 23 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. https://en.nhc.gov.cn/2025-06/23/c_86489.htm

⁵⁸³⁴ 国家卫生健康委召开2025年卫生健康系统援疆和医改工作座谈会,中华人民共和国国家卫生健康委员会 (Beijing) 14 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.nhc.gov.cn/caiwusi/c100042/202507/8760a855e2724c3c864f51e9b2e50afb.shtml>

On 21 July 2025, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Director of the National Health Commission Lei Haichao attended a launch meeting for the Commission's training initiative aimed at supporting cross-disciplinary strategies pertaining to medical care and treatment.⁵⁸³⁵ This includes a focus on preventative measures and addressing public health emergencies effectively.

On 29 July 2025, China held a national conference on measures to prevent and treat Chikungunya fever.⁵⁸³⁶ The conference emphasized actions related to assessing epidemic risks, improving environmental sanitation and mosquito prevention strategies to prevent the disease from spreading.

On 12 August 2025, China issued a set of regulations to manage infectious diseases through early warnings.⁵⁸³⁷ These standards attempt to guide prevention efforts, guard against public health risks and protect people's lives and health.

On 12 September 2025, China adopted a new law to enhance public health emergency response capacity.⁵⁸³⁸ This law seeks to improve the public health emergency reporting system.

On 22 September 2025, China expanded its medical insurance coverage to include rare diseases, thus making medications more accessible and affordable for patients.⁵⁸³⁹

On 26 September 2025, the National Healthcare Security Administration released new guidelines for long-term insurance services to standardize payment ranges and service quality.⁵⁸⁴⁰ These guidelines aim to standardize long-care services, improve service quality, protect rights of insurance beneficiaries and better operationalize the long-term care insurance fund.

China has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. China has taken strong action to support mental health services through a national mental health hotline and plan to address mental health gaps between 2025-2027 and has supported integrated people-centered health services through the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. It has also addressed inclusivity through the national plan to address senile dementia and resilience through its collaboration with Southeast Asians and funding for the WHO. Additionally, China has taken strong action to build more sustainable and inclusive health systems through its partnership with UNICEF and Laos, funding for the African Center for Disease Control, training of healthcare workers, national plan to address dementia which predominantly affects older populations and new weight management clinics.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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⁵⁸³⁵ 国家卫生健康委启动首届医防管交叉复合型战略人才培养, 中华人民共和国国家卫生健康委员会 (Beijing) 21 July 2025.

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⁵⁸³⁶ National conference calls for decisive measures to fight Chikungunya fever, 中华人民共和国国家卫生健康委员会 (Beijing) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://en.nhc.gov.cn/2025-07/31/c_86503.htm

⁵⁸³⁷ China issues regulations on infectious disease outbreak early warning, China Daily (Beijing) 12 August 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202508/12/WS689aef59a310724b600212b4.html>

⁵⁸³⁸ China adopts new law to enhance public health emergency response capacity, China Daily (Beijing) 12 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202509/12/WS68c3d2c4a3108622abca07d9.html>

⁵⁸³⁹ China expands medical insurance coverage against rare diseases, China Daily (Beijing) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202509/22/WS68d0a234a3108622abca209e.html>

⁵⁸⁴⁰ NHSA releases new guidelines for long-term care insurance services, China Daily (Beijing) 26 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202509/26/WS68d63d69a3108622abca3269.html>

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France has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 20 November 2024, Proparco, part of the French Development Agency (AFD) Group and Admaius Capital Partners partnered to support the education of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry students at the Saint Christopher Iba Mar Diop School of Medicine in Senegal.⁵⁸⁴¹ This partnership aims to support better healthcare in the country which is experiencing a shortage of healthcare professionals.

On 21 November 2024, Minister of Health and Access to Healthcare Geneviève Darrieussecq, Minister responsible for the Budget and Public Accounts Laurent Saint-Martin and Minister Delegate for Industry Marc Ferracci announced an agreement with pharmaceutical companies to save EUR600 million in costs.⁵⁸⁴² The agreement will focus on ensuring budgetary balances, strengthening efficiency in healthcare and ensuring stability.

On 26 November 2024, France's Ambassador to Mexico Delphine Borione and Mexico's Secretary of Health David Kershenovich Stalnikowitz inaugurated the sixth Franco-Mexican Healthcare Day.⁵⁸⁴³ The pair recognized collaborative efforts between France and Mexico for healthcare and called for additional cooperation.

On 3 December 2024, Minister Darrieussecq provided an update on innovation in "Digital Health," one of the future sectors of France 2030, at the third National Digital Health Innovation Day.⁵⁸⁴⁴ The government also announced 65 new projects under the "Digital Health" acceleration strategy.

On 3 December 2024, Minister Darrieussecq represented France at the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Health Council in Brussels.⁵⁸⁴⁵ The Council approved conclusions on improving organ donation and cardiovascular health. The Ministers also discussed the prospects of the European Public Health Union and adopted a tobacco control recommendation targeting smoke-free environments in public areas to support the target of reducing tobacco use to less than 5 per cent by 2040.

On 18 December 2024, President Emmanuel Macron attended the inauguration of the World Health Organization (WHO) Academy in Lyon, France.⁵⁸⁴⁶ President Macron noted that the WHO Academy will

⁵⁸⁴¹ Proparco et Admaius Capital Partners s'engagent auprès l'École de Médecine Saint Christopher Iba Ma' Diop pour soutenir l'enseignement médical au Sénégal, Proparco (Paris) 20 November 2024. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 31 May 2025. https://www.proparco.fr/fr/actualites/proparco-et-admaius-capital-partners-sengagent-aupres-lecole-de-medecine-saint?origin=/fr/actualites?field_theme_target_id=184

⁵⁸⁴² PLFSS 2025 : Le Gouvernement et les industriels du médicament s'engagent ensemble et pour la première fois dans une dynamique nouvelle de contractualisation afin d'améliorer l'efficacité des dépenses de médicaments et respecter les constructions budgétaires, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/plfss-2025-le-gouvernement-et-les-industriels-du-medicament-s-engagent-ensemble>

⁵⁸⁴³ 458. México y Francia ponen en marcha la Jornada Franco Mexicana de la Salud, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 26 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/458-mexico-y-francia-ponen-en-marcha-la-jornada-franco-mexicana-de-la-salud?idiom=es>

⁵⁸⁴⁴ 3e Journée nationale de l'innovation en santé numérique l'accélération continue : avec plus de 230 projets accompagnés, l'écosystème n'aura jamais été aussi dynamique, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 3 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/3e-journee-nationale-de-l-innovation-en-sante-numerique-l-acceleration-continue>

⁵⁸⁴⁵ Conseil EPSCO Santé : renforcer l'Union européenne de la santé, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 5 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/conseil-epsco-sante-renforcer-l-union-europeenne-de-la-sante>

⁵⁸⁴⁶ President Macron, WHO Director-General, and global health leaders inaugurate WHO Academy in Lyon, World Health Organization (Lyon) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.who.int/news/item/18-12-2024-president-macron-who-director-general-and-global-health-leaders-inaugurate-who-academy-in-lyon>

support health training and innovation, including a focus on technology and artificial intelligence. The Academy aims to strengthen health systems and increase health access and equity. France supported the establishment of the Academy which was launched seven years ago.

On 1 January 2025, the Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare introduced a new version of the child's health record following recommendations from the High Council for Public Health.⁵⁸⁴⁷ The updated document strengthens preventive healthcare by providing parents with comprehensive advice on education without violence, sleep hygiene, screen usage, psychological risks and neurodevelopmental disorder screening.

On 6 January 2025, Minister of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families Catherine Vautrin and colleagues announced seven new projects supported by France 2030 to strengthen the domestic production of 42 essential medicines, mobilizing nearly EUR50 million in funding.⁵⁸⁴⁸ This initiative supports a key priority to reclaim health sovereignty by supporting industrial projects for critical medications that are currently dependent on non-European imports.

On 17 January 2025, Minister of Health and Access to Healthcare Yannick Neuder announced a comprehensive action plan to address sexist and sexual violence in healthcare settings during a visit to the Hospices Civils de Lyon.⁵⁸⁴⁹ The plan introduces nine concrete measures across four key areas: objectively identifying and monitoring violence, removing reporting barriers, strengthening procedural efficiency and raising awareness.

On 3 February 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder negotiated an extension for free access to Wegovy, an obesity treatment, for 3000 patients under treatment until 31 December 2025.⁵⁸⁵⁰ The free supply of Wegovy provided by the Novo Nordisk Laboratory continues for those patients during the transitional time of the Laboratory's price and reimbursement negotiations.

On 4 February 2025, Chief Executive Officer of the AFD Group Rémy Rioux signed an agreement in Dar es Salaam to provide EUR4.2 million in funding to the Aga Khan Foundation, complemented by EUR3 million by the Gates Foundation and EUR2 million by the Aga Khan Foundation.⁵⁸⁵¹ This funding will support cancer awareness and cervical cancer screening programs in Kenya and Tanzania and vaccinate over three million girls against human papillomavirus, supporting inclusive health systems.

On 5 February 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families reported on the development of a simplified methodology for evaluating the carbon footprint of medicines by the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families and the

⁵⁸⁴⁷ Ce qui change au 1er janvier 2025 en matière de santé, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 31 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/ce-qui-change-au-1er-janvier-2025-en-matiere-de-sante>

⁵⁸⁴⁸ France 2030 : Relocalisation des médicaments essentiels, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 6 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/france-2030-relocalisation-des-medicaments-essentiels>

⁵⁸⁴⁹ Violences sexistes et sexuelles en santé (VSS), Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 20 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/violences-sexistes-et-sexuelles--n-sante-vss>

⁵⁸⁵⁰ Wegovy - Continuité de traitement contre l'obésité assurée jusqu'au 31 décembre 2025 pour les 3000 patients actuellement traités, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 3 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/wegovy-continuite-de-traitement-contre-l-obesite-assuree-jusqu-au-31-decembre>

⁵⁸⁵¹ Nouveaux engagements de l'AFD pour l'accès à l'énergie en Afrique subsaharienne et à la santé en Afrique de l'Est, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 4 February 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 31 May 2025.

<https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communiqu-e-de-presse/nouveaux-engagements-de-lafd-pour-lacces-lenergie-en-afrique-subsaharienne-et-la-sante-en-afrique-de-lest?origin=/fr/actualites/communiqu-e-de-presse?page=6>

National Health Insurance Fund.⁵⁸⁵² The methodology aims to support the work done to reduce emissions in the pharmaceutical sector as part of the economic decarbonization priority within the French 2030 Investment Plan.

On 11 February 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder approved reimbursements for saliva tests diagnosing endometriosis as part of the Innovation Package which is a financial support program for innovative technologies in the early stages of clinical development.⁵⁸⁵³ It allows reimbursements for Endotests, the saliva tests that substitute for laparoscopies which are invasive endometriosis examinations.

On 11 February 2025, Minister Neuder announced the official publication of the State of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare in France and the launch of the work aimed at building the roadmap for AI in Healthcare during the Summit for Action on Artificial Intelligence at ParisSanté Campus.⁵⁸⁵⁴ The publication presents actions to support innovation and to assess the benefits and risks of AI for patients and professionals, as well as a framework for evaluation, regulation and ethical considerations of AI.

On 13 February 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families informed the public on the upcoming ban on disposable e-cigarettes in France.⁵⁸⁵⁵ The ban prohibits the sale, manufacture and distribution of disposable e-cigarettes to protect young people from the risks of nicotine addiction and reduce the environmental impact.

On 25 February 2025, Minister for Higher Education and Research Philippe Baptiste, Minister for Industry and Energy Marc Ferracci, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder announced the launch of the fourth National Rare Disease Plan.⁵⁸⁵⁶ The plan aims to support healthcare and caregivers for patients with rare diseases, improve diagnostics, encourage industrial innovation and strategic partnerships and strengthen territorial and European approaches for rare diseases.

On 27 February 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families informed the public on the coming second wave of the software updates for My Health Space, a software for secure sharing of health documents between patients and professionals.⁵⁸⁵⁷ The system updates will gradually happen within the next two years and target the functionality related to medical imaging and community medicine.

⁵⁸⁵² Mise en place d'une méthodologie d'évaluation de l'empreinte carbone des médicaments, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 5 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/mise-en-place-d-une-méthodologie-d-évaluation-de-l-empreinte-carbone-des>

⁵⁸⁵³ Diagnostic de l'endométriose : Catherine Vautrin et Yannick Neuder actent la prise en charge d'un test salivaire à compter du 11 février 2025, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 11 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/diagnostic-de-l-endometrioze-catherine-vautrin-et-yannick-neuder-actent-la>

⁵⁸⁵⁴ Publication de l'état des lieux de l'intelligence artificielle (IA) en santé en France, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 11 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/publication-de-l-etat-des-lieux-de-l-intelligence-artificielle-ia-en-sante-en>

⁵⁸⁵⁵ Interdiction des puffs : un tournant pour la santé et l'environnement, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/interdiction-des-puffs-un-tournant-pour-la-santé-et-l-environnement>

⁵⁸⁵⁶ "Des territoires vers l'Europe" : le Gouvernement lance le 4e plan national consacré aux maladies rares, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/des-territoires-vers-l-europe-le-gouvernement-lance-le-4e-plan-national>

⁵⁸⁵⁷ Ségur numérique and Mon espace santé: launch of wave 2 for medical imaging and community medicine, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/segur-numerique-et-mon-espace-sante-lancement-de-la-vague-2-pour-l-imagerie>

On 7 March 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder announced a series of measures to strengthen access to voluntary termination of pregnancy in France.⁵⁸⁵⁸ These measures include facilitating agreements between healthcare establishments and private professionals, developing instrumental abortion outside of health establishments and advancing communication on abortion to tackle inequalities that persist after enshrining the right of abortion in the Constitution.

On 12 March 2025, Proparco announced a EUR30 million loan for Rönesans Saglik Yatirim AS to support the construction of a large-scale hospital in Kokshetau, Kazakhstan.⁵⁸⁵⁹ The hospital will have 630 beds and support healthcare needs for over 730,000 residents in the region. This action will help to build a more resilient and equitable health system.

On 18 March 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families informed the public on the opportunity of activating their Carte Vitale apps which provides access to digital national health insurance cards.⁵⁸⁶⁰ With 87 per cent of French people possessing a smartphone, the Carte Vitale app provides complimentary digital access to physical health insurance cards.

On 25 March 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder presented the main aspects of the healthcare funding within the National Objective for Hospital Health Insurance Expenditure, totalling EUR109.6 billion in 2025.⁵⁸⁶¹ The targeted funding, increased by 3.8 per cent in 2025 and directed at meeting the needs of patients and professionals, includes EUR400 million allocated to psychiatry and EUR100 million allocated to actions aimed at children and young people's mental health.

On 1 April 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families informed the public that the health insurance's oral health prevention program would become annual starting from the announcement date.⁵⁸⁶² The appointments, allowing children aged 3 to 24 to undergo oral examinations and dental care fully covered by health insurance, are now offered annually instead of every 3 years.

On 16 April 2025, Minister Vautrin, Minister Neuder, and Minister of Health of Saudi Arabia Fahad bin Abdulrahman AlJalajel made a joint announcement noting their desire to strengthen healthcare cooperation.⁵⁸⁶³ The ministers also shared their support for a memorandum of understanding between the Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris and the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, funded by France and Saudi Arabia respectively.

⁵⁸⁵⁸ Renforcement de l'accès à l'IVG : de nouvelles mesures pour garantir un droit effectif pour toutes les femmes, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 7 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/renforcement-de-l-acces-a-l-ivg-de-nouvelles-mesures-pour-garantir-un-droit>

⁵⁸⁵⁹ Proparco renforce son partenariat avec Rönesans Holding pour soutenir les infrastructures hospitalières, Proparco (Paris) 12 March 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 31 May 2025. <https://www.proparco.fr/fr/actualites/proparco-renforce-son-partenariat-avec-ronesans-holding-pour-soutenir-les?origin=/fr/actualites?actuCtnId=140159&page=5>

⁵⁸⁶⁰ Appli carte Vitale : la carte Vitale sur smartphone désormais disponible pour tous les utilisateurs de France Identité, sur l'ensemble du territoire, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 18 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/article/appli-carte-vitale-la-carte-vitale-sur-smartphone-desormais-disponible-pour>

⁵⁸⁶¹ Le Gouvernement annonce une augmentation du financement des établissements de santé en 2025, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 25 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/le-gouvernement-annonce-une-augmentation-du-financement-des-etablissements-de>

⁵⁸⁶² Tout ce qui change à compter d'avril 2025 en matière de santé, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 31 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/tout-ce-qui-change-a-compter-d-avril-2025-en-matiere-de-sante-432905>

⁵⁸⁶³ Communiqué conjoint suite à la visite de Son Excellence Fahad bin Abdulrahman AlJalajel, ministre de la Santé du Royaume d'Arabie saoudite, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 18 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/communiqu%C3%A9-conjoint-suite-a-la-visite-de-son-excellence-fahad-bin-abdulrahman>

On 18 April 2025, the Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare organized a conference on “Fighting Obscurantism and Disinformation in Health.”⁵⁸⁶⁴ The conference featured two interactive roundtables mobilizing voices from academia, media and social institutions to address the rise of misleading health discourse.

On 24 April 2025, Minister Neuder announced an intensification of the vaccination strategy to better protect children and young people in the face of a resurgence of invasive meningococcal infections.⁵⁸⁶⁵ The intensified vaccination strategy incurs the extension of the ACWY and B vaccination obligation for all infants up to the age of 2, including those who have already been vaccinated against meningococcus C.

On 14 May 2025, the Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare launched the “Health of People with Disabilities” mission which aims to develop a more inclusive health system for people with disabilities.⁵⁸⁶⁶ Authorities will spend the next six months developing a concrete plan to support better diagnosis, care, training, monitoring and support systems in this regard, followed by the creation of a committee to implement recommendations.

On 20 May 2025, the ambassador for global health Anne-Claire Amprou co-chaired the WHO talks process to establish the WHO pandemic agreement and Pathogen Access and Benefit-sharing mechanism.⁵⁸⁶⁷ This multilateral agreement aims to strengthen the resilience of global health systems in the face of pandemic threats and the spread of infectious disease.

On 12 June 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families published a press release on the establishment of the regional care system dedicated to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), along with the certification of ADHD resource centers across the country.⁵⁸⁶⁸ Based on a new interministerial instruction from May 2025, each region in France and internationally will establish a regional ADHD care channel for families to access care and a regional directory of trained professionals. This aims to address inequalities and simplify the process of getting support for ADHD.

On 16 June 2025, the Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare and World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe co-hosted a two-day conference on the integration of mental health in European public policies.⁵⁸⁶⁹ The high-level conference focused on prioritizing mental health, discussing determinants of mental health and concrete initiatives focused on suicide prevention and other related needs. Attendees also signed the

⁵⁸⁶⁴ Colloque au ministère pour la lutte contre la désinformation en santé, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 16 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/colloque-au-ministere-pour-la-lutte-contre-la-desinformation-en-sante>

⁵⁸⁶⁵ Journée mondiale de lutte contre la méningite : le ministre de la Santé et de l’Accès aux Soins annonce une intensification de la stratégie vaccinale contre les méningocoques, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 24 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/journee-mondiale-de-lutte-contre-la-meningite-le-ministre-de-la-sante-et-de-l>

⁵⁸⁶⁶ Lancement de la mission « Santé des personnes en situation de handicap » : une ambition forte pour un accès aux soins sans rupture, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 14 May 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 31 May 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/lancement-de-la-mission-sante-des-personnes-en-situation-de-handicap-une>

⁵⁸⁶⁷ WHO adopts landmark pandemic accord, US not bound by pact after opting out, France 24 (Paris) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250520-who-adopts-landmark-pandemic-agreement>

⁵⁸⁶⁸ Une avancée historique pour le TDAH : création d’une filière de soins dédiée et labellisation de centres ressources régionaux, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 12 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://handicap.gouv.fr/une-avancee-historique-pour-le-tdah-creation-dune-filiere-de-soins-dediee-et-labellisation-de-centres-ressources-regionaux>

⁵⁸⁶⁹ La France a accueilli une conférence paneuropéenne de haut niveau sur la santé mentale, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 17 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/la-france-a-accueilli-une-conference-paneuropeenne-de-haut-niveau-sur-la-sante>

Paris Declaration on Mental Health in All Policies, committing to joint action on mental health. The conference is aligned with France's 2025 grand priority to address mental health.

On 20 June 2025, Minister Neuder represented France at the final Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting of European Health Ministers under the Polish Presidency in Luxembourg.⁵⁸⁷⁰ The agenda included Critical Medicinal Products Regulation, conclusions on the mental health of young people and adolescents in the digital age and measures to prevent smoking and alcohol abuse. At France's request, the Council also addressed the issue of health disinformation.

On 24 June 2025, the Digital Health Council met at the Ministry of Health to review progress on the Digital Health Roadmap.⁵⁸⁷¹ The Digital Health Council provides a forum for institutional, public and private stakeholders in e-health to share and exchange ideas on work related to the digital health roadmap.

On 25 June 2025, Minister Neuder announced that France will allocate up to EUR500 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance during a speech at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁵⁸⁷² Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁵⁸⁷³

On 26 June 2025, Minister Neuder and Deputy Minister of Health and Director of the State Epidemiological Service of Ukraine Ihor Kuzin signed a Declaration of Intent aimed at strengthening cooperation and health security between France and Ukraine on the sidelines of the World Health Organization Europe International Conference on Mental Health in All Policies.⁵⁸⁷⁴ The Declaration of Intent identifies ten areas of cooperation between the two countries, including supporting the resilience of the Ukrainian health system, in conjunction with French public and private stakeholders.

On 1 July 2025, Minister Neuder convened a Strategic Committee to announce the first steps of the National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence and the secondary use of health data.⁵⁸⁷⁵ The launched National Strategy aims to organize, protect and leverage data for research, innovation and public policy.

On 21 July 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families published a press release on the culture, health and disability policy proposed by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families that plans on supporting artistic and cultural projects for people in care facilities, medico-social

⁵⁸⁷⁰ Conseil EPSCO du 20 juin : médicaments critiques, santé mentale des jeunes et désinformation en santé au menu, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 27 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/cooperation-europeenne/article/conseil-epSCO-du-20-juin-medicaments-critiques-sante-mentale-des-jeunes-et>

⁵⁸⁷¹ 13e Conseil du Numérique en Santé (CNS) le 24 juin au ministère de la Santé et de l'Accès aux soins, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 25 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/actualites-du-ministere/article/13e-conseil-du-numerique-en-sante-cns-le-24-juin-au-ministere-de-la-sante-et-de>

⁵⁸⁷² Global Summit–2025: Donors pledges - Yannick Neuder, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, France, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvnlPJUaPJ0>; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Just Secured Billions to Protect the Next Generation: How We Got Here, and What Comes Next, Global Citizen (New York) 18 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/gavi-the-vaccine-alliance-has-saved-billions/>

⁵⁸⁷³ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁵⁸⁷⁴ Signature d'une déclaration d'intention entre la France et l'Ukraine pour renforcer la coopération sanitaire, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 26 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/actualites-europeennes-et-internationales/cooperation-bilaterale/article/signature-d-une-declaration-d-intention-entre-la-france-et-l-ukraine-pour>

⁵⁸⁷⁵ Intelligence artificielle et données de santé : une stratégie nationale pour accélérer la recherche et l'innovation en santé, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 1 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiqués-de-presse/article/intelligence-artificielle-et-donnees-de-sante-une-strategie-nationale-pour>

establishments and people with disabilities.⁵⁸⁷⁶ The policy affirms the cultural rights of patients and vulnerable people, applying to caregivers, relatives, families and professionals in the health and social care sectors.

On 22 July 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families reported on the government publication of four major regulatory texts related to strengthening the attractiveness and loyalty of healthcare professionals, both medical and paramedical, working at the Mayotte Hospital Center, following the announcement by Minister Neuder during his visit to Mayotte in April 2025.⁵⁸⁷⁷ The measures described in the regulatory texts aim to increase the density of health professionals in the department.

On 29 July 2025, a new medical evacuations organization operated by the Mayotte Social Security Fund began its activity in Mayotte.⁵⁸⁷⁸ The new establishment is to allow care for social security beneficiaries during scheduled medical evacuations.

On 31 July 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families informed of a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) device to be installed in the Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon Hospital Center, with the EUR2.99 million installation work beginning in October 2025.⁵⁸⁷⁹ This public health project plans to improve medical care by reducing the need for medical evacuations, which are currently essential for MRI examinations.

On 1 September 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder announced the launch of the territorial solidarity measure to combat medical.⁵⁸⁸⁰ The measure aims to provide 2.5 million French people in 151 inter-municipal areas with access to doctors' appointments, while offering doctors practical medical assistance tools and a flat-rate compensation of EUR200 per day.

On 1 September 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families published a press release on the expansion of the neonatal screening program to include three new rare diseases.⁵⁸⁸¹ The neonatal screening program expansion allows all French newborns to undergo 16 screening after birth, now including the tests for severe combined immunodeficiencies, infantile spinal muscular atrophy and very-long-chain acyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency.

⁵⁸⁷⁶ Culture et Santé : Rachida DATI, ministre de la Culture, Yannick NEUDER, ministre chargé de la Santé et de l'Accès aux Soins, et Charlotte PARMENTIER-LECOCQ, ministre déléguée chargée de l'Autonomie et du Handicap, signent une nouvelle convention interministérielle, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 21 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/culture-et-sante-rachida-dati-ministre-de-la-culture-yannick-neuder-ministre>

⁵⁸⁷⁷ Attractivité des métiers de la santé à Mayotte : des mesures concrètes, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 22 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/professionnels/se-former-s-installer-exercer/article/attractivite-des-metiers-de-la-sante-a-mayotte-des-mesures-concretes>

⁵⁸⁷⁸ EVASAN à Mayotte : une nouvelle organisation au service des patients, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 29 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/evasan-a-mayotte-une-nouvelle-organisation-au-service-des-patients>

⁵⁸⁷⁹ Une première IRM à Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, début des travaux en octobre : un tournant pour l'offre de soins sur l'archipel, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités et des Familles (Paris) 31 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/une-premiere-irm-a-saint-pierre-et-miquelon-debut-des-travaux-en-octobre-un>

⁵⁸⁸⁰ Un médecin près de chez vous : mise en œuvre concrète du pacte de lutte contre les déserts médicaux à travers le lancement de la mesure de solidarité territoriale, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 1 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites-presse/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/un-medecin-pres-de-chez-vous-mise-en-oeuvre-concrete-du-pacte-de-lutte-contre>

⁵⁸⁸¹ Dépistage néonatal : 3 nouvelles maladies désormais détectées dès la naissance, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 1 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites-presse/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/depistage-neonatal-3-nouvelles-maladies-desormais-detectees-des-la-naissance>

On 3 September 2025, Minister Vautrin established a Monitoring Committee for the Child Health and Pediatrics Conference held in May 2024.⁵⁸⁸² The Monitoring Committee, co-chaired by Adrien Taquet and Professor Christèle Gras-Le-Guen, brings together medical and scientific experts as well as all the central administrations to ensure the implementation of the actions announced at the Conference and to regularly assess the progress made.

On 4 September 2025, France launched the National Strategy for Neurodegenerative Diseases 2025-2030 which outlines 37 measures to respond to the projected doubling of the number of people with non-rare neurodegenerative diseases in France by 2050.⁵⁸⁸³ Led by the Ministries of Health, Autonomy, Disability and Higher Education, the new strategy is structured around six axes, including prevention, early detection and improved care.

On 4 September 2025, Minister Neuder announced the winners of the first wave of the call for projects related to Digital Medical Devices in Mental Health.⁵⁸⁸⁴ The winning projects will support innovative in the field of digital technology in mental health and psychiatry.

On 25 September 2025, the Ministry of Labor, Health, Solidarity and Families announced that the My Health Space platform that allows French citizens to have access to their health data useful for their medical monitoring will now enable users to populate their virtual profiles with data from trusted external applications selected by public authorities.⁵⁸⁸⁵

On 30 September 2025, Ministerial Delegate for Mental Health and Psychiatry Professor Frank Bellivier, Advisor for International Affairs Simon Vasseur-Bacle and Deputy Delegate for European and International Affairs Dr. Jérôme Weinbach represented France at the sixth Global Ministerial Summit on Mental Health held in Doha, under the theme “Transforming Mental Health through Investment, Innovation and Digital Solutions.”⁵⁸⁸⁶ During the three-day summit, the French delegation presented its measures for mental health, noted that mental health is the Great National Cause 2025 in France and co-organized a plenary session on the “moral injury” of caregivers with the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

France has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. France has taken action to build sustainable and resilient health systems through funding for domestic medications production, agreements with pharmaceutical companies to reduce healthcare

⁵⁸⁸² Installation du comité de suivi des Assises de la santé de l'enfant et de la pédiatrie, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 3 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites-presse/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/installation-du-comite-de-suivi-des-assises-de-la-sante-de-l-enfant-et-de-la>

⁵⁸⁸³ Lancement de la Stratégie nationale Maladies Neurodégénératives 2025-2030, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 21 September 2023. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://solidarites.gouv.fr/strategie-nationale-maladies-neurodegeneratives-lancement-des-travaux-de-concertation>

⁵⁸⁸⁴ France 2030 : 3 projets lauréats de l'appel à projets "Dispositifs médicaux numériques en santé mentale" et 29 expérimentations lauréates pour les tiers lieux d'expérimentation, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 8 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites-presse/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/france-2030-3-projets-laureats-de-l-appel-a-projets-dispositifs-medicaux>

⁵⁸⁸⁵ Une 1ère application référencée au « catalogue de services » à pouvoir alimenter Mon espace santé avec les données de glucose de personnes diabétiques, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 25 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/actualites-presse/presse/communiques-de-presse/article/une-1ere-application-referencee-au-catalogue-de-services-a-pouvoir-alimenter>

⁵⁸⁸⁶ La France engagée au 6^e Sommet mondial de la santé mentale à Doha : du consensus politique à l'action concrète, Ministère du Travail, de la Santé, des Solidarités, des Familles, de l'Autonomie et des Personnes handicapées (Paris) 3 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://sante.gouv.fr/ministere/europe-et-international/la-sante-mondiale/article/la-france-engagee-au-6eE1B5%89-sommet-mondial-de-la-sante-mentale-a-doha-du>

costs, pledge for Gavi and the National Objective for Hospital Health Insurance Expenditure. It has also addressed equity and inclusivity through extended free access to obesity medication, reimbursements for saliva tests for endometriosis, changes to the oral health plan, fourth National Rare Disease Plan, new mission to support people with disabilities and funding through the AFD. Additionally, it has supported the provision of integrated people-centered health services through the child's health record, Carte Vitale apps, establishment of an ADHD regional care system and funding actions aimed at supporting children and young people's mental health.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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On 28 November 2024, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development announced that it will provide EUR276 million to South Africa, marking the conclusion of intergovernmental negotiations.⁵⁸⁸⁷ Of this, a portion of EUR76 million will be allocated towards strengthening vaccine production in South Africa.

On 2 December 2024, Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach presented an action plan to foster “a diverse, inclusive and barrier-free healthcare system.”⁵⁸⁸⁸ The plan seeks to limit barriers to healthcare for people with disabilities by expanding accessibility in healthcare and long-term care, promoting inclusive and culturally sensitive health communication, creating inclusive digitization of health services and sustainably reducing racism and discrimination in healthcare.

On 9 December 2024, KfW Development Bank and Mongolia's Ministry of Health signed a debt conversion agreement worth EUR29 million.⁵⁸⁸⁹ Through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's Debt2Health mechanism, Mongolia's debt will be converted into public health investments for tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment, HIV services and to enhance an efficient and integrated health system.

On 16 December 2024, Germany and Indonesia, supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, signed a EUR75 million agreement to convert Indonesia's debt into public health investments.⁵⁸⁹⁰ The agreement uses the Debt2Health mechanism to improve Indonesia's ability to combat malaria and tuberculosis, fund sustainable health infrastructure in Indonesia and promote the local production of medicines.

⁵⁸⁸⁷ Germany remains important partner for South Africa's socially just energy transition, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/archive-press-releases/germany-supports-south-africas-socially-just-energy-transition-239574>

⁵⁸⁸⁸ Lauterbach legt Aktionsplan für ein diverses, inklusives und barrierefreies Gesundheitswesen vor, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/aktionsplan-barrierefreies-gesundheitswesen-pm-02-12-24.html>

⁵⁸⁸⁹ Germany and Mongolia Convert €29 Million Debt into Public Health Investments with Global Fund Support, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Geneva) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2024-12-09-germany-mongolia-convert-29-million-euro-debt-public-health-investments/>

⁵⁸⁹⁰ Germany and Indonesia Sign Landmark €75 Million Debt Conversion Agreement to Strengthen Public Health, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Geneva) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2024-12-16-germany-indonesia-sign-landmark-debt-conversion-agreement/>

On 20 December 2024, the Federal Council approved a 0.2 per cent increase to the contribution rate for social long-term care insurance from 3.4 per cent to 3.6 per cent.⁵⁸⁹¹ This increase will be effective on 1 January 2025.

On 15 January 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a pilot project for the electronic patient record (ePA) in Franconia, Hamburg and parts of North Rhine-Westphalia.⁵⁸⁹² The ePA will allow patients and medical care providers to better monitor diagnoses, findings and medications and will also allow for expedited research and medical innovation to benefit German patients.

On 28 January 2025, the Ministry of Health drafted a legal regulation to establish a Transformation Fund for hospital restructuring.⁵⁸⁹³ The Transformation Fund will receive EUR50 billion to oversee hospital transformation through the creation of cross-sectoral, specialty and emergency care facilities, telemedicine infrastructure and new training capabilities.

On 28 January 2025, Germany and Norway signed a bilateral health partnership.⁵⁸⁹⁴ The partnership includes collaboration to improve health preparedness and healthcare quality, use digitalization and artificial intelligence to improve health systems and address the effects of climate change on health.

On 31 January 2025, the Bundestag passed the Health Care Strengthening Act.⁵⁸⁹⁵ The act will allow for general primary care services to be reimbursed in full, increase efficiency for those with mild chronic illnesses and disabilities and expand access to emergency contraceptives in cases with evidence of sexual abuse or rape.

On 10 February 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a EUR73 million funded Long Covid and Post Covid research network.⁵⁸⁹⁶ The findings of this research will guide measures to strengthen patient care. This network has been paired with an upcoming EUR45 million investment for long-Covid research through the second funding priority on Pilot Research Projects “Model Measures for the Care of Children and Adolescents with Long COVID and Diseases with a Similar Cause or Symptom.”

On 13 February 2025, Minister Lauterbach launched the Federal Institute of Public Health.⁵⁸⁹⁷ The new institute integrates the existing research-oriented Robert Koch Institute with the communication-based Federal Centre for Health. This allows for more effective coordination of health research and health communication around infectious diseases and vaccinations and stronger promotion of measures around physical and mental health.

⁵⁸⁹¹ Bundesrat billigt Stabilisierung der Pflegefinanzen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 20 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bundesrat-billigt-stabilisierung-der-pflegefinanzen.html>

⁵⁸⁹² ePA für alle in Modellregionen gestartet, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 15 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/epa-fuer-alle-in-modellregionen-gestartet.html>

⁵⁸⁹³ Lauterbach: Krankenhausreform scharf gestellt, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 28 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/lauterbach-krankenhausreform-scharf-gestellt-pm-28-1-2025.html>

⁵⁸⁹⁴ Germany and Norway sign Health Partnership, Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/news/germany-and-norway-sign-health-partnership.html>

⁵⁸⁹⁵ Lauterbach: „Mehr Zeit für neue Patienten“, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 31 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bundestag-beschliesst-gesundheitsversorgungsstaerkungsgesetz-pm-31-01-25.html>

⁵⁸⁹⁶ BMG-Forschungsnetzwerk zu Long COVID startet, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 10 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bmg-forschungsnetzwerk-zu-long-covid-startet-pm-10-02-2025.html>

⁵⁸⁹⁷ BZgA in Bundesinstitut für Öffentliche Gesundheit (BiÖG) umbenannt, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bzga-in-bundesinstitut-fuer-oeffentliche-gesundheit-bioeg-umbenannt-pm-13-02-25.html>

On 14 February 2025, the Federal Council approved a regulation to improve outpatient psychotherapeutic care for vulnerable groups including those with intellectual disabilities, mental disabilities and addiction.⁵⁸⁹⁸ The regulation focuses on integrated people-centered care that considers personal and social circumstances and requires doctors to cooperate with social services including social pediatric centres, medical treatment centres, addiction or crisis support facilities and other facilities like homeless services to ensure appropriate care. The regulation aims to ensure additional treatment capabilities.

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On 7 March 2025, the Government Commission for Modern and Needs-Based Hospital Care presented its final statements on hospital reform.⁵⁹⁰⁰ Building upon existing hospital reforms, the commission called for further reforms to build a more integrated and comprehensive healthcare system. The report proposes the creation of an incentive system and increased joint funding from the federal and state governments.

On 21 March 2025, the Federal Council approved a Transformation Fund for hospital restructuring.⁵⁹⁰¹ The Transformation Fund will receive EUR50 billion to oversee hospital transformation through the creation of cross-sectoral, specialty and emergency care facilities, telemedicine infrastructure and new training capabilities.

On 2 April 2025, Minister Lauterbach announced that Germany will supply an additional EUR2 million to the World Health Organization (WHO).⁵⁹⁰² The additional funds seek to offset some of the impact of the United States' withdrawal from WHO and strengthen core competencies including global health surveillance, pandemic prevention, disease control and equitable access to healthcare.

On 16 April 2025, Minister Lauterbach welcomed the WHO's Pandemic Agreement.⁵⁹⁰³ The agreement seeks to expedite communication around viruses and pathogens with pandemic potential, speeding up the effective allocation of vaccines and medicines to combat outbreaks.

⁵⁸⁹⁸ Zielgerichtete und niedrigschwellige psychotherapeutische Hilfe für vulnerable Menschen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 14 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/zielgerichtete-und-niedrigschwellige-psychotherapeutische-hilfe-fuer-vulnerable-menschen-pm-14-02-25.html>

⁵⁸⁹⁹ Bundesrat beschließt Gesundheitsversorgungsstärkungsgesetz, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 14 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bundesrat-beschliesst-gesundheitsversorgungsstaerkungsgesetz-pm-14-02-25.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁰ Regierungskommission legt abschließende Stellungnahmen zur Krankenhausreform vor, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 7 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/regierungskommission-legt-abschliessende-stellungnahmen-zur-krankenhausreform-vor-pm-07-03-2025.html>

⁵⁹⁰¹ Transformationsfonds beschlossen - Lauterbach: Krankenhausreform nimmt wichtige Hürde, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/transaktionsfonds-beschlossen-pm-21-03-2025.html>

⁵⁹⁰² Deutschland unterstützt Weltgesundheitsorganisation, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 2 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/deutschland-unterstuetzt-who-pm-02-04-2025.html>

⁵⁹⁰³ Lauterbach begrüßt Japan, Südkorea, Singapur und das Vereinigte Königreich auf internationales Pandemieabkommen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 16 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/lauterbach-begruesst-who-einigung-auf-internationales-pandemieabkommen.html>

On 28 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the expansion and countrywide launch of the ePA on 29 April 2025.⁵⁹⁰⁴ The ePA will allow patients and medical care providers to better monitor diagnoses, findings and medications and allow for expedited research and medical innovation to benefit patients.

On 5 May 2025, the Scientific Advisory Board for the Ministry of Health's Skilled Workforce Monitoring held its inaugural meeting.⁵⁹⁰⁵ The board aims to address the growing shortage of skilled workers in the German healthcare system and provide support to create and develop a skilled worker monitoring program.

On 15 May 2025, Minister of Health Nina Warken presented the Ministry of Health's plan to Parliament.⁵⁹⁰⁶ The plan reaffirms Germany's commitment to ensuring quality, people-centered and affordable healthcare, while acknowledging existing inefficiencies, shortages of skilled workers and insufficient digitization. It also pushes for further hospital reform and expanded digitization efforts.

On 17 May 2025, Minister Warken outlined the Ministry of Health's priorities.⁵⁹⁰⁷ This includes prioritizing the introduction of a family doctor model for care, addressing strained health financing and expanding hospital reform.

On 18 May 2025, Minister of Health Nina Warken announced an additional EUR10 million in funding for the WHO.⁵⁹⁰⁸ This funding will support strengthening global health systems, in light of the United States' withdrawal from the WHO.

On 20 May 2025, Germany voted in favour of the WHO Pandemic Agreement at the 78th World Health Assembly.⁵⁹⁰⁹ The adopted agreement aims to build resilience in global health systems to mitigate the adverse impacts of pandemics. This reaffirms Germany's commitment to building more resilient health systems for all.

On 27 May 2025, Minister Warken addressed the 129th German Medical Association.⁵⁹¹⁰ The address highlighted the importance of medical professionals in pursuing healthcare reforms and reaffirmed the Ministry of Health's plan to incorporate artificial intelligence and electronic patient records to build a stronger and more sustainable health system.

⁵⁹⁰⁴ ePA für alle startet morgen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/epa-fuer-alle-startet-morgen-pm-28-04-2025.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁵ Wissenschaftlicher Beirat für das BMG-Fachkräftemonitoring hat sich konstituiert, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 8 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/konstituierung-fachkraeftemonitoring-08-05-25.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁶ Warken: „Eine gute, bedarfsgerechte und bezahlbare Gesundheitsversorgung für alle sichern,“ Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 15 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/reden/rede/warken-eine-gute-bezahlbare-gesundheitsversorgung-fuer-alle-sichern.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁷ Warken: „Mehr Steuerung und Ordnung in das Gesundheitssystem,“ Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 17 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/interviews/interview/rnd-17-05-25.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁸ Germany backs World Health Organization, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 18 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/news/germany-backs-world-health-organization-pr-18-05-25.html>

⁵⁹⁰⁹ Countries sign off on global pandemic treaty at annual WHO meeting in Geneva, Euronews (Lyon) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.euronews.com/health/2025/05/20/countries-sign-off-on-global-pandemic-treaty-at-annual-who-meeting-in-geneva>

⁵⁹¹⁰ Warken: Austausch mit der Ärzteschaft ist entscheidend für Gesundheitsreformen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025.

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/deutscher-aerztetag-27-05-25.html>

On 20 June 2025, Minister Warken attended the European Union Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting in Luxembourg.⁵⁹¹¹ The meeting included proposals to create initiatives to build resilient European medical supply chains and encourage innovative and complete production in the European pharmaceutical industry.

On 24 June 2025, the Federal Cabinet allocated substantial funding from the federal budget towards statutory health insurance and social long-term care insurance.⁵⁹¹² This includes EUR4.6 billion in additional loans for statutory health insurance (SHI). Furthermore, the Federal Cabinet agreed to finance the Hospital Transformation Fund using federal funds, thereby reducing expenditures for the SHI by up to EUR2.5 billion for ten years. Additionally, the government will grant loans worth EUR0.5 billion in 2025 and EUR1.5 billion in 2026 to help stabilize the social long-term care insurance system.

On 25 June 2025, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Reem Alabali Radovan announced that Germany will allocate EUR600 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Gavi Replenishment Conference in Brussels.⁵⁹¹³ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁵⁹¹⁴

On 3 July 2025, Minister Warken met with state health ministers to discuss the implementation of hospital reform.⁵⁹¹⁵ The implementation plan includes assurances of federal funding for transformation costs and the establishment of exceptions and cooperative agreements to ensure quality care in rural environments.

On 7 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the creation of a Federal-State Working Group on Long-term Care Reform.⁵⁹¹⁶ The working group will focus on sustainable financing for long-term care insurance, strengthening outpatient and home care and limiting bureaucratic barriers to long-term care.

On 16 July 2025, the Federal Cabinet approved amendments to the International Health Regulations, incorporating pandemic emergencies which will enable the WHO to “issue temporary recommendations in a pandemic.”⁵⁹¹⁷ The amendments also require parties to the regulations to communicate with the WHO in a timely manner and increase core capacities to address public health emergencies, with a coordination mechanism to be established under the World Health Assembly for this purpose and to ensure financial efficiency. Pending approval from the Federal Council, this action will support strengthened global health security.

⁵⁹¹¹ Warken: We want to make the supply of medicinal products more secure, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/news/federal-minister-of-health-at-epsco-in-luxembourg-20-06-25.html>

⁵⁹¹² Bundesregierung stützt Sozialversicherungen, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 24 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bundesregierung-stuetzt-sozialversicherungen-pm-24-06-25.html>

⁵⁹¹³ Deutschland bleibt verlässlicher Partner bei der Bekämpfung von weltweiten Krankheiten, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Bonn) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/deutschland-partner-bei-bekaempfung-weltweiter-krankheiten-257036>

⁵⁹¹⁴ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁵⁹¹⁵ Warken: Wir machen die Krankenhausreform alltagstauglich, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 3 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/warken-wir-machen-die-krankenhausreform-alltagstauglich-03-07-2025.html>

⁵⁹¹⁶ Bund-Länder-AG zur Pflegereform gestartet, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 7 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/bund-laender-ag-zur-pflegereform-gestartet-pm-07-07-25.html>

⁵⁹¹⁷ Kabinett beschließt Anpassung der Internationalen Gesundheitsvorschriften, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 16 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/kabinett-anpassung-igv-16-07-25.html>

On 6 August 2025, the Federal Government passed a draft law to introduce a nationwide nursing assistant training program.⁵⁹¹⁸ The new uniform program will replace 27 existing state programs allowing skilled health workers to more easily move between different regions of Germany.

On 6 August 2025, the Federal Cabinet approved a draft law to expand professional nurses' scope of practice in line with their competencies and reduce bureaucracy in nursing.⁵⁹¹⁹ The legislation will allow nurses to provide some health services previously offered only by doctors. It will also simplify bureaucratic processes allowing nurses to focus on patient care. In addition, the law contains regulations to enable the provision of care in innovative living arrangements, to strengthen local care structures, and to implement time-critical regulation, in particular to guarantee stable contribution rates to healthcare insurance in 2026. The Bundestag passed the law on 6 November 2025.

On 12 September 2025, Minister Warken appointed members of the Health Finance Commission.⁵⁹²⁰ The commission is made up of experts in law, medicine, economics, ethics and public health. It will serve as an independent body to propose measures to stabilize health financing in Germany.

On 16 September 2025, Minister Warken announced a series of pharmacy reforms.⁵⁹²¹ These reforms aim to stabilize pharmacy financing, guarantee accessibility to rural pharmacies, reduce bureaucracy and expand pharmaceutical services to include more vaccination and testing options and prescription of some medications without a doctor.

On 12 October 2025, Minister of Development Reem Alabali Radovan announced that Germany will provide EUR1 billion to the Global Fund to Fight HIV /AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria over the next three years during the World Health Summit in Berlin.⁵⁹²² This includes EUR100 million in debt-to-health swaps which support developing countries to enhance health services and debt sustainability.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Germany has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through debt conversion agreements under the Global Fund's Debt2Health initiative, an increase in the contribution rate for long-term care insurance, a Transformation Fund for hospital restructuring, the Health Care Strengthening Act, funding for the WHO, pledging funding for Gavi and creating a network and allocating funding for research on long-Covid. It has also taken strong action for the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through a national suicide prevention law, regulation to improve integrated people-centered psychotherapeutic care, the countrywide launch of the ePA and substantial funding for health and long-term care insurance.

⁵⁹¹⁸ Kabinett beschließt weitere Befugnisse für Pflegekräfte und Entbürokratisierung in der Pflege, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 6 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/weitere-befugnisse-fuer-pflegekraefte-und-entbuerokratisierung-in-der-pflege-pm-06-08-25.html>

⁵⁹¹⁹ Kabinett beschließt Einführung eines neuen Berufsbildes Pflegefachassistenz, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 6 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/einfuehrung-neues-berufsbild-pflegefachassistenz-pm-06-08-25.html>

⁵⁹²⁰ Bundesgesundheitsministerin Warken stellt GKV-Kommission vor, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 12 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/finanzkommission-gesundheit-pm-12-09-2025.html>

⁵⁹²¹ Warken: Wir stärken die Apotheken vor Ort – jetzt und für die Zukunft, Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (Bonn) 16 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministerium/meldungen/apothekenreform-16-09-25.html#c33029>

⁵⁹²² Deutschland sagt eine Milliarde Euro für den Kampf gegen Aids, Tuberkulose und Malaria zu, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 12 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/weltgesundheitsgipfel-274284>

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 22 November 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Banaras Hindu University and the Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide enhanced funding and technical support to the Institute of Medical Sciences.⁵⁹²³ The agreement seeks to enhance health care services to residents in the region, reduce out-of-pocket expenditures and improve quality of health care services through grants.

On 3 December 2024, Minister of Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav announced the creation of a three-tier grievance redressal system to resolve issues faced by healthcare service users under the AB PM-JAY program.⁵⁹²⁴ The system attempts to improve participation of hospitals and increase the coordination of support to beneficiaries of the program through guidelines set for level of grievances and the level at which those grievances are filed.

On 7 December 2024, Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda launched a 100-day initiative to reduce tuberculosis (TB) incidence and mortality.⁵⁹²⁵ The campaign aims to streamline TB treatment, increase case detection and reduce mortality rate of TB by deploying mobile detection systems to increase detection and treatment.

On 24 December 2024, the government announced the provision of INR780 million to Sri Lanka to fund healthcare development projects in Sri Lanka's eastern province.⁵⁹²⁶ This initiative aims to strengthen socioeconomic ties between the two countries in addition to providing increased access to healthcare resources.

On 8 January 2025, Minister Nadda announced projects to review ongoing initiatives to enhance medical services for Assam.⁵⁹²⁷ The announcement aims to introduce more specialty departments in the region that target diverse health issues.

On 10 January 2025, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Government of Telangana hosted a workshop on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to increase awareness of policies to strengthen their prevention, screening, management and treatment.⁵⁹²⁸ The joint mission aims to emphasize a need for inter-

⁵⁹²³ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signs MoU with Banaras Hindu University and Ministry of Education to provide support to Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU on the lines of new AIIMS set up under PMSSY, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 22 November 2024. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2076022>

⁵⁹²⁴ Measures taken for improving Claim Settlements under AB PM-JAY, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2080068>

⁵⁹²⁵ Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda launches 100-day intensified nationwide campaign to reduce TB incidence and mortality in Panchkula, Haryana, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 7 December 2024. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2081919>

⁵⁹²⁶ India to fund development projects worth ₹2,37' million in Sri Lanka's eastern province, The Hindu (New Delhi) 24 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-to-fund-development-projects-worth-2371million-in-sri-lankas-eastern-province/article69022183.ece>

⁵⁹²⁷ Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda Strengthens Healthcare in Assam with New Projects and Review of Ongoing Initiatives, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2091222>

⁵⁹²⁸ Union Health Ministry organizes National Workshop on Non-Communicable Diseases in Hyderabad, Telangana, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2091673>

sectoral collaboration on addressing growing burden of NCDs through increased dialogue between policymakers and health professionals.

On 24 January 2025, Minister Nadda and United Kingdom Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Wes Streeting renewed a five-year partnership between India and the United Kingdom to strengthen health cooperation.⁵⁹²⁹ The partnership aims to focus on developing sustainable strategies to tackle issues such as antimicrobial resistance and incorporating digital health into health systems.

On 30 January 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto met to strengthen their health sectors.⁵⁹³⁰ India committed to providing direct training for Indonesian healthcare workers, which will facilitate enhanced quality of workers. India and Indonesia also signed a memorandum of understanding to develop health worker capacity, facilitate the transfer of pharmaceutical materials and support vaccine production. Both countries aim to increase accessibility and quality in healthcare through these initiatives.

On 24 March 2025, former Supreme Court Justice Shripati Ravindra Bhat led the second meeting of the National Task Force on the Mental Health Concerns of Students and the Prevention of Suicides in Higher Educational Institutions to recommend measures to improve student welfare and mental health.⁵⁹³¹ This initiative attempts to identify the causes of deteriorating mental health in students, analyze the effectiveness of welfare and mental health policies and propose institutional reforms to promote a supportive academic environment.

On 23 April 2025, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions launched a new curriculum to ensure uniformity for healthcare education.⁵⁹³² This initiative seeks to provide clearer course guidelines, eligibility criteria, training methods and institutional requirements for medical education institutes beginning in 2026. The new curriculum will focus on universal health coverage, holistic practices and practical training.

On 24 April 2025, Minister Nadda inaugurated the National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination campaign to achieve 100 per cent immunization coverage for measles and rubella vaccinations by 2026.⁵⁹³³ This measure aims to mitigate risks of non-vaccination and increase quality of life in highly susceptible areas including slums with limited healthcare facilities.

On 20 May 2025, Prime Minister Modi addressed the 78th World Health Assembly, highlighting India's inclusive health reforms.⁵⁹³⁴ He discussed the Ayushman Bharat as an example of a publicly funded healthcare scheme covering over 580 million Indians, including all individual over the age of 70. Prime Minister Modi also reaffirmed India's commitment to inclusive health systems by highlighting health centre networks aimed at

⁵⁹²⁹ India, UK renew 5-yr partnership to strengthen health cooperation, The Tribune (New Delhi) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/india-uk-renews-partnership-on-health-and-life-sciences/>

⁵⁹³⁰ Indonesia, Indi' boost health workers' skills in key medical fields, Antara (Jakarta) 30 January 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/343162/indonesia-india-boost-health-workers-skills-in-key-medical-fields>

⁵⁹³¹ Student Mental Health in Focus as National Efforts Intensify on Suicide Prevention and Well-being, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 12 April 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2121572>

⁵⁹³² Union Health Ministry launches New Competency-Based Curricula for ten Allied and Healthcare Professions in collaboration with the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 23 April 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123765>

⁵⁹³³ Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda launches National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination campaign on the occasion of World Immunization Week, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2124032>

⁵⁹³⁴ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the 78th Session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/39506/Prime_Minister_Shri_Narendra_Modi_addresses_the_78th_Session_of_the_World_Health_Assembly_in_Geneva_May_20_2025

addressing chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, as well as offering affordable medicines through the Jan Aushadhi program.

On 20 May 2025, Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava held a meeting with Nepal's Minister of Health and Population Pradip Paudel.⁵⁹³⁵ The meeting focused on bilateral issues on health including ensuring affordable drugs, addressing communicable and noncommunicable diseases, digital health and building the capacity of the health workforce.

On 21 May 2025, Secretary Srivastava addressed the plenary session of the World Health Assembly, reaffirming India's commitment to global health equity.⁵⁹³⁶ He also reaffirmed India's commitment towards comprehensive and universal healthcare access.

On 25 June 2025, Minister Nadda pledged USD20 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁵⁹³⁷ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁵⁹³⁸

On 26 June 2025, the Indian Council of Medical Research initiated the process of procuring two more mobile BSL-3 laboratories.⁵⁹³⁹ The acquisition of the laboratories aims to improve infectious disease outbreak response capabilities and the delivery of health services in remote and inaccessible areas.

On 5 July 2025, Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Trinidad and Tobago, reaffirming commitments to enhance pharmaceutical trade and healthcare collaboration.⁵⁹⁴⁰ The memorandum highlights increasing accessibility of affordable medications to citizens and alleviating pressure on both public and private healthcare systems.

On 9 July 2025, Prime Minister Modi signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation in health and medicine with Namibia.⁵⁹⁴¹ The move aims to strengthen bilateral cooperation on health and health systems between India and Namibia.

On 22 July 2025, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released a national fact sheet on adolescent and youth mental health in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences.⁵⁹⁴² The national fact sheet was released alongside a supplementary training module

⁵⁹³⁵ India, Nepal strengthen health cooperation at WHA78 bilateral meeting in Geneva, The Tribune (Chandigarh) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/affordable-drugs/india-nepal-strengthen-health-cooperation-at-wha78-bilateral-meeting-in-geneva>

⁵⁹³⁶ India reaffirms global health commitment at 78th World Health Assembly, The Tribune (Chandigarh) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/world/india-reaffirms-global-health-commitment-at-78th-world-health-assembly/>

⁵⁹³⁷ World leaders recommit to immunisation amid global funding shortfall, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/news/media-room/world-leaders-recommit-immunisation-amid-global-funding-shortfall>

⁵⁹³⁸ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁵⁹³⁹ ICMR to procure 2 more mobile BSL-3 labs to boost India's outbreak response, Business Standard (New Delhi) 26 June 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/icmr-to-procure-2-more-mobile-bsl-3-labs-to-boost-india-outbreak-response-125062600048_1.html

⁵⁹⁴⁰ Business chambers back India MoUs for trade, health growth, Saturday Express (Port of Spain) 5 July 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. https://trinidadexpress.com/business/local/business-chambers-back-india-mous-for-trade-health-growth/article_e3770447-e715-462c-8847-e9384240012b.html

⁵⁹⁴¹ List of Outcomes : Prime Minister's visit to Namibia (July 09, 2025), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 9 July 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/39788/List+of+Outcomes++Prime+Ministers+visit+to+Namibia+July+09+2025>

⁵⁹⁴² GoI and UNICEF: Peer-Support Critical for Adolescent Mental Health, UNICEF India (Bhopal) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.unicef.org/india/press-releases/goi-and-unicef-peer-support-critical-adolescent-mental-health>

titled ‘I Support My Friends’ and aims to equip adolescents in India with the necessary tools to identify and support those with emotional distress amid the country’s growing youth mental health crisis.

On 6 August 2025, the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy at the Ministry of Ayush and WHO hosted the inaugural session of the WHO–International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines Workshops on the safety, regulation, efficacy and intended use of herbal medicines.⁵⁹⁴³ The three-day workshops aimed to enhance global coordination and collaboration to strengthen the safety, quality and efficacy of herbal medicines and ensure integrated healthcare.

On 8 August 2025, the National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Higher Educational Institutions launched its website.⁵⁹⁴⁴ The task force website serves to obtain perspectives from various stakeholders, including students, parents and faculty in higher education institutions as well as the general public through surveys in English and Hindi on campus environment, inclusivity, suggestions for student wellbeing and other related themes. This initiative takes a step towards people centered mental health services in India’s systems of support for students.

On 12 August 2025, Secretary Srivastava launched the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems through federal-state collaboration.⁵⁹⁴⁵ This initiative aims to increase transparency, improve the performance of state regulatory authorities and ensure drug safety and quality.

On 21 August 2025, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Department of Health Research (DHR) hosted a two-day regional meeting bringing together senior delegates from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Timor-Leste.⁵⁹⁴⁶ The meeting focused on strengthening national research systems, promoting cross-border collaboration and translating scientific findings into policy and programme action to advance regional progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 23 August 2025, the ICMR and DHR met with representatives from Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste for a regional dialogue on strengthening health research systems.⁵⁹⁴⁷ This dialogue on regional health priorities, pandemic preparedness, maternal health and medical innovation seeks to ensure health research directly informs policy, addresses regional priorities and builds sustainable future health systems.

On 29 August 2025, the Ministry of Ayush chaired the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi under the theme “Bridging Tradition and Innovation”.⁵⁹⁴⁸ The Minister highlighted the global rise of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy (Ayush) and called for deeper cooperation among BRICS countries in Ayush, innovation and sustainable health-growth frameworks.

⁵⁹⁴³ WHO–IRCH International Workshop Begins in PCIM&H, Ghaziabad, PIB Delhi (New Delhi) 6 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2153227>

⁵⁹⁴⁴ National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Launches Website to Invite Stakeholder Inputs, Ministry of Education PIB Delhi (New Delhi) 8 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2154425>

⁵⁹⁴⁵ Union Health Ministry Launches SHRESTH – State Health Regulatory Excellence Index, a first-of-its-kind national initiative to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems through a transparent, data-driven framework, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 12 August 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2155722>

⁵⁹⁴⁶ DHR-ICMR hosts International Meeting on Health Research and Innovations in Public Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 21 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2158874>

⁵⁹⁴⁷ South & Southeast Asian Nations unite to strengthen health research systems through collaboration, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 23 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2160028>

⁵⁹⁴⁸ Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav presides over BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi, AYUSH (New Delhi) 29 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2161886>

On 4 September 2025, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Pfizer Limited to accelerate the “lab-to-market” journey of health-innovations in India, aiming to strengthen the innovation ecosystem, promote scale-up of Indigenous medical technologies and deepen public-private collaboration in healthcare delivery.⁵⁹⁴⁹

On 4 September 2025, India announced a broad-based goods and services tax (GST) rationalization package under the theme “A Step Towards Affordable Healthcare for All”.⁵⁹⁵⁰ The reform reduces GST on essential medicines, medical devices, vision-care goods, fitness services and diabetic foods, while exempting health-insurance premiums from GST.

On 4 September 2025, the ICMR licensed nine breakthrough health technologies including diagnostics for Japanese Encephalitis, Dengue, Chikungunya, Monkeypox and Nipah and vaccines for Salmonella and Shigella to industry partners under its Patent Mitra initiative at the India MedTech Expo 2025.⁵⁹⁵¹ The step reinforces the public-research to industry-deployment channel and bolsters indigenous manufacturing of medical technologies.

On 17 September 2025, Prime Minister Modi launched Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan to provide women-centric preventive, promotive and curative health services at a community level.⁵⁹⁵² This campaign seeks to mobilize communities towards healthy lifestyles through obesity prevention, improved nutrition and voluntary blood donation.

India has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the s including mental health services.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

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Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 6 December 2024, President Prabowo Subianto made a statement expressing gratitude to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) for their contributions to Indonesia’s health and announced a USD30 million donation to the program.⁵⁹⁵³ This donation is meant to aid in GAVI’s mission which provides equipment and vaccines to states in need during pandemics and other health crises.

⁵⁹⁴⁹ DPIIT signs MoU with Pfizer Limited to strengthen India’s healthcare innovation ecosystem, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (New Delhi) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2163676>

⁵⁹⁵⁰ GST Rationalization: A Step Towards Affordable Healthcare for All, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2163785>

⁵⁹⁵¹ ICMR Licenses Nine Breakthrough Health Technologies to Industry Partners at India MedTech Expo 2025, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2163759>

⁵⁹⁵² Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan' and 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (New Delhi) 17 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2167698>

⁵⁹⁵³ Press Statement by President of the Republic of Indonesia and Chair of GAVI Board, Kementerian Sekretariat Negara Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 6 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 March 2025. https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/press_statement_by_president_of_the_republic_of_indonesia_and_chair_of_gavi_board

On 13 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced efforts to ensure half of its health centres can provide mental health services, increasing this from the current 40 per cent rate.⁵⁹⁵⁴

On 18 December 2024, Minister of Social Affairs Saifullah Yusuf and Deputy Minister of Social Affairs Agus Jabo Priyono announced free cataract surgery at a hospital in Indonesia.⁵⁹⁵⁵ This effort is meant to provide accessibility to surgery which is recognized as expensive and often unattainable expense for the underprivileged.

On 15 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced its effort to upgrade 66 regional hospitals in underdeveloped areas.⁵⁹⁵⁶ The improvements of these hospitals aim to increase the quality of healthcare in rural areas, making it more accessible overall.

On 20 January 2025, Minister of Home Affairs Muhammed Tito Karnavian urged regional governments to utilize and support the national government free health screening services.⁵⁹⁵⁷ This program is an effort of the government to maintain and improve public health and its accessibility, along with improvement of quality.

On 30 January 2025, President Prabowo and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met to strengthen their respective health sectors.⁵⁹⁵⁸ India committed to providing direct training for Indonesian healthcare workers, which will facilitate enhanced quality of workers. India and Indonesia also signed a memorandum of understanding to develop health worker capacity, facilitate the transfer of pharmaceutical materials and vaccine production. Both countries aim to increase the accessibility and quality of healthcare through these initiatives.

On 3 February 2025, Minister of Health Budi Gunadi Sadikin visited Australia strengthen health cooperation between the two countries.⁵⁹⁵⁹ The visit marked a step towards Indonesia's objectives of developing medical personnel and research as well as standardizing health services. During his visit, Minister Budi met with Australia's Minister of Health and Aged Services Mark Butler and Minister of Foreign Affairs Penny Wong to discuss increasing Indonesian medical personnel training in Australia and standardizing nursing in both countries. They also expressed their commitment to health resilience and discussed the Indonesia-Australia health cooperation strategy 2025-2033 which is expected to be finalized soon.

On 13 February 2025, President Prabowo announced plans for his new presidency, including free healthcare checks for all Indonesians.⁵⁹⁶⁰ This initiative is meant to promote a healthier society by providing preventative care and assisting in early detection of health issues. This action contributes to inclusivity in the health system.

⁵⁹⁵⁴ Govt targets 50 pct puskesmas offering mental health support by 2025, Antara (Jakarta) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/338056/govt-targets-50-pct-puskesmas-offering-mental-health-support-by-2025>

⁵⁹⁵⁵ Kemensos Gelar Operasi Katarak Gratis dalam Rangka Hari Kesetiakawanan Sosial Nasional di Yogyakarta, Kementerian Sosial Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 18 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://kemensos.go.id/berita-terkini/menterisosal/kemensos-gelar-operasi-katarak-gratis-dalam-rangka-hari-kesetiakawanan-sosial-nasional-di-yogyakarta>

⁵⁹⁵⁶ Govt to deliver 32 new hospitals in remote regions by 2025, Antara (Jakarta) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/341546/govt-to-deliver-32-new-hospitals-in-remote-regions-by-2025>

⁵⁹⁵⁷ Support free health screening program: minister to regions, Antara (Jakarta) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/342162/support-free-health-screening-program-minister-to-regions>

⁵⁹⁵⁸ Indonesia, Indi' boost health workers' skills in key medical fields, Antara (Jakarta) 30 January 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/343162/indonesia-india-boost-health-workers-skills-in-key-medical-fields>

⁵⁹⁵⁹ Indonesia-Australia Perkuat Kerjasama Tenaga Kesehatan hingga Inovasi Medis, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Canberra) 4 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/id/rilis-kesehatan/indonesia-australia-perkuat-kerjasama-tenaga-kesehatan-hingga-inovasi-medis>

⁵⁹⁶⁰ Speech at World Governments Summit 2025, Kementerian Sosial Republik Indonesia (Bogor) 13 February 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/speech_at_world_governments_summit_2025

On 4 April 2025, Indonesia sent an emergency team to Myanmar to help with the earthquake disaster.⁵⁹⁶¹ The team was sent with medicines and health assistance worth IDR5.5 billion and will be in Myanmar for a month to provide medical assistance to the affected individuals.

On 11 April 2025, the Ministry of Health outlined its plans to administer hexavalent immunization which combines six antigens in one immunization.⁵⁹⁶² This vaccine targets diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and Hib. This action contributes to Indonesia's goal to expand immunization accessibility.

On 24 April 2025, the Indonesian Emergency Medical Humanitarian Team handed over all their field hospital facilities to the Myanmar Ministry of Health.⁵⁹⁶³ The hospital had various services such as pain therapy, emergency care, obstetrics, pharmacy and other facilities. Over the 15 days of operation, the team treated 4,874 patients at the facilities. The team also left behind medical supplies, medications and equipment for future use by Myanmar health authorities.

On 25 April 2025, Minister Budi and United States Secretary of Health Robert F Kennedy Jr met to discuss health systems in both countries.⁵⁹⁶⁴ The ministers shared their views on the transformation of health systems and policies and discussed national challenges and strategies to improve health service quality.

On 28 April 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted the Ambassadors' Dialogue on Health Equipment, Services and Pharmaceutical Products.⁵⁹⁶⁵ This event aimed to encourage economic cooperation to strengthen Indonesia's healthcare system and support global health. Attendees discussed health partnerships, global health exhibitions, promoting bidirectional investments in the health sector and expanding international health workforce programs.

On 28 April 2025, Indonesia's Ambassador to Kazakhstan and Tajikistan Mochammad Fadjoel Rachman and Minister of Health of Kazakhstan Akmaral Alnazarova met to discuss steps to implement their countries' Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Health Cooperation.⁵⁹⁶⁶ The MoU focuses on healthcare services, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, vaccine research biotechnology, policy exchanges, health technology digitization and other aspects of health.

On 2 May 2025, Minister Budi inaugurated the construction of the Buton Tengah Regional Hospital.⁵⁹⁶⁷ This hospital is part of the Ministry of Health's program to increase the healthcare capacity and accessible healthcare. The government is providing IDR170 billion for this initiative.

⁵⁹⁶¹ Indonesian Government Sends Humanitarian Aid to Earthquake Victims in Myanmar, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 4 April 2025. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/pemerintah-indonesia-kirimkan-bantuan-kemanusiaan-untuk-korban-gempa-bumi-di-myanmar>

⁵⁹⁶² RI Govt to start hexavalent immunization in third quarter, Antara (Jakarta) 11 April 2025. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/351433/ri-govt-to-start-hexavalent-immunization-in-third-quarter>

⁵⁹⁶³ Indonesia Hands Over Field Hospital to Myanmar Government, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/indonesia-serahkan-rumah-sakit-lapangan-ke-pemerintah-myanmar>

⁵⁹⁶⁴ Strengthening Health Cooperation: Indonesian and US Health Ministers Discuss Efforts to Prevent Chronic Diseases, Ministry of Health (Jakarta) 25 April 2025. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/perkuat-kerjasama-kesehatan-menkes-ri-dan-menkes-as-bahas-upaya-pencegahan-penyakit-kronis>

⁵⁹⁶⁵ Indonesia Strengthens Economic Diplomacy Through "Ambassadors' Dialogue" in Health Sector, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/berita/indonesia-perkuat-diplomasi-ekonomi-lewat-ambassadors-dialogue-sektor-kesehatan?type=publication>

⁵⁹⁶⁶ Indonesia-Kazakhstan Implement Health Cooperation MoU: Toward a Joint Action Plan 2025-2027, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jakarta) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 April 2025. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/berita/indonesiakazakhstan-implementasikan-nota-kesepahaman-kerja-sama-kesehatan-menuju-rencana-aksi-bersama-20252027?type=publication>

⁵⁹⁶⁷ Minister of Health Inaugurates Construction of Buton Tengah Regional Hospital, Strengthens Health Services in the Islands Region, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 2 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/menkes-resmikan-pembangunan-rsud-buton-tengah-perkuat-layanan-kesehatan-di-wilayah-kepulauan>

On 5 May 2025, Deputy Minister of Finance Suhasil Nazara emphasized that the 2026 Government Work Plan must be in line with national priorities outlined by President Prabowo.⁵⁹⁶⁸ He recognized health programs as a major priority in this regard.

On 7 May 2025, Acting Director General of Disease Control at the Ministry of Health Murti Utami that announced that a new tuberculosis vaccine is expected to become available in 2028.⁵⁹⁶⁹ This vaccination aligns with Indonesia's efforts to accelerate tuberculosis eradication. The Ministry also revealed that tuberculosis diagnosis will receive a budget of IDR1.47 trillion in 2025, treatment will receive a budget of IDR663 trillion, prevention efforts will receive IDR182 billion and the tuberculosis control program will receive IDR2.4 trillion. The government will also focus on integrated people-centered health services through health promotion, education, increased community support and alert systems and ongoing communication with the public. Projects for health promotion, management and cross-sectoral approaches will receive between IDR15.29 billion and IDR107.6 billion in funding.

On 7 May 2025, President Prabowo spoke at a meeting with Bill Gates and other philanthropists.⁵⁹⁷⁰ He highlighted Indonesia's continued collaboration with the Gates Foundation. The president thanked the Gates foundation for its efforts and shared that Indonesia will continue to work with the foundation on vaccine development, specifically for tuberculosis and malaria as well as other health initiatives in Indonesia.

On 19 May 2025, President Prabowo met with Thai Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra to strengthen bilateral ties and Association of Southeast Asian Nations cooperation.⁵⁹⁷¹ The two leaders also oversaw the signing of a MoU between the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand and the Ministry of Public Health of Indonesia on health cooperation, including strengthening health systems and primary healthcare services, preventing and controlling communicable diseases, ensuring the security of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and improving health financing.

On 20 May 2025, Minister Budi and the United Kingdom's Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention Ashley Dalton renewed Indonesia and United Kingdom's MoU for health cooperation.⁵⁹⁷² This renewal focuses on strengthening primary and community health, addressing diseases and health innovation. This cooperation is a significant part of the UK-Indonesia Strategic Partnership and is expected to result in increased health innovation and investment for both countries.

On 21 May 2025, Indonesia affirmed its support for the World Health Organization's Pandemic Agreement adopted at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁵⁹⁷³ The country hopes that the future ratification of this agreement will be followed by negotiations for the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing System advocated for by Indonesia and other developing countries to increase knowledge sharing and equitability.

⁵⁹⁶⁸ Deputy Minister of Finance Suhasil: 2026 RKP Must Be in Line with National Priorities and Presidential Directives, Ministry of Finance (Jakarta) 5 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025.

<https://www.kemenkeu.go.id/informasi-publik/publikasi/berita-utama/RKP-2026-harus-Selaras-dengan-Prioritas-Nasional>

⁵⁹⁶⁹ Health Ministry plans TB vaccine availability by 2028, *Anatara* (Jakarta) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/354321/health-ministry-plans-tb-vaccine-availability-by-2028>

⁵⁹⁷⁰ Remarks by the President of the Republic of Indonesia at the Meeting with Bill Gates and Indonesian Philanthropists, Ministry of State Secretariat (Jakarta) 7 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 May 2025.

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/sambutan_presiden_ri_pada_pertemuan_dengan_bill_gates_dan_filantropis_indonesia

⁵⁹⁷¹ Thailand and Indonesia strengthen ties on all fronts to boost ASEAN, *The Nation* (Bangkok) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40050187>

⁵⁹⁷² UK and Indonesia Renew Commitment to Strengthen Collaboration in Health Sector, *Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia* (Jakarta) 20 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025.

<https://kemkes.go.id/id/inggris-dan-indonesia-perbarui-komitmen-untuk-memperkuat-kolaborasi-dalam-sektor-kesehatan>

⁵⁹⁷³ Pandemic Agreement Disahkan di WHA 78: Indonesia Tegaskan Komitmen Global untuk Ketahanan Kesehatan, *Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia* (Geneva) 21 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025.

<https://kemkes.go.id/eng/pandemic-agreement-disahkan-di-wha-78-indonesia-tegaskan-komitmen-global-untuk-ketahanan-kesehatan>

On 21 May 2025, Minister Budi and Cuban Minister of Public Health José Angel Portal Miranda signed a MoU for healthcare cooperation.⁵⁹⁷⁴ Key priorities include primary care, maternal and child health, healthcare resilience and medical countermeasures, healthcare management and training, disease control, financing, development and innovation.

On 27 May 2025, Minister Budi and Sweden's Minister of Health Acko Ankarberg Johansson signed a MoU for health cooperation.⁵⁹⁷⁵ Key priorities include strengthening sustainable health systems, digital health and emergency preparedness.

On 28 May 2025, Minister Budi inaugurated the construction of the Bima City Regional General Hospital which will improve access to quality healthcare for residents.⁵⁹⁷⁶ The hospital will be equipped with modern medical equipment to support diagnosis and treatment for stroke, heart, kidney, cancer and other serious conditions.

On 28 May 2025, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology announced the re-opening of Kandou Manado Central Hospital's Specialist Doctor Education residency program following improvements to address bullying and unsupportive work environments faced by residents.⁵⁹⁷⁷ Changes include "reasonable working hours," increased documentation and the use of video surveillance to support the supervision of residents. This action is expected to support medical education for students struggling to find a residency program.

On 5 June 2025, Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Culture Minister Pratikno delivered speech outlining Indonesia's efforts to become a health tourism destination.⁵⁹⁷⁸ He outlined, that by 2026, the government aims to build 66 hospitals in remote areas, increase medical tourism and invest in healthcare innovations.

On 10 June 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a program to support maternal and child health in West Java.⁵⁹⁷⁹ The program aims to reduce maternal and newborn mortality rates through standardization across 12 primary healthcare centres, increased training and strengthening the referral system.

On 16 June 2025, President Subianto released a press statement inviting Prime Minister of Singapore Lawrence Wong Shyun Tsai to collaborate with the transformation of the health sector.⁵⁹⁸⁰ The President outlined plans to open more medical schools and nursing colleges and called on Singapore to aid.

⁵⁹⁷⁴ Kementerian Kesehatan Jalin Kerja Sama Kesehatan dengan Kuba, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Geneva) 25 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/kementerian-kesehatan-jalin-kerja-sama-kesehatan-dengan-kuba>

⁵⁹⁷⁵ Swedia dan Indonesia Tanda Tangan MoU Bersejarah untuk Memperkuat Kerja Sama Kesehatan Bilateral dalam Konferensi Healthcare SISP 2025, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/swedia-dan-indonesia-tanda-tangani-mou-bersejarah-untuk-memperkuat-kerja-sama-kesehatan-bilateral-dalam-konferensi-healthcare-sisp-2025>

⁵⁹⁷⁶ Tangani Penyakit Mematikan di Daerah, RSUD Kota Bima Dilengkapi CT Scan hingga Fasilitas Cuci Darah, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Kota Bima) 28 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/tangani-penyakit-mematikan-di-daerah-rsud-kota-bima-dilengkapi-ct-scan-hingga-fasilitas-cuci-darah>

⁵⁹⁷⁷ Program PPDS Penyakit Dalam di RS Kandou Manado Resmi Dimulai Kembali, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Manado) 28 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/program-ppds-penyakit-dalam-di-rs-kandou-manado-resmi-dimulai-kembali>

⁵⁹⁷⁸ RS Canggih Dukung Health Tourism di Indonesia, Menko PMK: Kurangi Devisa Bocor, Portal Informasi Indonesia (Jakarta) 5 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 July 2025. <https://indonesia.go.id/kategori/sosial-budaya/9467/rs-canggih-dukung-health-tourism-di-indonesia-menko-pmk-kurangi-devisa-bocor?lang=1>

⁵⁹⁷⁹ Luncurkan Program Pengampunan Kesehatan Ibu dan Anak, Kemenkes Targetkan Penurunan Kematian Ibu, Bayi, dan Stunting di Jawa Barat, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Bandung) 11 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/luncurkan-program-pengampunan-kesehatan-ibu-dan-anak-kemenkes-targetkan-penurunan-kematian-ibu-bayi-dan-stunting-di-jawa-barat>

⁵⁹⁸⁰ Press Statement by the President of the Republic of Indonesia a'fer the Annual Leaders' Retreat Meeting with the Prime Minister of Singapore, Kementerian Sekretariat Negara Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 16 June 2025. Access Date: 18 July 2025.

On 17 June 2025, Indonesia and the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance concluded the two-day Asia Pacific Leaders' Summit on Malaria Elimination.⁵⁹⁸¹ As chair of the conference's ninth iteration, Minister Sadikin spoke at the event and engaged in global health discussions with various public and private partners, with a focus on eliminating malaria through increased collaboration and resource mobilization to strengthen health systems.

On 17 June 2025, Indonesia, Australia, Spain, the Gates Foundation, Gavi, Unitaaid, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Bank and the Global Financing Facility co-hosted the second Global Cervical Cancer Elimination Forum in Bali.⁵⁹⁸² Over three-days, the conference brought together public and private partners to strengthen actions to achieve the World Health Organization's targets to achieve 90 per cent vaccinations for human papillomavirus for girls at the age of 15, improved testing for women and 90 per cent effective treatment for cervical cancer overall. This will support equitable healthcare for women and girls.

On 18 June 2025, the Ministry of Health and Royal Philips, a medical technology company, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen Indonesia's health system.⁵⁹⁸³ The partnership will focus on increased capacity, digital health innovation and training, with a focus on cardiovascular, radiological and interventional care. This initiative aims to increase healthcare resilience in the country.

On 25 June 2025, Minister Sadikin reiterated Indonesia's USD30 million pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁵⁹⁸⁴ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁵⁹⁸⁵

On 25 June 2025, President Subianto inaugurated the Sanur Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Bali International Hospital.⁵⁹⁸⁶ The Sanur SEZ will serve as a global health tourism destination, reducing outbound medical tourism and improving healthcare in Indonesia. It will also house an ethnobotanical garden to support medical research and education.

On 30 June 2025, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology established a joint committee to address health and education reform.⁵⁹⁸⁷ The committee will focus on "data-driven and innovative solutions," with a goal of more integrated and high-quality healthcare. It will also review

https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/pernyataan_pers_presiden_ri_usai_pertemuan_tahunan_leaders_retreat_dengan_perdana_menteri_singapura

⁵⁹⁸¹ Bersatu Melawan Malaria: Seruan Indonesia untuk Mengakhiri Malaria Diluncurkan pada Pertemuan Asia Pasifik Eliminasi Malaria, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Bali) 17 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/bersatu-melawan-malaria-seruan-indonesia-untuk-mengakhiri-malaria-diluncurkan-pada-pertemuan-asia-pasifik-eliminasi-malaria>

⁵⁹⁸² Para Pemimpin Dunia Bersatu untuk Mempercepat Upaya Eliminasi Kanker Serviks, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Bali) 19 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025.

<https://kemkes.go.id/eng/para-pemimpin-dunia-bersatu-untuk-mempercepat-upaya-eliminasi-kanker-serviks>

⁵⁹⁸³ Kementerian Kesehatan Indonesia dan Philips Tandatangani Memorandum Saling Pengertian (MoU) untuk Perkuat Ketahanan Sistem Kesehatan, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Bali) 18 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/kementerian-kesehatan-indonesia-dan-philips-tandatangani-memorandum-saling-pengertian-mou-untuk-perkuat-ketahanan-sistem-kesehatan>

⁵⁹⁸⁴ World leaders recommit to immunisation amid global funding shortfall, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/news/media-room/world-leaders-recommit-immunisation-amid-global-funding-shortfall>

⁵⁹⁸⁵ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁵⁹⁸⁶ President Prabowo Inaugurates Sanur Special Economic Zone and Bali International Hospital: A Historic Breakthrough in Indonesian Healthcare, Kementerian Sekretariat Negara Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 18 July 2025. https://setneg.go.id/baca/index/presiden_prabowo_subianto_resmikan_kek_sanur_dan_bali_international_hospital_terobosan_sejarah_dalam_pelayanan_kesehatan_indonesia

⁵⁹⁸⁷ Percepat Reformasi Sistem Pendidikan dan Kesehatan, Pemerintah Bentuk Komite Bersama, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 30 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/percepat-reformasi-sistem-pendidikan-dan-kesehatan-pemerintah-bentuk-komite-bersama>

regulation and potential reforms for the National Health Insurance scheme and support advancements to ensure healthcare access across the country.

On 4 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the beginning of construction to upgrade Kwaingga Regional General Hospital in Papua to a Type C hospital.⁵⁹⁸⁸ Upgrades will include increased technological equipment to support diagnostics and treatment services for specialized care, advancing Indonesia's goal to ensure equitable, high-quality and affordable healthcare.

On 7 July 2025, the Ministry of Health and Sasakawa Health Foundation hosted a meeting to discuss the eliminating leprosy in Indonesia.⁵⁹⁸⁹ The Ministry of Health affirmed that Indonesia will support this objective by expanding “the accelerated leprosy elimination target area from 42 to 111 districts/cities by 2030,” beginning screening in five priority regions starting in July 2025, supporting screening for individuals at greater risk for Dapsone hypersensitivity syndrome, strengthening access to treatment and participating “in international leprosy vaccine research and clinical trials.”

On 8 July 2025, President Subianto attended the 2025 BRICS Summit, where he affirmed Indonesia's support for global health issues.⁵⁹⁹⁰ In a meeting with other leaders and delegates, he expressed his commitment to supporting the World Health Organization in its efforts to address global health issues.

On 15 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will launch the “Red and White Village/Sub-district Cooperative” in Klaten, Central Java on 21 July 2025.⁵⁹⁹¹ The cooperative will support basic needs in the region, including through the establishment of “Village Clinics and Pharmacies” which aim to strengthen access to pharmaceuticals including anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications.

On 17 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the launch of construction for the Sanana Regional Hospital in the Sula Islands.⁵⁹⁹² The project aims to build increase health capacity in remote areas by establishing a Type C hospital that can treatment leading causes of death in Indonesia, namely stroke, heart disease, cancer, kidney failure and maternal and infant mortality. The hospital will be equipped with modern equipment, with the Ministry taking action to ensure specialized medical professionals for the hospital and other hospitals across the country.

On 23 July 2025, the Ministry of Health provided 2,000 vials of anti-rabies vaccine to Timor-Leste to support its efforts against a rabies outbreak in the country.⁵⁹⁹³ This will help strengthen public health in Timor-Leste and contribute to global health security.

⁵⁹⁸⁸ RSUD Kwaingga Naik Status, Pemerintah Percepat Pemerataan Layanan Kesehatan di Papua, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Papua) 4 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025.

⁵⁹⁸⁹ Kemenkes RI dan Sasakawa Health Foundation Perkuat Komitmen Eliminasi Kusta, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Bali) 7 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025.

⁵⁹⁹⁰ President Pra'owo Affirms Indonesia's Commitment to Addressing Climate Change and the Global Health Crisis, Kementerian Sekretariat Negara Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 8 July 2025. Access Date: 18 July 2025.

⁵⁹⁹¹ Peluncuran Koperasi Merah Putih Mencakup Apotek dan Klinik Desa, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 16 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/peluncuran-koperasi-merah-putih-mencakup-apotek-dan-klinik-des>

⁵⁹⁹² RSUD Dikembangkan, Pemerintah Hadirkan Layanan Kesehatan Unggul di Kepulauan Sula, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Sula Islands) 17 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025.

⁵⁹⁹³ Indonesia Hands Over 2,000 Vials of Anti-Rabies Vaccine to the Government of Timor-Leste, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Kupang) 17 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/indonesia-hands-over-2000-vials-of-anti-rabies-vaccine-to-the-government-of-timor-leste>

On 23 July 2025, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology launched the Acceleration Program for Improving Access And Quality of Medical Personnel Education, meant to increase accessibility to quality education for healthcare professionals.⁵⁹⁹⁴ On a larger scale, the initiative is meant to address the shortage of health professionals in Indonesia.

On 24 July 2025, Indonesia's Navy Pharmaceutical Agency, Lafial, announced a mandate to produce affordable medication under the Ministry of Defense.⁵⁹⁹⁵ Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Ali shared plans to improve Lafial's production capacity by building additional support facilities. The Ministry of Defense also added that medications will meet national health standards and will be distributed properly to reach communities nationally.

On 28 July 2025, President Subianto issued a presidential regulation for special allowances for specialist and subspecialist doctors and dentists in underdeveloped, border and island regions.⁵⁹⁹⁶ The policy aims to enhance the equitable provision of healthcare in underserved regions across Indonesia.

On 30 July 2025, the Ministry of Health and TB Alliance signed a memorandum of understanding, establishing a partnership to fight tuberculosis, leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases.⁵⁹⁹⁷ The framework aims to establish collaboration in scientific exchange, local manufacturing, TB treatment development and strengthening health systems to ensure allocation of resources to Indonesians in need of treatment.

On 31 July 2025, Indonesia confirmed that the Free Health Check (CKG) program will begin on 4 August 2025.⁵⁹⁹⁸ This program is targeting 53.8 million students and includes mental health screening. CKG is meant to work alongside other government programs such as the Free Nutritious Meal program to create greater human resources.

On 4 August 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the CKG program for students throughout Indonesia, including in West Java.⁵⁹⁹⁹ The initiative aims to detect physical and mental health issues in school-age youth early to ensure timely access to treatment for approximately 53 million elementary school students.

On 5 August 2025, Australia and Indonesia signed a subsidiary arrangement to implement the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Health Transformation.⁶⁰⁰⁰ This agreement will be funded by Australia, aiming to catalyse health transformation in Indonesia. The four main objectives of the program include strengthening primary health policies and services, improving service quality and access, developing human and animal health workers and improving health security.

⁵⁹⁹⁴ Govt rolls out program to boost number of health professionals, Antara (Jakarta) 23 July 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/368233/govt-rolls-out-program-to-boost-number-of-health-professionals>

⁵⁹⁹⁵ Indonesian Navy to mass-produce affordable medicines, Antara (Jakarta) 24 July 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/368661/indonesian-navy-to-mass-produce-affordable-medicines>

⁵⁹⁹⁶ Pemerintah Pusat Berikan Tunjangan Khusus untuk Dokter Spesialis di Daerah Tertinggal, Kemenkes (Jakarta) 28 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/pemerintah-pusat-berikan-tunjangan-khusus-untuk-dokter-spesialis-di-daerah-tertinggal>

⁵⁹⁹⁷ Indonesian Ministry of Health and TB Alliance Enter Strategic Partnership to Advance Innovations in TB and Mycobacterial Diseases, Kemenkes (Jakarta) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/indonesian-ministry-of-health-and-tb-alliance-enter-strategic-partnership-to-advance-innovations-in-tb-and-mycobacterial-diseases>

⁵⁹⁹⁸ Nationwide student health checkups start Aug 4, Antara (Jakarta) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/370181/nationwide-student-health-checkups-start-aug-4>

⁵⁹⁹⁹ Program Cek Kesehatan Gratis Sekolah Dimulai, Sasar 53 Juta Pelajar di Indonesia, Kemenkes (Depok) 5 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/program-cek-kesehatan-gratis-sekolah-dimulai-sasar-53-juta-pelajar-di-indonesia>

⁶⁰⁰⁰ RI, Australia forge strategic partnership for health transformation, Antara (Jakarta) 5 August 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/371365/ri-australia-forge-strategic-partnership-for-health-transformation>

On 6 August 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it is constructing three hospitals in East Nusa Tenggara.⁶⁰⁰¹ The Governor of East Nusa Tenggara announced that two are currently in construction, and the third is in progress. These new hospitals will upgrade the hospital classification, and will include new physical infrastructure, medical equipment and human resources. Additionally, these new hospitals will offer medical scholarships for locals in the area so that they are able to contribute to human resource development.

On 7 August 2025 the government announced that it will convert a medical facility on an uninhabited island to treat Gazan residents.⁶⁰⁰² The uninhabited Galang island houses a facility that will be allocated for residents of Gaza to receive medical treatment and temporary shelter.

On 8 August 2025, the Ministry of Health's Health Crisis Center concluded an activity to support capacity building and empowerment for reserve personnel part of the Type 2 Emergency Medical Team.⁶⁰⁰³ The activity took place from 4-8 August and involved participants from hospitals, police services and nongovernmental organizations to strengthen healthcare system resilience in disasters according to WHO standards.

On 28 September 2025, the government announced its intention to involve community health centers and school units in the free meal program.⁶⁰⁰⁴ This initiative came following a series of food poisonings due to the free meal program and hopes to maintain the free meal program while ensuring access to healthy meals and food.

On 4 October 2025, Home Affairs Minister Tito Karnavian called on regional governments to actively work towards preparing regional hospitals to become teaching hospitals.⁶⁰⁰⁵ This is in line with efforts to equalize the distribution of specialist doctors across Indonesia.

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Indonesia has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through bilateral partnerships with Australia, the United Kingdom and other countries, a pledge for Gavi, efforts to upgrade and construct new regional hospitals, substantial funding to address tuberculosis, emergency medical support for Myanmar, free healthcare checkups for all Indonesians and a focus on vaccinating non-immunized children. It has also taken strong action towards the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through funding for health promotion related to tuberculosis, its initiative to ensure that 50 per cent of health centres in the country can provide mental health services and the CKG program.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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⁶⁰⁰¹ East Nusa Tenggara: Healthcare enhanced with new hospitals, Antara (Jakarta) 6 August 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/371577/east-nusa-tenggara-healthcare-enhanced-with-new-hospitals>

⁶⁰⁰² Indonesia readies island medical facility for 2000 wounded Gazans, Antara (Jakarta) 7 August 2025. Access Date: 9 August 2025. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/world/2025/08/07/indonesia-readies-island-medical-facility-for-2000-wounded-gazans.html>

⁶⁰⁰³ Tenaga Cadangan Kesehatan Indonesia Siap Hadapi Krisis Kesehatan Berskala Internasional, Kemenkes (Sentul) 8 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/eng/tenaga-cadangan-kesehatan-indonesia-siap-hadapi-krisis-kesehatan-berskala-internasional>

⁶⁰⁰⁴ RI Govt to optimize health centers to monitor free meals kitchens, Antara (Jakarta) 28 September 2025. Access Date: 7 October 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/383053/ri-govt-to-optimize-health-centers-to-monitor-free-meals-kitchens>

⁶⁰⁰⁵ Minister urges regions to prepare hospitals for specialty training, Antara (Jakarta) 4 October 2025. Access Date: 7 October 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/384173/minister-urges-regions-to-prepare-hospitals-for-specialty-training>

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 25 November 2024, the Ministry of Health updated the national tariff system for outpatient and prosthetic specialist services.⁶⁰⁰⁶ The reform enables the full implementation of the 2017 Essential Levels of Care to ensure more equitable access to advanced diagnostic and rehabilitative services nationwide.

On 27 November 2024, the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA)'s Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements by the National Health Service for 16 medications including those used to treat multiple sclerosis, atopic dermatitis, multiple myeloma, psoriasis, thyroid cancer and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.⁶⁰⁰⁷ This action contributes to equity and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other health conditions.

On 28 December 2024, Italy approved the 2025 Budget Law aimed in part at strengthening equitable and sustainable healthcare access.⁶⁰⁰⁸ The budget increased public health funding, allocating EUR4.2 million for chronic health issues such as obesity, improved service delivery, advanced prevention and mental health support and reinforcing resilience through a new pandemic plan.

On 22 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Provincial Health Authority launched a project to address the impact of poverty in healthcare.⁶⁰⁰⁹ It aims to provide free specialist healthcare and medical countermeasures to lower-income individuals. This project is funded by the National Health Equity Program.

On 28 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the opening of proximity clinics in Messina, funded by the National Health Equity Program and supported by the 2021-2027 Italian Cohesion Fund and the European Union.⁶⁰¹⁰ These clinics will improve access to inclusive and equitable healthcare for socioeconomically marginalized individuals including lower-income people, older individuals, homeless people and migrants. Healthcare services will include general and pediatric care, social interviews to assess needs, screenings and prosthetic services.

On 29 January 2025, AIFA's Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements for 13 medications by the National Health Service including those used to treat pediatric and adult diabetes mellitus, metastatic prostate cancer, osteoporosis in post-menopausal women and other oncological diseases.⁶⁰¹¹ This action contributes to equity and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for health conditions including those that impact children and post-menopausal women.

On 18 February 2025, President of AIFA Robert Nisticò and Director of the Malta Medicines Authority Anthony Serracino-Inglott signed a strategic partnership agreement on pharmaceuticals, aimed at strengthening

⁶⁰⁰⁶ LEA, in Gazzetta ufficiale nuovo decreto tariffe, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 25 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/lea-gazzetta-ufficiale-nuovo-decreto-tariffe/>

⁶⁰⁰⁷ AIFA Board of Directors approves the reimbursability of 16 medicines, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/il-cda-aifa-approva-la-rimborsabilit%C3%A0-di-16-farmaci>

⁶⁰⁰⁸ Budget Law 2025, health measures, Italy Ministry of Health 28 December 2024. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/sezione/notizie/?tema=Farmacie&anno+di+pubblicazione=2025>

⁶⁰⁰⁹ Programma nazionale equità nella salute: al via il progetto dell'ASP Palermo per contrastare la povertà sanitaria, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 22 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/programma-nazionale-equita-nella-salute-al-il-progetto-dellasp-palermo/>

⁶⁰¹⁰ Apertura di ambulatori di prossimità nella provincia di Messina con le risorse del Programma Nazionale Equità nella Salute, , Ministero della Salute (Rome) 28 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/apertura-di-ambulatori-di-prossimita-nella-provincia-di-messina-con-le-risorse/>

⁶⁰¹¹ AIFA Board of Directors approves the reimbursability of 13 medicines, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 29 January 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/cda-aifa-approva-rimborsabilita-di-13-farmaci>

Mediterranean collaboration.⁶⁰¹² The partnership aims to ensure effective and safe medicines and facilitate access to research and innovation.

On 24 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that Caltanissetta opened its first free dental clinics with funding through the National Health Equity Program.⁶⁰¹³ This will contribute to inclusive health services in the province.

On 5 March 2025, AIFA's Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements for 11 medications by the National Health Service including Zokinvy to reduce death for individuals with Hutchinson-Gilford syndrome, Enrylaze to treat leukaemia and Apixaban Sandoz to treat advanced renal cell carcinoma.⁶⁰¹⁴ This action contributes to equitability and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other pressing health conditions.

On 7 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the Health Data Ecosystem which aims to support digitalization in healthcare, increased efficiency and access to services and data protection.⁶⁰¹⁵ The platform is expected to become available in 2026.

On 10 March 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that Avellino Health District and the Grottaminarda and Montoro health centres will each be opening a new health clinic with funding through the National Health Equity Program.⁶⁰¹⁶ The clinics will help lower-income individuals, temporarily present foreigners and non-registered Europeans to access specialist care for neurology, geriatrics, diabetology, otorhinolaryngology, psychiatry-rheumatology, pulmonology, urology, dermatology and gynecology.

On 31 March 2025, Minister of Health Orazio Schillaci announced the launch of two projects to support healthcare in Ukraine amidst the Russia-Ukraine war.⁶⁰¹⁷ The first project aims to increase health capacity to treat military and civilians with disabilities "through training, coaching and technical support actions" for orthopedic and orthoplastic surgery, prosthetics, rehabilitation and psychological support. The second project focuses on distributing medications and training over 200 healthcare and socialcare professionals to treat post-traumatic stress syndrome, gender violence and chronic non-communicable diseases in Ukraine.

On 2 April 2025, AIFA's Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements for ten medications by the National Health Service including those used to treat generalised myasthenia gravis, refractory multiple myeloma, pediatric primary immune thrombocytopenia and bone diseases.⁶⁰¹⁸ This action contributes to equitability and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other health conditions.

⁶⁰¹² AIFA and the Malta Medicines Authority sign a memorandum of understanding, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 18 February 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/aifa-e-autorita-per-i-medicinali-di-malta-firmano-un-protocollo-d-intesa>

⁶⁰¹³ Franceccesso alle cure per i più fragili: l'ASP di Caltanissetta avvia gli ambulatori di prossimità con le risorse del Programma Nazionale Equità nella Salute, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 24 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/accesso-alle-cure-i-piu-fragili-lasp-di-caltanissetta-avvia-gli-ambulatori-di/>

⁶⁰¹⁴ AIFA Board approves reimbursement of 8 drugs, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 5 March 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/cda-aifa-approva-rimborsabilita-8-farmaci-05.03.2025>

⁶⁰¹⁵ In Gazzetta il decreto che istituisce l'Ecosistema dei dati sanitari, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 7 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025.

⁶⁰¹⁶ L'ASL di Avellino avvia gli Ambulatori di prossimità con le risorse del Programma Nazionale Equità nella Salute, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 10 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/lasl-di-avellino-avvia-gli-ambulatori-di-prossimita-con-le-rFrancesorse-del/>

⁶⁰¹⁷ Ucraina, i progetti del Ministero della Salute e INMP a supporto della popolazione, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 31 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/ucraina-i-progetti-del-ministero-della-salute-e-inmp-supporto-della/>

⁶⁰¹⁸ AIFA Board approves reimbursement of 10 drugs, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 2 April 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025.

On 4 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced a national agreement to ensure the appropriate use of animals in health research, aligned with the One Health approach for integrated health services.⁶⁰¹⁹ This agreement will ensure clear communication, transparent data sharing and help improve the public's understanding of scientific and ethical implications of animal testing.

On 10 April 2025, AIFA's Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements for two medications by the National Health Service including Iqirvo to treat primary biliary cholangitis and Orserdu to treat "postmenopausal women and men with locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer."⁶⁰²⁰ This action contributes to equitability and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for health conditions including a rare disease.

On 19 April 2025, Minister Schillaci met with Saudi Arabian Health Minister Fahd Al-Jalajel to discuss cooperation in the health sector.⁶⁰²¹ The meeting focused on exchanging health expertise and knowledge to support global health security and adapt to oncoming global health challenges with increased research and innovation.

On 14 May 2025, AIFA's Board of Directors approved the eligibility of reimbursements for 11 medications by the National Health Service including Fabhalta which is used to treat a rare chronic disease called paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria and Fruzaqla which treats metastatic colorectal cancer.⁶⁰²² This action contributes to equitability and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other health conditions.

On 14 May 2025, Italian Ambassador to Somalia Pier Mario Daccò Coppi, Acting Director of the Nairobi Office of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Valeria Buoninfante and the Somali Prime Minister's Chief Policy Advisor Ahmednur Mohamed Abdi attended the meeting of the High Level Steering Committee of the Towards Peace and Stability in Somalia programme in Mogadishu.⁶⁰²³ The meeting focused on three initiatives aimed at improving Somalia's primary healthcare system as part of peacebuilding efforts.

On 15 May 2025, Italian Ambassador to San Salvador Paolo Emanuele Rozo Sordini and the El Salvador's First Lady Gabriela de Bukele inaugurated a new initiative to reduce maternal and child mortality in the country.⁶⁰²⁴ The initiative aims to strengthen the capacities of the El Salvadoran health system by expanding pediatric specialty internships and ensuring necessary equipment for maternal and pediatric healthcare. Italy will provide EUR3.5 million for this initiative to support a range of specialities including neuropsychiatry, obstetrics, ophthalmology and gastroenterology.

On 21 May 2025, Minister Schillaci and the Iranian Minister of Health Mohammad-Reza Zafarqandi held a meeting during the 78th World Health Assembly.⁶⁰²⁵ The meeting focused on reaffirming commitments to

⁶⁰¹⁹ Accordo nazionale sulla trasparenza nella ricerca con l'impiego di animali, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 4 April 2025.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/accordo-nazionale-sulla-trasparenza-nella-ricerca-con-limpiego-di-animali/>

⁶⁰²⁰ AIFA Board of Directors approves the reimbursability of 2 medicines, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/il-cda-aifa-approva-la-rimborsabilita-di-2-farmaci>

⁶⁰²¹ Saudi Arabia and Italy to enhance cooperation in health sector, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 19 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/651075/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-and-Italy-to-enhance-cooperation-in-health-sector>

⁶⁰²² AIFA Board Approves Reimbursement of 11 Drugs, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 11 May 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025. <https://www.aifa.gov.it/en/-/il-cda-aifa-approva-la-rimborsabilit%C3%A0-di-11-farmaci>

⁶⁰²³ Italy and Somalia, partnership for primary health care, ANSA (Nairobi) 14 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. https://www.ansa.it/amp/english/news/news_from_embassies/2025/05/14/italy-and-somalia-partnership-for-primary-health-care_b7803cc3-17e9-4f5c-ae86-af391ff97b91.html

⁶⁰²⁴ El Salvador, a maternal and child health project from Italy, ANSA (Rome) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. https://www.ansa.it/english/news/news_from_embassies/2025/05/17/el-salvador-a-maternal-and-child-health-project-from-italy_b42ad7f5-9a60-44b7-b589-7c3297520e66.html

⁶⁰²⁵ Iran, Italy to beef up health ties, Tehran Times (Tehran) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/513351/Iran-Italy-to-beef-up-health-ties>

prioritizing disease prevention and health promotion in the face of an aging population and digital health transformation.

On 21 May 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Antonio Tajani voted in favour of the first of the texts provided by the Palestinian delegation at the World Health Assembly.⁶⁰²⁶ The text calls for the condemnation of indiscriminate attacks against health facilities and medical personnel in Gaza.

On 12 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the Lecce Local Health Authority opened community clinics in May 2025, as part of the National Health Equity Program launched in December 2024.⁶⁰²⁷ The clinics will provide free multi-specialist care for approximately 5,000 vulnerable groups including migrants, ethnic minorities, the homeless and low-income individuals, supporting access to care.

On 16 June 2025, the General States of Prevention conference took place at the Naples Maritime Station, consisting of panels and discussions on countrywide prevention plans, the need for lifelong disease prevention, citizen awareness and cancer screenings.⁶⁰²⁸ This also included the set-up of the Prevention Village where citizens underwent medical screenings, exams and consultations and attended informational sessions and workshops.

On 25 June 2025, Minister Tajani pledged USD250 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁶⁰²⁹ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁶⁰³⁰

On 11 July 2025, Minister Schillaci signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Health Edem Adamanov to support the restoration of medical infrastructure and development of health systems and services in Ukraine.⁶⁰³¹ Minister Schillaci announced that the collaboration will contribute equipment and skills to support the continued provision of free and fair healthcare to all Ukrainian citizens, especially those most affected by the conflict.

On 2 October 2025, the Cabinet approved the Public Finance Planning Document (PFPD).⁶⁰³² The PFPD includes continued a substantial increase in funding for the National Health Fund.

⁶⁰²⁶ WHO, Italy votes in favor of the text on health conditions in the Palestinian territories, Agenzia Nova (Rome) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/WHO-Italy-votes-in-favor-of-the-text-on-health-conditions-in-the-Palestinian-territories/>

⁶⁰²⁷ Programma Nazionale Equità nella Salute, l'ASL di Lecce avvia gli ambulatori di prossimità per le persone vulnerabili, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 12 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/programma-nazionale-equita-nella-salute-lasl-di-lecce-avvia-gli-ambulatori-di/>

⁶⁰²⁸ Al via a Napoli gli Stati Generali della Prevenzione. Il Ministro Schillaci: "Scegliere la prevenzione significa scegliere il futuro," Ministero della Salute (Rome) 16 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/al-napoli-gli-stati-general-della-prevenzione-il-ministro-schillaci-scegliere/>

⁶⁰²⁹ World leaders recommit to immunisation amid global funding shortfall, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/news/media-room/world-leaders-recommit-immunisation-amid-global-funding-shortfall>

⁶⁰³⁰ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁶⁰³¹ Ucraina, Schillaci firma Memorandum di Intesa per ricost993apan993s e rafforzamento sistema sanitario, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 11 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.salute.gov.it/new/it/news-e-media/notizie/ucraina-schillaci-firma-memorandum-di-intesa-ricostruzione-e-rafforzamento/>

⁶⁰³² PFPD, Giorgetti: responsibility and prudence to support workers and businesses, Ministry of the Economy and Finance (Rome) 2 October 2025. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://www.mef.gov.it/en/inevidenza/PFPD-Giorgetti-responsibility-and-prudence-to-support-workers-and-businesses/>

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Italy has taken strong action to advance more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through health funding in the 2025 Budget Law, drug reimbursements approved by AIFA, healthcare projects for Ukraine, the opening of government-funded health clinics to support marginalized individuals, funding to improve the resiliency of El Salvador's child and maternal healthcare, pledge for Gavi and the launch of a Health Data Ecosystem. It has also supported integrated people-centered health services including mental health through the One Health approach, ensuring social interviews to assess healthcare needs for socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals in Messina, mental health funding through the 2025 Budget Law and support for neuropsychiatry services in El Salvador.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 24 November 2024, Minister of Health Takamaro Fukoka expressed the importance of expanding the eligibility for pension support and wage increases for health care workers.⁶⁰³³ Japan plans to proceed with these changes to assist in alleviating the labour shortage in the domestic healthcare sector.

On 27 November 2024, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare announced the extension of its free human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program amidst vaccine shortages, extending the program to the end of March 2025.⁶⁰³⁴ This action aims to increase the number of women protected against HPV and mitigate health risks such as increased cervical cancer rates.

On 12 December 2024, the House of Representatives approved a supplementary budget for the 2024 fiscal year.⁶⁰³⁵ The budget includes JPY845.5 billion for healthcare including JPY286.1 to support healthcare training, professionals and management, JPY31.2 billion for wage increases in the healthcare sector, JPY44.2 billion for innovative pharmaceutical development, JPY220.5 billion for public health and safety and JPY102.2 billion for global health initiatives and infectious diseases.⁶⁰³⁶ Global health funding includes JPY22.1 billion for the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, JPY2.4 billion to help the World Health Organization address Monkeypox and strengthen health systems and JPY1.3 billion for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to support vaccinations in low-income countries. As part of its public health funding, Japan is allocating JPY2.2 billion to address the suicide and self-harm in school-aged populations amidst a rise in suicide rates across the country, JPY6.6 billion for social support systems for disadvantaged individuals and JPY7690 million yen for a comprehensive support system for women including educational and awareness materials and research into women's health and diseases including mental health and hormonal changes. This action contributes to all six pillars of the commitment.

⁶⁰³³ Government aims to ease care worker shortages through wage hikes, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 24 November 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.japantime994apanjp/news/2024/11/24/japan/health-minister-care-worker-wages>

⁶⁰³⁴ Deadline for 'catch-up' HPV vaccination program extended until March, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/11/28/japan/science-health/japan-hpv-vaccine-program-extension/>

⁶⁰³⁵ The House passes the supplementary budget for FY2024, The House of Representatives (Tokyo) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 4 June 2025. https://www.shugiin.go.jp/internet/itdb_english.nsf/html/statics/english/r6hosei1_e.html

⁶⁰³⁶ 令和6年度厚生労働省補正予算案の主要施策集, 厚生労働 (Tokyo) 29 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 June 2025. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/wp/yosan/yosan/24hosei/dl/24hosei_20241129_01.pdf

On 3 December 2024, Japan halted issuing new health insurance cards and integrated health insurance data into the My Number government identification system.⁶⁰³⁷ The aim of this action is to streamline digital health records and increase the efficiency of health service provision by integrating health information with government identification.

On 11 December 2024, Japan provided a vehicle and essential medical equipment to the Regional Administrative Body in Kigoma, Tanzania in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).⁶⁰³⁸ The initiative reaffirms Japan's commitment to providing life-saving sexual and reproductive health services for communities in Kigoma.

On 15 December 2024, Japan hosted the 17th Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting with China and Korea.⁶⁰³⁹ The meeting centered on public health security, improving public health systems for universal health care and healthy aging.

On 16 December 2024, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare announced plans to cover tuition and living expenses for international students from Asia studying at Japanese medical schools as early as 2026.⁶⁰⁴⁰ This aims to provide a collective benefit to Asian health systems by sustainably increasing the number of medical professionals able to practice while promoting Japanese medicines and medical technologies through medical education.

On 16 December 2024, Japan donated 14 ambulances to the Cambodian Ministry of Health through the Asian Development Bank.⁶⁰⁴¹ This aims to improve the accessibility of emergency health services in Cambodia, particularly for people living in rural areas.

On 17 December 2024, Chief Representative of the Pakistan Office of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Naoaki Miyata and Pakistan's Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs Muhammad Yahya Akhonzada signed grant agreements whereby Japan will provide funding for two projects in the country.⁶⁰⁴² Of note, Japan will allocate JPY1.503 billion to construct 21 health facilities for maternal and child health in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to improve access to equitable, resilient and quality healthcare services.

On 25 December 2024, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare approved an official price reduction of approximately 50 per cent of all pharmaceutical drugs.⁶⁰⁴³ This price cut is aimed at reducing the financial burden of medical expenses on Japanese residents.

⁶⁰³⁷ Japan halts issuing health insurance cards, info tied to My Number ID, Kyodo News+ (Tokyo) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2024/12/5e4a2bb72b5e-japan-halts-issuing-health-insurance-cards-info-tied-to-my-number-id.html>

⁶⁰³⁸ UNFPA and Japan Partner to Strengthen Health Services for Vulnerable Communities in Kigoma – Tanzania, United Nations Population Fund (Dar es Salaam) 11 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/news/unfpa-and-japan-partner-strengthen-health-services-vulnerable-communities-kigoma-tanzania>

⁶⁰³⁹ Tripartite Health Ministers' Meeting Was Held in Tokyo, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (Seoul) 15 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. https://tcs-asia.org/en/board/news_view.php?idx=5737&pNo=1&code=news

⁶⁰⁴⁰ Select Asian students to study medicine in Japan for free; new program to start as early as FY26, Asia News Network (Tokyo) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://asianews.network/select-asian-students-to-study-medicine-in-japan-for-free-new-program-to-start-as-early-as-fy26/>

⁶⁰⁴¹ Japan, through ADB, donates 14 ambulances to Health Ministry, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501608617/japan-through-adb-donates-14-ambulances-to-health-ministry/>

⁶⁰⁴² Japan provides 1.503 billion JPY for the Project for the Recovery of Maternal and Child Health Equipment in Flood-Affected and Surrounding Areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 2.831 billion JPY for The Project for Flood Management Enhancement in the Indus Basin, Embassy of Japan in Pakistan (Tokyo) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 5 June 2025. https://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00513.html

⁶⁰⁴³ Japan ministers agree on price cuts for half of all drugs, Japan Times (Tokyo) 25 December 2024. Access Date: 22 March 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/12/25/japan/drugs-price-cuts/>

On 13 January 2025, Japan announced USD1.5 million in funding to UNFPA.⁶⁰⁴⁴ The funding aims to support maternal, child and youth health in Afghanistan.

On 20 January 2025, JICA signed a loan agreement to provide JPY22,953 million to Uzbekistan for healthcare resilience.⁶⁰⁴⁵ The funding will be used to construct and equip a Neurology and Stroke Center and improve equipment and medical services provided at Bukhara State Medical Institute, the Multidisciplinary Clinic of Samarkand State Medical University and Multidisciplinary Specialized Center of Pediatric Surgery. JICA will also provide consulting services to Uzbekistan through this project.

On 23 January 2025, the Japanese Embassy in Cambodia donated 29 medical waste incinerators to the Cambodian Ministry of Health.⁶⁰⁴⁶ The move aims to improve hospital waste management in Cambodia and develop sustainable medical waste management practices that reduce disease transmission and increase public safety.

On 17 February 2025, JICA signed a JPY1,850.02 million loan agreement with the Palestinian Authority to support emergency recovery in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.⁶⁰⁴⁷ This includes providing medical equipment and helping to strengthen health infrastructure in accordance with the third Sustainable Development Goal which focuses on good health and well-being.

On 18 February 2025, participants including Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba discussed phase three of the medical research and development plan at the 49th meeting of the Headquarters for Healthcare and Medical Strategy Promotion.⁶⁰⁴⁸ Discussions included creating new industries to support health between the 2025-2029 fiscal years, a focus on drug loss, promoting healthy living and strengthening capacity to respond to infectious diseases. As part of this plan, the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development will support the creation of the Drug Discovery and Medical Equipment Creation Ecosystem to enable cross-sectoral collaboration to develop medicines and equipment. The Japan Institute for Health Security will also be launched in April 2025 to support these objectives.

On 14 March 2025, JICA signed a JPY1,527 million loan agreement with Tanzania to support maternal and child healthcare in the country.⁶⁰⁴⁹ The project focuses on enhancing medical equipment in seven regional hospitals to strengthen healthcare capacities and improve quality.

On 26 March 2025, Japan's Ambassador to Honduras Kazuhiro Nakai and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras Eduardo Enrique Reina Garcia signed a grant agreement whereby Japan will provide JPY640 million to support socioeconomic development in Honduras.⁶⁰⁵⁰ This project

⁶⁰⁴⁴ Japan contributes new \$1.5 million to UNFPA to support maternal, child and youth health in Afghanistan, United Nations Population Fund (Kabul) 13 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://afghanistan.unfpa.org/en/news/japan-contributes-new-15-million-unfpa-support-maternal-child-and-youth-health-afghanistan>

⁶⁰⁴⁵ Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Republic of Uzbekistan: Supporting the construction of Neurology and Stroke Center and the improvement of medical equipment to strengthen the medical services, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 January 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250117_31.html

⁶⁰⁴⁶ Ministry receives waste incinerators from Japan, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501628658/ministry-receives-waste-incinerators-from-japan/>

⁶⁰⁴⁷ Signing of Grant Agreement with Palestine: Providing equipment to promote emergency recovery, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 18 February 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250212_41.html

⁶⁰⁴⁸ Headquarters for Healthcare and Medical Strategy Promotion, Prime Minister's Office of Japan (Tokyo) 18 February 2025. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://japan.kantei.go.jp/103/actions/202502/18kenkouiryoku.html>

⁶⁰⁴⁹ Signing of Grant Agreement with Tanzania: Contributing to the improvement of the quality of maternal and new-born care through the provision of medical equipment, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 17 March 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250312_12.html

⁶⁰⁵⁰ Grant Assistance to the Republic of Honduras: Signing and Exchange of Notes on "the Economic and Social Development Programme," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_01141.html

includes strengthen the country's healthcare system by providing medical equipment to treat cancer and increase access to radiotherapy. This is significant as Honduras is impacted by high rates of cancer.

On 1 April 2025, Japan launched the Japan Institute for Health Security.⁶⁰⁵¹ The institute aims to provide information analysis, crisis response and research related to infectious diseases.

On 3 April 2025, Japan and UNFPA signed an agreement to implement the "Project for Improvement of Maternal and Child Health Care Services and Adaptive Capacity" in Nepal.⁶⁰⁵² Japan provided USD1.1 million in funding to enhance healthcare resilience and sustainability amidst climate change disaster by upgrading ten maternal health facilities and equipping them with solar-power, energy-efficient medical equipment and upgraded waste and water management systems. This action also supports healthcare equity and inclusivity by supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged women and children including pregnant individuals and newborns.

On 8 April 2025, Japan committed USD4 million to UNFPA.⁶⁰⁵³ This action aims to support access to healthcare services in the Gaza Strip and West Bank and increase equitable access to these services for women. This includes breast cancer prevention and support services, primary healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, health education and gender-based violence support.

On 8 April 2025, the Ministry of Health started monitoring acute respiratory symptoms, including cold symptoms, in the Japanese population.⁶⁰⁵⁴ The move aims to monitor infectious diseases to detect unknown illnesses and assist the public in preventing themselves from contracting infections.

On 11 April 2025, Japan committed USD5.29 million in funding to improve maternal and reproductive health services in Sri Lanka, in collaboration with UNFPA.⁶⁰⁵⁵ The initiative aims to ensure the reduction of "preventable risks faced by women during pregnancy and childbirth" by providing a supply of medical and non-medical equipment for the functioning of medical facilities.

On 23 April 2025, Japan initiated the operation of its Special Heat Stroke Alert system for 2025.⁶⁰⁵⁶ The initiative aims to prevent and reduce heat-linked health risks and alerts municipalities to make cooling shelters available when necessary to mitigate adverse health effects.

On 1 May 2025, Japan provided approximately USD10 million worth of medical equipment to the Fijian Ministry of Health including six ambulances and a CT scanner.⁶⁰⁵⁷ The initiative aims to support Fiji's healthcare services, particularly based on region-specific needs.

On 13 May 2025, Japan launched a new humanitarian initiative in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone to provide nutrition, health and water,

⁶⁰⁵¹ Japanese version of U.S. CDC launched for future pandemics, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 1 April 2025. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2025/04/01/japan/institute-pandemic/>

⁶⁰⁵² Japan, UNFPA partner to strengthen maternal and child health services in Nepal, The Himalayan Times (Kathmandu) 3 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/japan-unfpa-partner-to-strengthen-maternal-and-child-health-services-in-nepal>

⁶⁰⁵³ Japan grants USD 4,000,000 to support women's health and protection amid crisis in Gaza and West Bank, Representative office of Japan to Palestine (Tokyo) 8 April 2025. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://www.ps.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100827717.pdf>

⁶⁰⁵⁴ Japan begins monitoring acute respiratory infections, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 8 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2025/04/08/japan/science-health/japan-respiratory-infections-monitor/>

⁶⁰⁵⁵ Japan, UNFPA assist maternal, reproductive health services initiative, Daily News (Colombo) 11 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/04/11/local/760373/japan-unfpa-assist-maternal-reproductive-health-services-initiative/>

⁶⁰⁵⁶ Japan to start special heatstroke alert system Wednesday, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 19 April 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2025/04/19/japan/science-health/special-heat-stroke-index/>

⁶⁰⁵⁷ Japan provides support to strengthen Fiji's healthcare, FBC News (Suva) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.fbcnews.com.fj/news/japan-provides-support-to-strengthen-fijis-healthcare/>

sanitation, and hygiene services in Sierra Leone.⁶⁰⁵⁸ The initiative provides integrated people-centered health services to vulnerable populations including pregnant women and children and focuses on improving Sierra Leone's capacity for Universal Health Coverage.

On 16 May 2025, Japan's Ambassador to Nepal Toru Maeda and Nepal's Secretary of the Ministry of Finance Ghanshyam Upadhyaya signed a grant agreement whereby Japan will provide an additional JPY573 million to support improvements to the Dhulikhel Hospital Trauma and Emergency Center.⁶⁰⁵⁹ This project aims to strengthen Nepal's healthcare system and increase access to quality care.

On 17 May 2025, Japan announced USD17.4 million in funding to construct a specialized hospital to treat infectious diseases in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.⁶⁰⁶⁰ This action will support healthcare needs for 30,000 individuals in the region.

On 13 June 2025, the Cabinet adopted the Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform 2025 which notes several healthcare priorities including cost-effectiveness, cost revisions, ensuring stable supply of medicines and promoting healthcare innovation.⁶⁰⁶¹

On 19 June 2025, WHO Lebanon and Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health launched a project funded by JICA to support emergency preparedness and healthcare in the country.⁶⁰⁶² This includes expanding the Ministry's logistics management system to increase transparency and efficiency for pharmaceuticals, improving "critical blood bank infrastructure and supplies" and upgrading the Karantina Medical Supplies Warehouse to ensure health preparedness for emergencies. Japan's Ambassador to Lebanon Magoshi Masayuki and other representatives from the Embassy of Japan and JICA attended the launch for this project with Ambassador Masayuki reaffirming Japan's commitment to strengthening healthcare in Lebanon.

On 20 June 2025, the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare accepted the request of the vaccine company GSK to expand the use of its respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine to include adults aged 18-49 at a higher risk of RSV disease.⁶⁰⁶³ The aim of this action is to protect younger adults who are at an increased risk of severe RSV disease.

⁶⁰⁵⁸ Japan Partners with UNICEF and Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health on New Humanitarian Initiative to Support Vulnerable Communities, United Nations Children's Fund (Freetown) 13 May 2025. Access Date: 22 May 2025. <https://www.unicef.org/sierraleone/press-releases/japan-partners-unicef-and-sierra-leones-ministry-health-new-humanitarian-initiative>

⁶⁰⁵⁹ Signing and Exchange of Notes for Japanese Grant Assistance to Nepal for the Project for the Improvement of Dhulikhel Hospital Trauma and Emergency Center (Additional Grant) (May 16, 2025), Embassy of Japan in Nepal (Tokyo) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. https://www.np.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_01111.html

⁶⁰⁶⁰ Japan Grants \$17.4 Million for New Infectious Disease Ward, Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (Addis Ababa) 17 May 2025. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://ebc.et/english/newsdetails.aspx?newsid=11132>

⁶⁰⁶¹ Introduction to Japan's 2025 Honebuto Policy, Eliquent Life Sciences (Tokyo) 13 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://eliquent.jp/blog/2025/06/25/jpma-responds-to-the-2025-honebuto-policy-emphasizing-reform-of-cost-effectiveness-evaluation-and-pricing-framework/>

⁶⁰⁶² Lebanon: WHO, the Ministry of Public Health and the Government of Japan act to strengthen emergency response and resilience, World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region (Beirut) 19 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.emro.who.int/lbn/lebanon-news/lebanon-who-the-ministry-of-public-health-and-the-government-of-japan-act-to-strengthen-emergency-response-and-resilience.html>

⁶⁰⁶³ Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare accepts regulatory application to expand use of GSK's RSV vaccine, Arexvy, in adults aged 18-49 at increased risk of severe RSV disease, GSK (London) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.gsk.com/en-998apandia/press-releases/japan-s-ministry-of-health-labour-and-welfare-accepts-regulatory-application-to-expand-use-of-gsk-s-rsv-vaccine-arexvy/>

On 23 June 2025, Japan and Brazil signed a Health Cooperation Memorandum to advance joint initiatives in primary care, digital health, professional training, oncology, vaccine development and healthy aging.⁶⁰⁶⁴ It also includes pilot projects using artificial intelligence and telemonitoring.

On 24 June 2025, the Digital Agency of Japan began a service for the implementation of the My Number personal health card to be installed on iPhones.⁶⁰⁶⁵ This action aims to support the compatibility of the My Number card with smartphones for more convenient access to health certificates at convenience stores.

On 15 July 2025, JICA and UNICEF signed a grant agreement whereby Japan will provide up to JPY714 million to support a polio vaccination and eradication campaign in Afghanistan.⁶⁰⁶⁶ This funding aims to support healthcare and resilience in the country.

On 26 July 2025, Japan's Ambassador to Pakistan Shuichi Akamatsu and Chief Representative Miyata attended the inauguration of a new maternal and child health centre at Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences at Jamshoro.⁶⁰⁶⁷ Japan provided a grant of JPY4.1 billion for the centre which includes obstetrics and pediatrics departments.

On 31 July 2025, Japan's Ambassador to Burundi Isao Fukushima and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of Burundi Albert Shingiro signed a JPY150 million agreement for food aid and an JPY400 million agreement for the provision of medical equipment to Burundi.⁶⁰⁶⁸ This action will support healthcare resilience in the country.

On 1 August 2025, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the Agency for Children and Families, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Cabinet Office's Office for the Promotion of Countermeasures against Loneliness and Isolation collaborated to initiate an suicide prevention campaign for children and young people.⁶⁰⁶⁹ The campaign involves the production and dissemination of media such as posters and videos to raise awareness about resources for mental health and suicide prevention.

On 1 August 2025, JICA announced USD6 million loan for the Thu Dau Mot Water Joint Stock Company to fund the construction of an updated water treatment plan in Vietnam.⁶⁰⁷⁰ This action aims to bolster integrated health care through an improved accessibility to clean water in Vietnam.

On 4 August 2025, Japan's Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo Hidetoshi Ogawa and UNICEF's Country Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo John Agbo signed a grant agreement whereby Japan will provide JPY615 million to control the monkeypox epidemic in the Democratic Republic of

⁶⁰⁶⁴ Brasil e Japão assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 23 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/junho/brasil-e-japao-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude>

⁶⁰⁶⁵ Functions of Japan's My Number card now available on iPhones, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.japantime999apanjp/news/2025/06/25/japan/my-number-card-iphones/>

⁶⁰⁶⁶ Signing of Grant Agreement with UNICEF for Afghanistan: Contributing to consistent polio vaccination to children through a partnership with UNICEF, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 16 July 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2025/20250715_11.html

⁶⁰⁶⁷ Japan funds 4.1bn yen maternal, child health center in Sindh, Daily Times Pakistan (Lahore) 26 July 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/1342830/japan-funds-4-1bn-yen-maternal-child-health-center-in-sindh/>

⁶⁰⁶⁸ プルンジ共和国に対する無償資金協力「食糧援助」及び「経済社会開発計画」(医療機材供与)に関する書簡の署名・交換, 外務省 (Tokyo) 1 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/pressit_000001_02505.html

⁶⁰⁶⁹ 政府全体でこども・若者の自殺防止に向けた取組を強化します, 厚生労働 (Tokyo) 1 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/jisatsutaisaku_press250801.html

⁶⁰⁷⁰ Signing of a Loan Agreement for Bau Bang Water Expansion Project in Vietnam (Private Sector Investment Finance): Contributing to improving the water supply service in the country, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 4 August 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2025/20250716_14.html

Congo.⁶⁰⁷¹ The funding includes infection prevention and water, sanitation and hygiene services to strengthen health system's capacity to mitigate the epidemic.

On 8 August 2025, Japan's Ambassador to Mozambique Keiji Hamada and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique Maria Manuela dos Santos Lucas signed two grant agreements to strengthen human resources and ensure quality maternal and child healthcare in Mozambique.⁶⁰⁷² Japan will provide JPY946 million in funding for the projects, helping to support inclusive healthcare in Mozambique.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Japan has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through JICA funding for maternal and child health in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a price reduction for pharmaceutical drugs, providing medical equipment to strengthen healthcare in Fiji, supporting emergency health services for rural populations in Cambodia and supporting the environmental sustainability of maternal health facilities in Nepal. Additionally, Japan's approved supplemental budget for the 2024 fiscal year includes funding to address youth suicide and self-harm, a focus on integrated people-centered health services and strong actions that support the commitment pillars of resilience, equitability, sustainability and inclusivity. Japan has also addressed the provision of integrated people-centered health services through a project in Sierra Leone and its Special Heat Stroke Alert system. Additionally, it has financed and partnered with UNICEF for a polio eradication initiative in Afghanistan, provided funding to improve the resilience of Nepal's health system and supported maternal and child healthcare in Mozambique and Pakistan.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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On 21 November 2024, Minister of Health and Welfare (MOHW) Kyu-hong Cho, Director of the Central Mental Health and Welfare Support Team Seon-wan Ki and Chairman of the Korea Press Association Jong-hyun Park announced recommendations to address the social stigma associated with mental health conditions.⁶⁰⁷³ These recommendations focus on increasing awareness of mental health and avoiding negative associations of mental illness. This action aims to increase the use of mental health services by addressing societal prejudices that prevent individuals from accessing treatment.

On 24 November 2024, Minister Cho and President of the Korea Health Promotion Development Institute Heon-joo Kim announced a new artificial intelligence-based smoking cessation guide to provide education and resources to individuals seeking support to stop smoking.⁶⁰⁷⁴ This initiative supports integrated people-centered health services by making information more easily accessible to the public.

6071 コンゴ民主共和国に対する無償資金協力「エムボックス流行への緊急対応計画(UNICEF連携)」に関する書簡の署名・交換, 外務省 (Tokyo) 5 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025.

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6072 モザンビーク共和国に対する無償資金協力2件に関する書簡の署名・交換, 外務省 (Tokyo) 12 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/press/release/pressit_000001_02551.html

6073 정신질환 편견과 낙인 해소 위한 정신건강보호 권고기준 제정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483677&tag=&nPage=38

6074 공공 보건분야 첫 초거대 AI, '금연길라잡이 AI검색요약 서비스' 선보여, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 24 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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On 1 December 2024, Minister Cho and President of the Korea Health Industry Development Institute Min-seop Yeom announced that 12 public health facilities began testing a pilot health storage system on 27 November 2024.⁶⁰⁷⁵ The system aims to increase patient access to medical records, support efficiency and reduce the burden on public health institutions.

On 2 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that Korea and the United Kingdom held its first Health Policy Dialogue to discuss healthcare cooperation.⁶⁰⁷⁶ During the dialogue, representatives from both countries discussed progress on key priorities including innovative research and development and “shared best practices on cardiovascular disease and smoking cessation.”

On 2 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that the National Assembly approved 13 amendments to the MOHW’s bills.⁶⁰⁷⁷ Of note, the Medical Act was revised to support efficient healthcare management.

On 3 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that the Korean Cabinet approved a revision to the Enforcement Decree of the National Health Insurance Act.⁶⁰⁷⁸ This revision makes caesarean sections free for all individuals, eliminating the five per cent fee previously charged for this procedure. This action contributes to increased healthcare equitability.

On 4 December 2024, Minister Cho and President of the World Bank Group Ajay Banga co-hosted a global mental health forum to discuss accessibility to mental health services and increase societal awareness about mental health.⁶⁰⁷⁹ Panelists from several countries engaged in discussions about the social stigma of mental health, improving mental health and increasing access to mental health services.

On 5 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that Kangbuk Samsung Hospital and Hwasun Chonnam National University Hospital will participate in the project to reform 44 general hospitals in Korea.⁶⁰⁸⁰ This project will focus on strengthening healthcare capacity for serious, emergency and rare diseases, ensuring effective healthcare cooperation and providing training to medical professionals. The government will also focus on strengthening primary healthcare and secondary care to reinforce the health system and ensure integrated health services.

On 5 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that 35 cities and counties will participate in a project to provide “integrated medical and care support technology support.”⁶⁰⁸¹ This project will focus on enabling older aged individuals to receive support and remain in their homes.

⁶⁰⁷⁵ 휴폐업 의료기관 진료기록보관시스템 시범운영, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 1 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁷⁶ 한국-영국 간 보건의료 분야 협력 강화 위한 보건대화 개최, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483796&tag=&nPage=34

⁶⁰⁷⁷ 보건복지부 소관 13개 개정법률안 국회 본회의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483795&tag=&nPage=34

⁶⁰⁷⁸ 내년부터 제왕절개 분만 시 진료비 본인부담 무료(5%→0%), 보건복지부 (Seoul) 3 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483801&tag=&nPage=34

⁶⁰⁷⁹ 보건복지부와 세계은행세계 각국의 정신건강 증진 노력 공유, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 4 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483827&tag=&nPage=34

⁶⁰⁸⁰ 44개 상급종합병원 구조전환 참여, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 5 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483846&tag=&nPage=33

⁶⁰⁸¹ 의료-돌봄 통합지원 기술지원형 시범사업 35개 시군구 선정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 5 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483844&tag=&nPage=33

On 10 December 2024, Minister Cho revealed that the MOHW will have a KRW125.4909 trillion budget for the 2025 fiscal year.⁶⁰⁸² In part, the budget will support training healthcare professionals, support for childhood development and a “national mental investment support project.”

On 15 December 2024, Second Vice Minister of Health and Welfare Min-soo Park attended the 17th Korea-Japan-China Health Ministers’ Meeting to discuss healthcare cooperation between the three countries.⁶⁰⁸³ The meeting included the adoption of the Joint Statement of the Tripartite Health Ministers’ Meeting which focuses on strengthening public health, promoting healthy ageing and building more equitable, resilient and sustainable health systems that support Universal Health Coverage. Additionally, the countries revised the Tripartite Memorandum of Cooperation and the Joint Plan of Action’ on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Pandemics and Infectious Diseases of Common Concern with High Potential Consequences.

On 16 December 2024, Minister Cho announced KRW2.5 billion in funding for a twenty-five-year project to build two new remote intensive care units to provide integrated management, monitoring and medical consultations.⁶⁰⁸⁴ The units will be staffed around the clock and use information and communication technology to support intensive care operations beginning in 2026.

On 16 December 2024, Minister Cho announced revised “Healthcare Data Utilization Guidelines” to support digital healthcare research while maintaining patient privacy by pseudonymizing data and increasing security.⁶⁰⁸⁵ This action is expected to support innovation for medical technologies and treatments.

On 19 December 2024, the MOHW announced an integrated people-centered pilot project for long-term care.⁶⁰⁸⁶ 135 medical institutions across Korea will implement the project beginning in January 2025, focusing on providing physician and nurse-led home care, connecting individuals with community services including nutrition and housing and providing education and counselling to patients and guardians to improve knowledge and management of dementia and chronic diseases.

On 19 December 2024, Minister Cho announced the nine new regional emergency medical centers including in Daegu, Daejeon, Sejong and Gangwon which previously did not have such facilities.⁶⁰⁸⁷ This action will help strengthen the emergency healthcare system.

On 27 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that the Seoul Metropolitan Government’s Urban Architecture Joint Committee approved a revised urban management plan that includes relocating the National

⁶⁰⁸² 보건복지부 2025년 예산, 125조 4,909억 원 확정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁸³ 한국, 일본·중국과 더 안전하고 건강하며 번영하는 미래 위한 협력 의지 다져, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 December 2024.

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⁶⁰⁸⁴ 정보통신기술(ICT) 활용한 한국형 원격 중환자실 본격 추진으로 중증 환자 치료역량 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

⁶⁰⁸⁵ 비정형데이터 가명처리, 결합 데이터 제공 등 보건의료 데이터 활용 지원 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 December 2024.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁸⁶ 장기요양 재택의료센터 2025년 1월부터 전국 135개소에서 서비스 제공, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483985&tag=&nPage=30

⁶⁰⁸⁷ 거점지역응급의료센터 9개소 추가 지정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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Medical Center and constructing the Central Infectious Disease Hospital as a joint facility.⁶⁰⁸⁸ The facility will be equipped with 776 beds to support increased healthcare capacity.

On 30 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that Gyeonggi Province's Yongin Geriatric Hospital and Ansan City Geriatric Hospital were designated as specialized dementia care hospitals.⁶⁰⁸⁹ This designation means that the hospitals are equipped to handle the behavioral and psychological symptoms associated with dementia and have trained medical staff including neurologists and psychiatrists to support dementia care.

On 30 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that an integrated psychological support team will provide services to bereaved families impacted by the Jeju Air passenger plane accident.⁶⁰⁹⁰ 320 individuals trained to provide disaster psychological services will support this action alongside other mental health professionals.

On 16 January 2025, Minister Cho announced that ten additional medical facilities have been designated as regional cerebrovascular disease centers.⁶⁰⁹¹ This action will support increased access to specialized cerebrovascular care.

On 7 February 2025, Director of the National Center for Mental Health Young-sook Kwak, Superintendent of the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education Geun-sik Jeong and Chairman of the Korean Society of School Psychiatry Wan-seok Seo signed an agreement for student mental health.⁶⁰⁹² The agreement focuses on strengthening integrated services including testing, counselling and education and the “creation of a mental health-friendly school environment” to support students.

On 11 February 2025, Second Vice Minister Park, 17 local government officials and mental health professionals took part in the Suicide Prevention Project and National Mental Investment Support Project City/Province Roundtable to discuss the government's suicide support plan and encourage mental health investment.⁶⁰⁹³ The MOHW also discussed its Local Government High-Risk Suicide Group Intensive Support Plan which was activated in December 2024 to improve “case management services for suicide attempters” and provide comprehensive support to suicide survivors including temporary housing, tuition support and administrative and legal support.

On 13 February 2025, Minister Cho announced KRW81.2 billion in funding for a project to modernize infrastructure for 17 regional medical institutions in 2025.⁶⁰⁹⁴ This action will support increased healthcare resilience, sustainability and inclusivity in healthcare.

⁶⁰⁸⁸ 국립중앙의료원 신축이전 및 중앙감염병병원 건립 위한 도시관리계획 변경 심의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 27 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁸⁹ 치매 환자 전문치료 위한 치매안심병원 2개소 추가 지정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 30 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹⁰ 통합심리지원단 유가족 등 심리지원 서비스 제공, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 30 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹¹ 지역심뇌혈관질환센터 신규 10개소 선정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹² 국립정신건강센터, '학생 마음건강 증진 협력체계 구축' 위한 업무협약 체결, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 7 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

⁶⁰⁹³ 자살예방사업 및 전국민 마음투자 지원사업 중앙-지방 협력 강화 논의, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 11 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1484590&tag=&nPage=21

⁶⁰⁹⁴ 지역의료 살리기 위한 권역책임의료기관 최중치료 역량 강화 착수, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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On 21 February 2025, Minister Cho announced that the MOHW is implementing a new advanced regenerative medicine treatment system to enable the use of regenerative medicine including cell therapy, gene therapy and tissue engineering therapy to treat serious, rare and incurable diseases.⁶⁰⁹⁵ This action will support inclusive and equitable healthcare.

On 27 February 2025, the MOHW's 4th Health Insurance Policy Deliberation Committee decided to expand treatment coverage for high-difficulty pediatric surgeries, gynecological cancers and several rare diseases.⁶⁰⁹⁶ This action supports equitable healthcare by ensuring compensation for an additional 319 pediatric surgeries, increasing compensation for cervical, breast and other gynecological cancers and covering medications such as Vyndamax Capsule which is used to treat transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy.

On 27 February 2025, the National Assembly's plenary session passed eight health and welfare bills.⁶⁰⁹⁷ Of note, the Act on Support for Community Self-reliance and Housing Transition for Persons with Disabilities includes counselling and housing support for individuals with disabilities and the revised Emergency Medical Services Act focuses on increasing the scope of the Central Emergency Medical Center "as an emergency medical control tower."

On 13 March 2025, the National Assembly's plenary session passed 13 health and welfare bills.⁶⁰⁹⁸ Of note, amendments to the Child Welfare Act include increased medical and psychological support for youth, amendments to the Infectious Disease Prevention and Management Act focus on strengthening healthcare capacity for infectious diseases, amendments to the Emergency Medical Services Act focus on increasing care for vulnerable areas and amendments to the Elderly Welfare Act and the Disabled Welfare Act improve reporting mechanisms for elder abuse.

On 19 March 2025, Director Kwak and Chairman of the Small and Medium Business Administration Seok-jin Kang signed an agreement "to promote mental health for Tomorrow Filling Insurance subscribers."⁶⁰⁹⁹ The agreement focuses on mental health education, promotion and sustainability with the National Center for Mental Health providing mental health diagnosis, counseling and training.

On 20 March 2025, Minister Cho and Romanian Minister of Health Alexandru Rafila met to discuss information communication technology-based healthcare, medical training and the "pharmaceutical, bio, and medical device sectors."⁶¹⁰⁰ The ministers also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to increase healthcare cooperation.

⁶⁰⁹⁵ 첨단재생의료 치료제도 시행으로 희귀,난치 질환자에게 새로운 치료기회 제공, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 February 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹⁶ 고난도 수술 보상강화 및 희귀질환 보장성 지속 확대, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹⁷ 보건복지부 소관 8개 법률안 2월 27일 국회 본회의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶⁰⁹⁸ 보건복지부 소관 17개 법률안 3월 13일 국회 본회의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 13 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1484975&tag=&nPage=16

⁶⁰⁹⁹ 국립정신건강센터, 중소벤처기업진흥공단 정신건강 증진 위한 업무협약 체결, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 March 2025.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰⁰ 대한민국, 루마니아와 보건산업 협력 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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On 26 March 2025, Minister Cho inaugurated the Ansan Mental Health Center which will support individuals and families impacted by the Sewol Ferry Disaster.⁶¹⁰¹ The center is staffed by 48 healthcare professionals which will provide mental and health services.

On 4 April 2025, Minister Cho and Chairman of the Korea Life Respect Hope Foundation Tae-yeon Hwang announced the launch of the 2025 Public-Private Cooperation Suicide Prevention Project.⁶¹⁰² Ten selected organizations will receive funding for suicide prevention, counselling and services through the first round of project grants with an additional KRW130 million being allocated for organizations in the second round.

On 15 April 2025, Minister Cho and President of the Korea Health Industry Development Institute Soon-do Cha announced that six organizations have been selected to take part in the K-Biohealth Regional Center Support Project.⁶¹⁰³ The project focuses on development biohealth clusters, improving regional excellence and increasing coordination and communication between regional clusters and the K-Biohealth Strategy Center.

On 18 April 2025, the MOHW announced funding for local public medical institutions to hire senior doctors.⁶¹⁰⁴ This action aims to alleviate the shortage of medical professionals in local areas.

On 25 April 2025, Minister Cho announced a 2025-2027 pilot project for Maternal and Child Medical Care Cooperation.⁶¹⁰⁵ The project will include 176 medical institutions belonging to 12 cooperation systems to support “intensive care of high-risk pregnant women and newborns.”

On 28 April 2025, Minister Cho announced KRW40 billion in government funding and KRW40 billion in private investments to establish the “K-Bio and Vaccine 4 Fund.”⁶¹⁰⁶ The fourth funding of this initiative will support biotechnology and pharmaceutical investments including clinical trials for innovative treatments.

On 2 May 2025, Minister Cho announced the selection of 53 additional local governments to participate in the 2025 First Medical, Nursing, and Care Integrated Support Pilot Project.⁶¹⁰⁷ The project will include a total of 100 local governments to improve integrated people-centered health services around the country.

On 6 May 2025, Palestine’s Ministry of Health launched “two new state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation outpatient centers in Ramallah and Qabatiya governorates of the West Bank,” with funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency and support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and United

⁶¹⁰¹ 세월호 사고 트라우마 극복 지원 위한 안산마음건강센터 개소, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 27 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰² 2025년 민관이 함께하는 자살예방사업 본격 추진, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 4 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰³ K-바이오헬스 지역센터 지원사업 주관기관 6개소 신규 선정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 15 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰⁴ 지역 필수의료 의사 부족 대응 위한 ‘시니어의사 지원 사업’ 추진, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 18 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰⁵ 모자의료 진료협력 시범사업 9개 권역 12개 협력체계 선정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 25 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹⁰⁶ K-바이오백신 4호 펀드 800억 원 규모 우선 결성해 투자 개시, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1485638&tag=&nPage=7

⁶¹⁰⁷ 100개 시군구가 함께, 의료요양돌봄 통합지원 기반을 구축한다, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1485760&tag=&nPage=6

Nations Office for Project Services.⁶¹⁰⁸ The centres will strengthen healthcare capacity in the West Bank, enabling access to rehabilitation services for up to 700,000 individuals, with a focus on specialized neurological conditions including stroke, multiple sclerosis and traumatic brain injuries.

On 15 May 2025, Minister Cho, President of the Child Rights Protection Center Ik-joong Jeong and Chief Executive Officers of Hanjin Hyun-min Cho and Sam-seok Noh signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support pregnant women in crisis.⁶¹⁰⁹ Cooperation will focus on counselling services for pregnant women and support during childbirth and for childcare.

On 20 May 2025, Minister Cho announced that the MOHW will increase psychological support for individuals impacted by wildfires in the Ulsan-Gyeongbuk-Gyeongnam region.⁶¹¹⁰ This support will be provided by the Mental Health and Welfare Center, the National Trauma Center and the National Mental Investment Support Project using an income-based approach to ensure equitable healthcare.

On 29 May 2025, Minister Cho and President Kim hosted the 38th World No Tobacco Day Commemorative Ceremony in Yeouido, Seoul.⁶¹¹¹ This initiative aimed to raise awareness about tobacco promotion and marketing tactics.

On 17 June 2025, the MOHW and WHO announced that it will conduct the first 2025 session for Basic Training on Vaccine Manufacturing Processes at Seoul National University's Siheung Campus over two weeks starting 16 June 2025.⁶¹¹² The goal of this initiative is to strengthen manufacturing capacity and to address vaccine inequities.

On 25 June 2025, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs Ki-hwan Kwon pledged USD50 million to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁶¹¹³ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁶¹¹⁴

On 9 July 2025, Korea facilitated the installation of several portable drinking water stations across various health facilities in Belize, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund Belize and the Ministry of Health

⁶¹⁰⁸ Ministry of Health Inaugurates First Rehabilitation Outpatient Centers in West Bank with Funding from the Republic of Korea and Support from WHO and UNOPS, World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region (Ramallah) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.emro.who.int/opt/news/ministry-of-health-inaugurates-first-rehabilitation-outpatient-centers-in-west-bank-with-funding-from-the-republic-of-korea-and-support-from-who-and-unops.html>

⁶¹⁰⁹ 위기임산부와 아동의 안전한 양육 출산 지원 위한 민관 협력, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 15 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹¹⁰ 울산-경북-경남 산불 이재민 심리지원 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 20 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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⁶¹¹¹ Unmask the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 4 June 2025. Access date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1486176&typ=N&insttCode=A260111>

⁶¹¹² 'WHO Global Training 'ub for Biomanufacturing' Launches 2025 1st Basic Training on Vaccine Manufact, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 17 June 2025. Access date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=1486302&type=N&insttCode=A260111>

⁶¹¹³ World leaders recommit to immunisation amid global funding shortfall, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/news/media-room/world-leaders-recommit-immunisation-amid-global-funding-shortfall>

⁶¹¹⁴ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

and Wellness of Belize.⁶¹¹⁵ Each water station is valued at BZD38,000 and reflects Korea's commitment to improving health infrastructure by ensuring safe drinking water in health facilities.

On 17 July 2025, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency revealed its designation as a WHO Collaborating Center for Non-Communicable Disease Surveillance and Bigdata Utilization between May 2025-April 2029.⁶¹¹⁶ This designation will enable Korea to help strengthen global healthcare by supporting Member States in effectively monitoring and strengthening surveillance for non-communicable diseases as well as improving big data capacities in healthcare.

On 6 August 2025, the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency declared that they will be hosting a four-day meeting in Incheon.⁶¹¹⁷ This will bring together 21 countries from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to discuss common health issues.

On 12 August 2025, the National Institute of Health under the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency was redesignated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance and One Health Research.⁶¹¹⁸ This will enable the National Institute of Health to carry out development in surveillance manuals, enhance laboratory capacities and offer education and training with regards to antimicrobial resistance surveillance as part of WHO's Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System.

On 4 September 2025, the Minister of Health and Welfare Jeong Eun Kyeong visited the National Medical Center.⁶¹¹⁹ This was conducted in order to improve Korea's emergency medical system.

On 12 September 2025, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced 60 hospitals selected for the 2025 Training Environment Innovation Program for Trainee Doctors.⁶¹²⁰ The program aims to train doctors in a more effective way to enhance the quality of healthcare.

On 16 October 2025, the Ministry of Health and Welfare finalized its First Comprehensive Plan for Organ Donation and Transplantation.⁶¹²¹ The plan aims to expand donor registrations and improve the organ donation framework to improve the human tissue supply system in Korea.

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Korea has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through funding to reform general hospitals to improve primary and secondary

⁶¹¹⁵—Clean water for health - A WASH FIT initiative, UNICEF Belize (Belize City) 9 July 2025. Access Date: 26 July 2025.

<https://www.unicef.org/belize/stories/clean-water-health-wash-fit-initiative>

⁶¹¹⁶ KDCA Officially Designated as WHO Collaborating Center for NCD Surveillance and Bigdata Utilization, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (Seoul) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=8128&type=O&insttCode=A110445>

⁶¹¹⁷ APEC Health Cooperation for Ensuring Health for All, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 6 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1487141&tag=&nPage=1

⁶¹¹⁸ KDCA Re-Designated as WHO Collaborating Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance and One Health, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (Osong) 12 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025.

<https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=8182&type=O&insttCode=A110445&categoryId=109&language=A020101&pageIndex=1&gov=>

⁶¹¹⁹ MOHW Holds On-Site Meeting to Improve the Emergency Medical System, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 26 October 2025.

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⁶¹²⁰ MOHW Launches Full-Scale Program to Improve Trainee Doctors' Training Environments, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 15 September 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025.

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⁶¹²¹ MOHW Establishes First Comprehensive Plan for Organ and Tissue Donation, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Seoul) 17 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a20401000000&bid=0032&act=view&list_no=1487636&tag=&nPage=1

healthcare, investments for regional medical institutions, health insurance adjustments to make caesarean sections free, cover more pediatric surgeries, gynecological cancer treatments and rare disease medications, a Maternal and Child Medical Care Cooperation pilot project, amendments to the Infectious Disease Prevention and Management Act focus and Emergency Medical Services Act and the construction of a joint National Medical Center and Central Infectious Disease Hospital facility. Additionally, Korea has taken strong action for the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through a pilot project for long-term care, projects for integrated medical and care support technology support, the Medical, Nursing, and Care Integrated Support Pilot Project, the Public-Private Cooperation Suicide Prevention Project, disaster psychological services, a plan to improve student mental health and funding through the 2025 fiscal year budget for a national mental investment support project.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 26 November 2024, the Ministry of Health's Public Welfare Asset Administration delivered 20 ambulances worth MXN3,680,000 and additional medical equipment including wheelchairs, walkers and crutches worth MXN2,630,000 to state authorities in Yucatán.⁶¹²² This action will support strengthened healthcare capacities in the region.

On 26 November 2024, Secretary of Health David Kershenobich Stalnikowitz announced the launch of a new campaign to monitor over 500,000 individuals for diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure.⁶¹²³ Beginning in January 2025, the campaign aims to reduce the prevalence of these chronic conditions from ten per cent to five per cent by 2031.

On 26 November 2024, Secretary Stalnikowitz and France's Ambassador to Mexico Delphine Borione inaugurated the sixth Franco-Mexican Healthcare Day.⁶¹²⁴ The pair recognized collaborative efforts between France and Mexico for healthcare and called for additional cooperation.

On 1 December 2024, Director General of the National Center for the Prevention and Control of HIV and AIDS (CENSIDA) Juan Luis Mosqueda Gómez reaffirmed the government's commitment to free, universal healthcare for HIV and AIDS.⁶¹²⁵ He also encouraged sexually active individuals to get tested for HIV and

⁶¹²² 451. Beneficencia Pública federal entrega 20 ambulancias a unidades de salud y apoyos a personas con discapacidad de Yucatán, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/451-beneficencia-publica-federal-entrega-20-ambulancias-a-unidades-de-salud-y-apoyos-a-personas-con-discapacidad-de-yucatan?idiom=es>

⁶¹²³ 457. Sector Salud emprenderá campaña para disminuir de 5 a 10% la hipertensión arterial, diabetes mellitus y obesidad, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/457-sector-salud-emprendera-campana-para-disminuir-de-5-a-10-la-hipertension-arterial-diabetes-mellitus-y-obesidad?idiom=es>

⁶¹²⁴ 458. México y Francia ponen en marcha la Jornada Franco Mexicana de la Salud, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 26 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/458-mexico-y-francia-ponen-en-marcha-la-jornada-franco-mexicana-de-la-salud?idiom=es>

⁶¹²⁵ México garantiza acceso universal y gratuito a las herramientas más avanzadas de prevención, diagnóstico y tratamiento de VIH y SIDA: CENSIDA, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 1 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/462-mexico-garantiza-acceso-universal-y-gratuito-a-las-herramientas-mas-avanzadas-de-prevencion-diagnostico-y-tratamiento-de-vih-y-sida-censida?idiom=es>

discussed 80 outpatient centers for HIV and AIDS which provide free contraceptives, conduct testing for sexually transmitted infections and provide treatment to individuals with HIV, hepatitis C and other conditions.

On 18 December 2024, Director General of the Public Welfare Asset Administration Alfredo Cordero Esquivel delivered 30 ambulances to Nuevo León to support healthcare capacities in the state.⁶¹²⁶

On 17 January 2025, the Ministry of Health, Pan American Health Organization and San Diego County and Baja local governments in the United States launched a joint vaccination project at the Otay Port of Entry.⁶¹²⁷ This campaign will vaccinate children and individuals over 60 years of age for influenza, Covid-19 and pneumonia, focusing on equitable access to vaccines for vulnerable groups.

On 20 January 2025, the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) announced that they granted 149 authorizations for medications, medical devices and clinical trials in the first three weeks of January.⁶¹²⁸ This authorization will support availability and access to quality healthcare and pharmaceuticals for Mexicans including individuals suffering from cancer.

On 21 January 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the National Plan for the Control of Dengue and Other Arboviruses, aiming to control the spread of infectious diseases through surveillance, vector control and public education.⁶¹²⁹ This program will help prevent institutional strains and reduce risks of future outbreaks.

On 23 January 2025, the Ministry of Health's National Institute of Pediatrics and Administration of Public Welfare Assets inaugurated a medical device called the Digital Radiology and Fluoroscopy Unit with Remote Control.⁶¹³⁰ This device will reduce wait times and increase diagnostic precision for vulnerable individuals. The government invested MXN6,890,000 for this action.

On 18 February 2025, the Ministry of Health's National Center for Preventive Programs and Disease Control and the ministries of health of Chile, El Salvador, Guyana and Cuba held a meeting in Mexico City to strengthen the scaling and institutionalization of the HEARTS initiative in the Americas.⁶¹³¹ This program will fight against prevalent cardiovascular diseases within the Mexican population, leading to more accessible quality healthcare while strengthening cross-border healthcare collaboration.

On 19 February 2025, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Juan Ramón de la Fuente issued a statement to direct Mexico's consular network in the United States to partner with organizations like the National Autonomous

⁶¹²⁶ 471. Secretaría de Salud entrega, a través de la Beneficencia pública, 30 ambulancias a Nuevo León, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 18 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/471-secretaria-de-salud-entrega-a-traves-de-la-beneficencia-publica-30-ambulancias-a-nuevo-leon?idiom=es>

⁶¹²⁷ México y Estados Unidos se unen en histórica campaña binacional de vacunación en la Frontera, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 17 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/mexico-y-estados-unidos-se-unen-en-historica-campana-binacional-de-vacunacion-en-la-frontera?idiom=es>

⁶¹²⁸ Durante la Primer Quincena de 2025, COFEPRIS Autorizó 149 Insumos Para la Salud, Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios (Mexico City) 21 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/articulos/durante-la-primer-quincena-de-2025-cofepris-autorizo-149-insumos-para-la-salud>

⁶¹²⁹ Plan Nacional para el Control del Dengue y Otras Arbovirosis, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 27 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/plan-nacional-para-el-control-del-dengue-y-otras-arbovirosis?idiom=es>

⁶¹³⁰ 012. Instituto Nacional de Pediatría abre nueva Unidad Radiológica para mejorar atención a pequeños pacientes, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 23 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/012-instituto-nacional-de-pediatria-abre-nueva-unidad-radiologica-para-mejorar-atencion-a-pequenos-pacientes?idiom=es>

⁶¹³¹ Regional Workshop to Strengthen HEARTS in the Americas Begins in Mexico. Pan American Health Organization (Washington D.C) 18 February 2025. Access date: May 4 2025. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/18-2-2025-regional-workshop-strengthen-hearts-americas-begins-mexico>

University of Mexico to support the mental health of Mexican nationals in the US.⁶¹³² This action will be paired with an awareness campaign to connect Mexican nationals with mental health self-assessment tools and professional mental health services amidst rising anti-immigrant sentiments in the US.

On 19 February 2025, COFEPRIS and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property signed a cooperation agreement for the sanitary registration process.⁶¹³³ This action will support increased availability of pharmaceuticals and reduce wait times while enabling supply chain resilience.

On 24 February 2025, Secretary Stalnikowitz and President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo announced plans to implement six new National Health Care Protocols beginning in March. These protocols will uniformly treat patients with diabetes and metabolic syndrome, systemic arterial hypertension, chronic kidney disease and obesity while also increasing vaccination and healthcare standards for babies in the first 1000 days of life.⁶¹³⁴ This change will further accessibility within the healthcare system and tackle inequalities during treatment.

On 26 February 2025, the US Chamber of Commerce's US-Mexico Economic Council and AmCham Mexico co-hosted the first US-Mexico Health Forum in Mexico City.⁶¹³⁵ The event included government, civil society and business representatives to discuss expanding access to healthcare, strengthening health supply chains and economic growth in North America.

On 3 March 2025, Secretary Stalnikowitz and Director General of the Pan American Health Organization and Regional Director for the Americas at the World Health Organization Jarbas Barbosa da Silva held a working meeting to reaffirm their commitment to healthcare cooperation.⁶¹³⁶ The Secretary also reiterated Mexico's commitment to "a universal, free, high-quality and compassionate public health system" with a focus on preventative medicine and primary care.

On 4 March 2025, Undersecretary of Sectoral Integration and Coordination of Health Care Services Eduardo Clark announced new measures to increase healthcare equity for pediatric cancer patients.⁶¹³⁷ Through the Ministry of Health's new support program, 3000 guardians will receive MXN6,400 every two months to aid with expenses. Additionally, the Ministry will implement initiatives to support comprehensive healthcare for children with cancer and ensure treatment supply and delivery.

⁶¹³² Foreign Ministry Prioritizes Mental Health Support for Mexicans in the U.S., Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 19 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/foreign-ministry-prioritizes-mental-health-support-for-mexicans-in-the-u-s>

⁶¹³³ Cofepris e IMPI firman acuerdo de colaboración técnica para el fortalecimiento del sector, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 19 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/cofepris-e-impi-firman-acuerdo-de-colaboracion-tecnica-para-el-fortalecimiento-del-sector?idiom=es>

⁶¹³⁴ Mexico to Launch Six National Medical Protocols in March 2025. Mexico Business News (Mexico City) February 6 2025. Access Date: May 4 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/health/news/mexico-launch-six-national-medical-protocols-march-2'25>

⁶¹³⁵ Johnson & Johnson's Role in Strengthening Mexico and North America's Healthcare Ecosystem. U.S Chamber of Commerce (Washington D.C) 18 April 2025. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.uschamber.com/international/johnson-johnsons-role-in-strengthening-mexico-and-north-americas-healthcare-ecosystem>

⁶¹³⁶ El secretario de salud, David Kershenobich se reunió con Jarbas Barbosa da Silva, director de la Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS) y director regional de la Organización Mundial de la Salud para las Américas, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 3 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/041-la-secretaria-de-salud-fortalece-alianzas-internacionales-para-fortalecer-el-sistema-de-salud-en-mexico?idiom=es>

⁶¹³⁷ 042. Secretaría de Salud anuncia Programa de Apoyo a las Familias de Niñas y Niños con Cáncer sin seguridad social, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 4 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/042-secretaria-de-salud-anuncia-programa-de-apoyo-a-las-familias-de-ninas-y-ninos-con-cancer-sin-seguridad-social-se-otorgaran-6-mil-400-pesos-bimestrales?idiom=es>

On 4 March 2025, the Ministry of Health officially recognized midwifery as part of the National Health System to ensure integrated people-centered and intercultural healthcare.⁶¹³⁸ As part of Mexico's new midwifery regulation, professional midwives will receive enhanced training to enable them to prescribe some obstetric medications, healthcare coordination will be improved and midwifery centers will be allowed to be opened.

On 24 March 2025, COFEPRIS announced regulatory changes to accept evaluations of research products by the European Medicines Agency, United States Food and Drug Administration, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency of the United Kingdom and Health Canada.⁶¹³⁹ This will support efficiency in healthcare research and enable the development of effective and high-quality therapies.

On 28 March 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a national suicide prevention campaign to raise awareness and provide support for suicide.⁶¹⁴⁰

On 29 April 2025, Undersecretary Clark announced the delivery of 435 million units of medical supplies to public health institutions, of which 148 million units were delivered in April.⁶¹⁴¹ An additional 331 million units will be delivered in the coming weeks to support resilient healthcare.

On 19 May 2025, Secretary Stalnikowitz attended the two-day session of the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, highlighting Mexico's commitment to healthcare equity, addressing non-communicable diseases and the One Health approach.⁶¹⁴² The Secretary also held several bilateral meetings to discuss healthcare cooperation.

On 26 May 2025, the Ministry of Health published the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan which aims to improve Mexico's transplant system, focusing on equity, coverage and efficiency.⁶¹⁴³ Announced during a ceremony commemorating the 25th anniversary of the National Transplant Center, Undersecretary of Health Policies and Population Well-being Ramiro López Elizalde shared that the plan aims to better support individuals with chronic health conditions, increase donation rates, support training and strengthen procurement teams across the country.

On 4 June 2025, the Ministry of Health presented a new digital platform called the HIV response network in Mexico to articulate inter-institutional efforts in achieving its 2030 HIV/AIDS goals, including zero new HIV

⁶¹³⁸ 043. Nueva Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-020-SSA-2025 fortalece la atención materna y neonatal en México, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 4 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/043-nueva-norma-oficial-mexicana-nom-020-ssa-2025-fortalece-la-atencion-materna-y-neonatal-en-mexico?idiom=es>

⁶¹³⁹ 062. La COFEPRIS simplifica y agiliza la autorización de protocolos de investigación clínica en México, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 24 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/062-la-cofepris-simplifica-y-agiliza-la-autorizacion-de-protocolos-de-investigacion-clinica-en-mexico?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴⁰ 066. Secretaría de Salud lanza la Campaña Nacional para la Prevención del Suicidio “Dale color a tu vida,” Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 28 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/066-secretaria-de-salud-lanza-la-campana-nacional-para-la-prevencion-del-suicidio-dale-color-a-tu-vida?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴¹ 086. Secretaría de Salud garantiza abasto de medicamentos, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 29 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/086-secretaria-de-salud-garantiza-abasto-de-medicamentos?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴² 101. Participa México en la 78ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud de la OMS, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 19 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

⁶¹⁴³ 104. CENATRA presenta su Plan Estratégico 2025–2030 en el marco de su 25 aniversario, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/104-cenatra-presenta-su-plan-estrategico-2025-2030-en-el-marco-de-su-25-aniversario?idiom=es>

infections.⁶¹⁴⁴ The move aims to ensure timely access to antiretrovirals and HIV care, in addition to ensuring conditions of equity and dignity for all people.

On 23 June 2025, the Ministry of Health inaugurated the Best Practices Seminar on Cardioprotected Spaces, with 260 healthcare personnel from across the country in attendance.⁶¹⁴⁵ The purpose of the seminar was to promote best practices for the prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases and improve the performance of health services by controlling hypertension, with a focus on primary care.

On 25 June 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that the National Cancer Institute “incorporated new Superficial Therapy equipment” to ensure high-quality and timely care for melanoma.⁶¹⁴⁶ The medical technology will support reduced treatment times while ensuring effective and safe care.

On 30 June 2025, COFEPRIS chaired the National Meeting of the Federal Health System and the Third National Week against Sanitary Risks meeting, encouraging interinstitutional collaboration between government entities to support health risks reduction.⁶¹⁴⁷ Secretary Stalnikowitz also called to strengthen Mexico’s health system and improve coordination within it.

On 1 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced MXN238,777,353 in funding for awareness campaigns aimed at promoting healthy eating, addiction and chronic disease prevention and vaccinations across the country.⁶¹⁴⁸ This action contributes to integrated people-centered healthcare.

On 5 July 2025, President Sheinbaum announced MXN200 million in funding for San Luis Potosí’s healthcare system in 2025.⁶¹⁴⁹ This investment will support Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS)-Bienestar, a federal healthcare program aimed at ensuring universal healthcare services for uninsured individuals, with a focus on medical equipment, operating rooms and enhancing the “La Clínica es Nuestra” program which provides free, quality healthcare for individuals without social security or insurance.

On 15 July 2025, Undersecretary Clark announced that 19 new hospital units and six additional clinics will be opened over the remainder of the year, in addition to the 21 healthcare facilities that began operations between

⁶¹⁴⁴ 112. Secretaría de Salud reafirma compromiso para la prevención y atención integral a las personas que viven con VIH, Gobierno de México Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 4 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/112-secretaria-de-salud-reafirma-compromiso-para-la-prevencion-y-atencion-integral-a-las-personas-que-viven-con-vih?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴⁵ México promueve más espacios cardioprottegidos, Pan American Health Organisation (Mexico City) 23 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 July 2025. <https://www.paho.org/es/noticias/23-6-2025-mexico-promueve-mas-espacios-cardioprottegidos>

⁶¹⁴⁶ El Instituto Nacional de Cancerología incorpora nuevo equipo de Terapia Superficial para mejorar la atención de pacientes con cáncer de piel, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 25 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/125-el-instituto-nacional-de-cancerologia-incorpora-nuevo-equipo-de-terapia-superficial-para-mejorar-la-atencion-de-pacientes-con-cancer-de-piel?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴⁷ 127. Secretaría de Salud impulsa la modernización del Sistema Federal Sanitario junto a COFEPRIS, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 30 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/127-secretaria-de-salud-impulsa-la-modernizacion-del-sistema-federal-sanitario-junto-a-cofepris?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴⁸ En 2025, Secretaría de Salud realizará campañas de difusión para fomentar una vida saludable, así como para la prevención de enfermedades, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 1 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/en-2025-secretaria-de-salud-realizara-campanas-de-difusion-para-fomentar-una-vida-saludable-asi-como-para-la-prevencion-de-enfermedades?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁴⁹ Presidenta Sheinbaum inaugura torre del Hospital General Río Verde; anuncia inversión adicional de 200 mdp en materia de salud, Dirección General de Comunicación Digital de la Presidencia (Mexico City) 5 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.presidenta.gob.mx/boletines/presidenta-sheinbaum-inaugura-torre-del-hospital-general-rioverde-anuncia-inversion-adicional-de-200-mdp-en-materia-de-salud>

1 October 2024-July 2025.⁶¹⁵⁰ He also noted the acquisition of 96 per cent of Mexico's required healthcare supplies for 2025-2026, with a MXN284 billion investment and launched the Health Routes program aimed at delivering medical supplies to remote regions countrywide, beginning in August. These actions aim to expand equitable healthcare, particularly for underserved populations.

On 18 July 2025, President Sheinbaum announced MXN2.4 billion for IMSS-Bienestar in Chiapas over the coming years.⁶¹⁵¹ This investment will support the development of hospitals in the state, including IMSS General Hospital No. 13 which will support 290,000 individuals beginning on 14 September 2025. Funding will also be allocated to restoring operating rooms and hospital facilities and purchasing a linear accelerator for Chiapas.

On 24 July 2025, the Ministry of Health's Luis Guillermo Ibarra Ibarra National Rehabilitation Institute and Public Welfare Asset Administration signed an agreement provide free healthcare to 100,000 Mexicans in 2025.⁶¹⁵² The entities will collaborate to equip individuals with medical devices like prostheses, hearing aids, cochlear implants and wheelchairs and support the re-integration of people with disabilities into society. The government will mobilize MXN350 million for this initiative.

On 26 July 2025, President Sheinbaum announced an additional MXN21 billion investment for IMSS-Bienestar across the country, supporting the strengthening of Mexico's health system over the next three years.⁶¹⁵³ This funding will go towards procuring medical equipment, constructing and upgrading hospitals, hiring 1,900 specialists and 1,200 nurses and other medical needs. Of this, MXN621 million will be immediately directed towards medical equipment and MXN1.1 billion for hospital development.

On 28 July 2025, Secretary Stalnikowitz reaffirmed Mexico's commitment to eradicating hepatitis C as a public health problem.⁶¹⁵⁴ On World Hepatitis Day 2025, Secretary Kershenobich summarized Mexico's national strategy encompassing four pillars: equitable medical care across the country, data-driven decisions, responsible and consistent financing and community input, in addition to collaboration with the PAHO and WHO to strengthen public health systems and eradicate hepatitis C.

⁶¹⁵⁰ 136. La Secretaría de Salud fortalece el Sistema Nacional de Salud a través de Transparencia y Cobertura Médica, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 15 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 August 2025.

<https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/136-la-secretaria-de-salud-fortalece-el-sistema-nacional-de-salud-a-traves-de-transparencia-y-cobertura-medica?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁵¹ En Chiapas, presidenta Sheinbaum anuncia dos mil 400 mdp para salud; Hospital General No. 13 listo el 14 de septiembre, Dirección General de Comunicación Digital de la Presidencia (Mexico City) 18 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.presidencia.gob.mx/boletines/en-chiapas-presidenta-sheinbaum-anuncia-dos-mil-400-mdp-para-salud-hospital-general-no-13-listo-el-14-de-septiembre>

⁶¹⁵² 141. INRLGII y Beneficencia Pública establecen alianza estratégica para mejorar la atención de personas con discapacidad, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 24 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/141-instituto-nacional-de-rehabilitacion-y-beneficencia-publica-establecen-alianza-estrategica-para-mejorar-la-atencion-de-personas-con-discapacidad>

⁶¹⁵³ Presidenta Sheinbaum anuncia inversión de 21 mil mdp para IMSS-Bienestar en el país; concluye gira nacional en Zacatecas, Dirección General de Comunicación Digital de la Presidencia (Mexico City) 26 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.presidencia.gob.mx/boletines/presidenta-sheinbaum-anuncia-inversion-de-21-mil-mdp-para-imss-bienestar-en-el-pais-concluye-gira-nacional-en-zacatecas>

⁶¹⁵⁴ 142. México y OPS/OMS refuerzan alianza para eliminar la hepatitis C como problema de salud pública, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 28 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/142-mexico-y-ops-oms-refuerzan-alianza-para-eliminar-la-hepatitis-c-como-problema-de-salud-publica?idiom=es>

On 29 July 2025, President Sheinbaum announced that the federal government will be opening 31 hospitals, 12 Family Medicine Units and 260 operating rooms by 31 December 2025.⁶¹⁵⁵ The action aims to expand hospital capacity across Mexico and improve quality and access to healthcare in the country.

On 30 July 2025, the Ministry of Health reported that of 4.073 billion vaccines required for the 2025-2026 period, 96 per cent have been procured through various means.⁶¹⁵⁶ This action exemplifies coordination amongst healthcare institutions to ensure timely access to treatments for the population as well as consistency of the national medicine supply to benefit public health.

On 15 August 2025, The Ministry of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation and the IMSS signed a framework collaboration agreement.⁶¹⁵⁷ The agreement is aimed at supporting scientific research and developing new medical devices and technologies, therefore enhancing the quality and variety of potential treatments that are accessible to the population.

On 11 October 2025, members from the Ministry of Health and Secretariat of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation met with health-pharmaceutical sector specialists to discuss research and innovation, pledging to further cooperate in this regard.⁶¹⁵⁸

On 23 October 2025, the Ministry of Health opened four new modules in Mexico City, enabling easier access to COVID-19, flu and pneumonia vaccines as part of the National Vaccination Campaign.⁶¹⁵⁹

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Mexico has taken strong action towards more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through the delivery of ambulances, medications and medical equipment and supplies, financial aid for families with children who have cancer, new National Health Care Protocols, a vaccination campaign focused on vulnerable groups and a campaign to reduce cases of diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure. Mexico has also supported the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health by officially recognizing midwifery in its health system, providing mental health support to Mexican nationals in the United States and launching a suicide prevention campaign. Additionally, Mexico has allocated substantial funding for IMSS-Bienestar which aims to advance universal healthcare in Mexico, launched an awareness campaign for various health conditions to support integrated healthcare and presented a new digital platform to aid its HIV/AIDS response.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

⁶¹⁵⁵ Avanza apertura de 31 hospitales, 12 centros de salud y 260 quirófanos en 2025: presidenta Sheinbaum, Dirección General de Comunicación Digital de la Presidencia (Mexico City) 29 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.presidenta.gob.mx/boletines/avanza-apertura-de-31-hospitales-12-centros-de-salud-y-260-quirifanos-en-2025-presidenta-sheinbaum>

⁶¹⁵⁶ 144. Avanza abasto de medicamentos en instituciones de salud pública, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 30 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/144-avanza-abasto-de-medicamentos-en-instituciones-de-salud-publica?idiom=es>

⁶¹⁵⁷ Secihti e IMSS fortalecen colaboración en investigación científica y desarrollo tecnológico para el sector salud, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 15 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://secihti.mx/sala-de-prensa/secihti-e-imss-fortalecen-colaboracion-en-investigacion-cientifica-y-desarrollo-tecnologico-para-el-sector-salud/>

⁶¹⁵⁸ Secihti y Secretaría de Salud articulan esfuerzos para fortalecer el sector salud-farmacéutico en México, Secretaría de Ciencia, Humanidades, Tecnología e Innovación (Mexico City) 11 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://secihti.mx/sala-de-prensa/secihti-y-secretaria-de-salud-articulan-esfuerzos-para-fortalecer-el-sector-salud-farmacaceutico-en-mexico/>

⁶¹⁵⁹ 203. Secretaría de Salud refuerza la vacunación invernal con apertura de 4 módulos en la Ciudad de México, Secretaría de Salud (Mexico City) 23 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/salud/prensa/203-secretaria-de-salud-refuerza-la-vacunacion-invernal-con-apertura-de-4-modulos-en-la-ciudad-de-mexico>

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 20 November 2024, Minister of Health Mikhail Murashko signed an order establishing a list of medical products and equipment to be provided to the vascular centers and primary vascular departments in the Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.⁶¹⁶⁰

On 21 November 2024, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced an allocation of RUB750 million to enhance medical infrastructure in the Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions.⁶¹⁶¹ The funding will be used to upgrade outpatient clinics and hospital infrastructure, expanding high-tech care and increasing public accessibility.

On 2 December 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary Peter Szijarto had a working meeting.⁶¹⁶² The pair discussed their countries' bilateral cooperation priorities, including the potential expansion of healthcare cooperation.

On 4 December 2024, Minister Murashko and Libya's Deputy Prime Minister Ramdan Abujanah signed a Memorandum of Understanding for healthcare.⁶¹⁶³ The parties agreed to cooperate for child and maternal health, nuclear medicines, digital technologies for healthcare, medical tourism, professional development and non-communicable diseases. Russia and Libya will also host joint information sessions.

On 16 December 2024, Russia participated in the 9th Russian Armenian Healthcare Forum focused on maternal and child health protection.⁶¹⁶⁴ The forum created a platform to present the expanded perinatal screening system developed and applied in Russia while indicating the strengthening of Russian Armenian cooperation in healthcare.

On 18 December 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin shared the government's decision to improve healthcare services in rural areas through RUB230 million in funding for the Rural Doctor and Rural Paramedic programs, extending them until 2030.⁶¹⁶⁵ The decision will make 13 Russian regions capable of attracting hundreds of medical workers and specialists, ensuring the demand for healthcare services is met.

⁶¹⁶⁰ Приказ Министерства здравоохранения Российской Федерации от 20.11.2024 № 629н "Об утверждении перечня медицинских изделий для оснащения (дооснащения) региональных сосудистых центров и первичных сосудистых отделений, имеющих в структуре медицинских организаций, подведомственных исполнительным органам власти Донецкой Народной Республики, Луганской Народной Республики, Запорожской области, Херсонской области в сфере здравоохранения" (Зарегистрирован 10.12.2024 № 80509), Официальное опубликование правовых актов (Moscow) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/document/0001202412100003?index=1>

⁶¹⁶¹ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<http://government.ru/en/news/53408/>

⁶¹⁶² Denis Manturov meets with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto, The Russian Government (Moscow) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53594/>

⁶¹⁶³ Михаил Мурашко подписал меморандум о взаимопонимании с Ливией, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2024/12/03/22137-mihail-murashko-podpisal-memorandum-o-vzaimoponimanii-s-liviei>

⁶¹⁶⁴ Third meeting of Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Armenia, The Russian Government (Moscow) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<http://government.ru/en/news/53806/>

⁶¹⁶⁵ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025.

<http://government.ru/en/news/53768/>

On 20 December 2024, Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk and Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia Mher Grigoryan co-chaired the 23rd Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between Russia and Armenia.⁶¹⁶⁶ The countries reviewed the performance of their bilateral cooperation in various aspects, including healthcare.

On 27 December 2024, Prime Minister Mishustin announced an allocation of nearly RUB580 million to build medical facilities in two Russian regions based on President Putin's instructions to modernize the country's primary healthcare system.⁶¹⁶⁷ The funds will be used to build a multispecialty children's hospital in the Kursk Region and co-finance an infectious diseases hospital in the Komi Republic.

On 17 January 2025, Minister Murashko announced an RUB254.5 trillion investment to support free healthcare for Russians.⁶¹⁶⁸ This action will fund preventive medical examinations and check-ups for 100 million Russians in 2025, reproductive care for 19 million people, increased high-technology, cancer and emergency medical care and increased support for veterans.

On 20 January 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced the inclusion of 18 additional medications on the list of vital and essential drugs.⁶¹⁶⁹ This measure is a part of the New Health-Saving Technologies national project aimed at increasing the share of domestically produced vital and essential drugs to 90 per cent before 2030.

On 27 January 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced the inclusion of 116 additional items prescribed as part of diets to children with rare congenital conditions such as cystic fibrosis or metabolic disorders to the list of specialized nutritional products.⁶¹⁷⁰ The measure implies the responsibility of Russian regional authorities to closely monitor the availability of specialized nutritional products, ensuring these products are sufficiently supplied.

On 23 February 2025, Minister Murashko and Ethiopian Health Minister Mekdes Daba met to discuss healthcare cooperation during Minister Murashko's visit to a Russian-funded Red Cross Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.⁶¹⁷¹ The pair discussed cooperation for the education and training of medical professionals and supply of medical countermeasures. They also signed an agreement pertaining to the modernization of the hospital.

On 24 March 2025, Russia agreed to continue internships for North Korean doctors in Russian hospitals and to assist North Korea in modernizing its pharmaceutical sector, including through antibiotics.⁶¹⁷²

⁶¹⁶⁶ 23rd meeting of Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Armenia, The Russian Government (Moscow) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53806/>

⁶¹⁶⁷ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53868/>

⁶¹⁶⁸ Михаил Мурашко: Бесплатной медицины для россиян станет больше, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 17 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2025/01/17/22846-mihail-murashko-besplatnoy-meditsiny-dlya-rossiyan-stanet-bolshe>

⁶¹⁶⁹ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/54009/>

⁶¹⁷⁰ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 January 2025. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/54062/>

⁶¹⁷¹ Михаил Мурашко посетил Госпиталь Российского Красного Креста в Эфиопии, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 23 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2025/02/23/23243-mihail-murashko-posetil-gospital-rossiyskogo-krasnogo-kresta-v-efiopii>

⁶¹⁷² North, Russia agree on continuing medical cooperation, Korea JoongAng Daily (Seoul) 25 March 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/2025-03-25/national/northKorea/North-Russia-agree-on-continuing-medical-cooperation/2269964>

On 17 April 2025, Minister Murashko and Qatar's Minister of General Health Mansour bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud signed an agreement for healthcare cooperation.⁶¹⁷³ The countries will focus on health system management, medical training, infection control, maternal and child health, digital technologies and medical devices and supporting a healthy lifestyle using preventative medicine.

On 23 April 2025, Russia and Ethiopia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the health sector.⁶¹⁷⁴ The agreement focuses on issues within health systems including hygiene, epidemic prevention and rapid emergency responses. Russia provided Ethiopia a laboratory equipped to diagnose 300 ailments as part of this agreement.

On 25 April 2025, Russia and Iran signed an MoU aimed at expanding research on cell-gene therapy and knowledge sharing.⁶¹⁷⁵ The agreement expands the countries' public health partnership.

On 7 May 2025, Consul General of Russia in Chennai Valerii Khodzhaev announced that nearly two thousand additional seats were added to medical courses in Russian universities to accommodate Indian medical students.⁶¹⁷⁶ The initiative aims to provide training and advanced facilities for Indian medical students in Russia.

On 21 May 2025, Deputy Minister of Health Sergey Glagolev announced Russia's readiness to export vaccines for common infectious diseases, including vaccines for the prevention of polio and pneumococcal infections.⁶¹⁷⁷ Russia aims to expand global access to affordable vaccines for the prevention of infectious disease.

On 9 June 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin noted that the government will allocate RUB20 billion to 87 institutions focused on clinical care and scientific research for oncology, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.⁶¹⁷⁸ This funding aims to equip them with advanced medical technology, including nuclear medicine, to support specialized care.

On 30 June 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced that the government has revised the conditions of the Zemstvo Doctor and Zemstvo Paramedic programmes.⁶¹⁷⁹ This will enable doctors and mid-level healthcare professionals to change their workplace within the same region, while doubling their payments for working in rural regions. This increases the payment to up to RUB2 million for doctors and up to RUB1 million for paramedics, obstetricians and nurses. These revisions aim to increase healthcare access in rural areas.

⁶¹⁷³ Россия и Катар подписали соглашение о сотрудничестве в области здравоохранения, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 17 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2025/04/17/24500-rossiya-i-katar-podpisali-soglasenie-o-sotrudnichestve-v-oblasti-zdravooohraneniya>

⁶¹⁷⁴ Ethiopia, Russia sign cooperation agreement in health to boost epidemic readiness, Fana Media Corporation (Addis Ababa) 23 April 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.fanamc.com/english/ethiopia-russia-sign-cooperation-agreement-in-health-to-boost-epidemic-readiness/>

⁶¹⁷⁵ Iran, Russia ink MOU on cell, gene therapy, The Tehran Times (Tehran) 26 April 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/512276/Iran-Russia-ink-MOU-on-cell-gene-therapy>

⁶¹⁷⁶ Russia adds 2,000 medical seats for Indian students: Consul General Valerii Khodzhaev, The Economic Times (Chennai) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/education/russia-adds-2000-medical-seats-for-indian-students-consul-general-valerii-khodzhaev/120997818>

⁶¹⁷⁷ The Ministry of Health announced Russia's readiness to export a number of vaccines, GxP News (Moscow) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://gxpnews.net/en/2025/05/the-ministry-of-health-announced-russias-readiness-to-export-a-number-of-vaccines/>

⁶¹⁷⁸ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55303/>

⁶¹⁷⁹ Mikhail Mishustin meets with members of the Council of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly, The Russian Government (Moscow) 30 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55493/>

On 4 July 2025, Minister Murashko announced that the government will increase healthcare funding for the Jewish Autonomous Region by one and a half times, during a visit to the region.⁶¹⁸⁰ This will support the modernization of the primary health system, including a focus on strengthened oncology services and care for children.

On 7 July 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin noted that the government will allocate RUB2 billion in 2025 and RUB1.3 billion in 2026 for various healthcare facilities.⁶¹⁸¹ This includes a multidisciplinary medical centre in the Oryol region, RUB260 million to construct an interregional hospital and renovate two district hospitals in the Pskov region and RUB250 million to build a surgery unit for the Barnaul maternal and child health centre in the Altai territory.

On 15 August 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin, in his remarks at the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council's meeting, underscored healthcare as a critical area and ongoing priority for all five members, mentioning their focus on developing a common market of pharmaceuticals and medical devices.⁶¹⁸² The primary objective of the initiative is to ensure that pharmaceuticals and medical devices are high-quality, safe and effective at all stages of the diagnostic and treatment process.

On 19 August 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced RUB60 billion in funding for accessible medical assistance, including specialized and high-technology assistance, at federal clinics.⁶¹⁸³ This will allow more people to undergo free medical treatment.

On 4 September 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced measures to make healthcare more accessible for people with disabilities.⁶¹⁸⁴ This includes enabling them to undergo medical check-ups at outpatient clinics and inpatient hospitals free of charge, including in rural and remote areas.

On 24 September 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin announced RUB14.5 trillion as part of a draft budget for the Fund of Mandatory Medical Insurance that provides people with free medical care under the national healthcare system.⁶¹⁸⁵

On 24 September 2025, Minister of Finance Anton Siluanov announced the allocation of RUB900 billion for the implementation of the Long and Active Life national project and more than RUB94 billion for the Family national project over the next three-year period during a meeting to finalize the draft budget.⁶¹⁸⁶ The funding will support medication programmes including assistance to children with serious illnesses, cardiovascular disease prevention and the provision of high-cost medications.

On 6 October 2025, Prime Minister Mishustin spoke about the allocation of funds for medical assistance for displaced residents of the Kursk and Belgorod regions and for updating the ambulance fleet in the Komi

⁶¹⁸⁰ Михаил Мурашко: В полтора раза будет увеличено финансирование модернизации первичного звена здравоохранения ЕАО, Министерство здравоохранения Российской Федерации (Moscow) 4 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://minzdrav.gov.ru/news/2025/07/04/26136-mihail-murashko-v-poltora-raza-budet-uvlicheno-finansirovanie-modernizatsii-pervichnogo-zvena-zdravoohraneniya-eao>

⁶¹⁸¹ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 7 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55534/>

⁶¹⁸² Expanded meeting of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, The Russian Government (Cholpon-Ata) 15 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55942/>

⁶¹⁸³ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 19 August 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55969/>

⁶¹⁸⁴ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/56114/>

⁶¹⁸⁵ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 24 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/56304/>

⁶¹⁸⁶ Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 24 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/56304/>

Republic.⁶¹⁸⁷ The Russian Government aims to allocate over RUB700 million to provide displaced residents of the Kursk and Belgorod regions with medical care outside their home regions under the mandatory medical insurance system, as well as additional RUB250 million to equip the Komi Republic with a bigger ambulance fleet by purchasing more than 60 specialized domestically-produced vehicles fitted with high-tech medical equipment.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Russia has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems by increasing the accessibility and availability of healthcare in various regions, expanding the impact of the existing healthcare initiatives, investing in free healthcare for all citizens, with a specific focus on marginalized groups and expanding healthcare resilience in rural areas. Additionally, Russia has allocated substantial funding for clinical care and scientific research on various health conditions, to construct and renovate health facilities including hospitals and health centres and increased funding for the Jewish Autonomous Region. However, it has not taken action for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

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Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 21 November 2024, Minister of Health Fahad Abdulrahman AlJalajel, Greece's Minister of Health Adonis Georgiadis and pharmaceutical industry leaders discussed collaborative opportunities in pharmaceutical research, development and production.⁶¹⁸⁸ This meeting aimed to mutually enhance innovation and advancements in the health sector, including virtual healthcare solutions and telemedicine.

On 1 December 2024, Minister AlJalajel witnessed the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between the government-owned Saudi Health Holding Company and Huawei and between the Saudi National Unified Procurement Company and Huawei.⁶¹⁸⁹ These agreements will strengthen Saudi-Chinese cooperation in the health sector by leveraging technology to drive innovation and improve healthcare services.

On 3 December 2024, Minister AlJalajel met with Chairmain of MindRay Hao Wu to discuss opportunities to collaboratively advance healthcare services in Saudi Arabia.⁶¹⁹⁰ This meeting served to strengthen the Saudi-Chinese cooperation in the health sector to advance digital healthcare and innovation through the transfer of knowledge and technology and building international connections.

⁶¹⁸⁷ Meeting with deputy prime ministers on current issues, The Russian Government (Moscow) 6 October 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/56439/>

⁶¹⁸⁸ Saudi Health Minister to Embark on Official Visit to Greece, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-11-21-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁸⁹ Health Minister Visits Huawei and Witnesses Signing MoUs to Strengthen Health Sector Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 1 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/2024-12-01-004.aspx>

⁶¹⁹⁰ Saudi Health Minister Explores Innovation and Healthcare Investment Opportunities with Mindray Chairman in China, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-1203-002.aspx>

On 5 December 2024, Minister AlJalajel met with China's Minister of the National Health Commission Lei Haichao to discuss current health challenges and advancements, culminating in a signed MoU.⁶¹⁹¹ This meeting served to strengthen the Saudi-Chinese cooperation in the health sector in building partnership between the countries for global health issues.

On 12 December 2024, Minister AlJalajel inaugurated multiple health projects in Al-Ula Governorate to renovate various healthcare centers and hospitals.⁶¹⁹² These projects focus on the implementation of advanced medical equipment and technologies and optimization of healthcare teams to address regional needs of the population and tourists.

On 5 January 2025, the Health Endowment Fund announced the launch of the Sixth Health Grants Program to support health development through services and private associations.⁶¹⁹³ This program has funded 26 projects with the initiative to provide healthcare to the most vulnerable populations.

On 9 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced plans for Riyadh to host the second edition of the Model of Care Forum which introduces the Saudi Arabia healthcare model regionally and globally.⁶¹⁹⁴ This event will highlight the direction and progress of the health sector in alignment with their goals in Saudi Vision 2030.

On 24 February 2025, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center and the World Health Organization (WHO) signed a series of funding agreements to address urgent health needs in conflict-affected regions in the Middle East.⁶¹⁹⁵ This includes a USD12 million agreement for malaria prevention and USD2.1 million for cholera treatment in Yemen. The Relief Center and WHO Egypt also signed a USD3.6 million agreement to provide dialysis to Sudanese refugees in Egypt.

On 2 March 2025, Saudi Arabia's healthcare system launched the "Fast Healthily" campaign to promote healthy habits during Ramadan.⁶¹⁹⁶ Led by the Health Holding Company and healthcare clusters, the initiative provides diagnostic checkups at primary care centers and encourages balanced nutrition, hydration, physical activity and chronic disease management.

On 8 March 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the first edition of the Saudi Walking League as part of its ongoing "Walk 30" campaign to promote active lifestyles and public health under Vision 2030.⁶¹⁹⁷ The initiative aims to prevent chronic diseases, improve mental well-being and raise life expectancy to 80 years by 2030 using a preventative and holistic approach.

On 16 March 2025, the Ministry of Health reaffirmed its commitment to protecting patients' rights and enhancing healthcare quality through signing a Service Level Agreement and "Patient Bill of Rights and

⁶¹⁹¹ Saudi Health Minister Signs MoU with Chinese Counterpart to Strengthen Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-12-05-003.aspx>

⁶¹⁹² Minister Of Health Inaugurates Infrastructure and Health Development Projects in Alula, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2024-12-12-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁹³ Health Endowment Fund to Launch The Sixth Health Grants Program, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 5 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-01-05-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁹⁴ Riyadh to Host Second Edition of Model of Care Forum, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 9 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-01-09-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁹⁵ WHO and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia sign agreements in support of health priorities, World Health Organization (Riyadh) 24 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.who.int/news/item/24-02-2025-who-and-the-kingdom-of-saudi-arabia-sign-agreements-in-support-of-health-priorities>

⁶¹⁹⁶ "Fast Healthily": Integrated Awareness Efforts Exerted by The Healthcare System to Enhance the Quality of Life During Ramadan, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 2 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-03-02-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁹⁷ Launching The First Edition Of "Walk 30" League with Inclusive Community Participation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 8 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News2025-03-08-001.aspx>

Responsibilities.”⁶¹⁹⁸ These actions served to define healthcare consumers’ rights and responsibilities and to ensure safe care, data confidentiality, and patient participation in treatment decisions in line with the Health Sector Transformation Program and Vision 2030.

On 21 March 2025, the Ministry of Health and the Sports Boulevard Foundation announced the fifth edition of the “Walk 30” initiative at Sands Sports Park.⁶¹⁹⁹ As part of Saudi Vision 2030 and the Health Sector Transformation Program, the event promotes walking 150 minutes per week to improve public health, raise life expectancy and foster a more vibrant society.

On 13 April 2025, Governor of Riyadh Faisal bin Bandar inaugurated 28 health projects worth over SAR7 billion and added more than 3,000 beds across the Riyadh region.⁶²⁰⁰ Key projects include major expansions at the Maternity and Children Tower at King Saud Medical City, new medical towers at the King Salman and Al Iman Hospitals, the launch of new health centers and urgent care units and eight private sector initiatives. This action contributes to Saudi Arabia’s commitment to enhancing healthcare infrastructure and ensuring inclusive, resilient and sustainable healthcare, in alignment with Vision 2030.

On 15 April 2025, Minister AlJalajel began an official visit to France to advance bilateral cooperation in healthcare, including the signing of MoU in digital health, pharmaceutical manufacturing and emergency medical services.⁶²⁰¹ The Saudi delegation also attended meetings with senior French officials to explore future partnerships and prominent French healthcare institutions.

On 15 April 2025, Minister AlJalajel participated in the Saudi French Business Council Forum in Paris, discussing bilateral cooperation in healthcare, biotechnology and digital health.⁶²⁰² Minister AlJalajel emphasized the importance of Saudi-French relations and their intent to deepen collaboration.

On 17 April 2025, Minister AlJalajel met with Sanofi Chairman Frédéric Oudéa during an official visit to the company’s Lyon headquarters to advance strategic collaboration in vaccine development, clinical research and biotechnology.⁶²⁰³ Discussions focused on expanding Sanofi’s presence in Saudi Arabia through insulin manufacturing, culminating in an MoU between the Saudi Health Holding Company and Sanofi Arabia to promote digital health and joint clinical initiatives in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030.

On 18 April 2025, Minister AlJalajel met with Italian Minister of Health Orazio Schillaci in Riyadh to explore enhanced cooperation in healthcare.⁶²⁰⁴ The ministers reaffirmed their strong bilateral relationship and discussed collaboration in digital health, innovation and global health security, under the framework of the Strategic Partnership Council.

⁶¹⁹⁸ MoH Reiterates Commitment to Upholding Patients' Rights and Quality of Healthcare Services on World Consumer Rights Day, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 16 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025.

<https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-03-16-001.aspx>

⁶¹⁹⁹ Health Ministry Launches the 5th Edition Of "Walk 30" Initiative in Sports Boulevard, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-03-21-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁰ Riyadh Governor Inaugurates Health Projects Worth Over SAR 7 Billion, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 13 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-13-002.aspx>

⁶²⁰¹ Minister of Health Embarks on Official Visit to France to Strengthen Healthcare Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-15-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰² Saudi French Business Forum Highlights Strategic Partnership in Healthcare Sector, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-15-002.aspx>

⁶²⁰³ Saudi Health Minister Explores Strategic Collaboration with Sanofi During Official Visit to Lyon Headquarters, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 17 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-17-002.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁴ Saudi and Italian Health Ministers Explore Enhanced Cooperation in Riyadh Meeting, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 18 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-18-003.aspx>

On 29 April 2025, the Ministry of Health launched field operations for the 2025 World Health Survey using the World Health Survey Plus methodology.⁶²⁰⁵ Targeting over 14,000 individuals across the country's 13 regions, the initiative aims to assess public health patterns, risk factors, and health system performance. The gathered data will inform national health priorities, support early detection of chronic diseases and track progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030.

On 4 May 2025, Minister AlJalajel met with Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Population Khaled Abdel Ghaffar to strengthen bilateral health cooperation.⁶²⁰⁶ Discussions involved enhancing healthcare services, expanding specialized medical programs and promoting collaboration in epidemic response. The visit concluded with an MoU for research, public health initiatives and coordination on regional and international health issues.

On 5 May 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the "Biotech Accelerator" program to support national innovators in biotechnology and life sciences in investments and access to global markets.⁶²⁰⁷ The seven-month program offers mentorship and networking opportunities to Saudi biotech entrepreneurs in alignment with the Saudi Vision 2030 and the National Biotechnology Strategy.

On 16 May 2025, the Ministry of Health hosted the Second Suppliers Forum to foster collaboration with suppliers of healthcare services and promote a more efficient healthcare supply chain.⁶²⁰⁸ Discussions focused on the digital transformation of supplier management, improving contractual engagement and enhancing operational efficiency to enhance support for the healthcare system.

On 19 May 2025, Minister AlJalajel attended the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁶²⁰⁹ During the three-day visit, he participated in discussions surrounding health security and global health promotion among other topics.

On 31 May 2025, the Ministry of Health and the Seha Virtual Hospital launched a 24-hour digital medical consultation service for pilgrims during the 1446 Hajj season.⁶²¹⁰ The platform provides medical services in seven languages, aiming to increase healthcare services for pilgrims.

On 27 June 2025, the Ministry of Health took part in the Gulf Cooperation Council gathering in Riyadh for the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.⁶²¹¹ This meeting discussed collaborative efforts for combating drug abuse through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, with Saudi Arabia sharing its joint institutional programs to increase awareness and systemic resilience against drug abuse.

⁶²⁰⁵ MoH Kicks Off Field Operations for the 2025 World Health Survey, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 29 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-04-29-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁶ Saudi Health Minister Meets Egyptian Counterpart to Strengthen Bilateral Health Cooperation (Riyadh) 4 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-05-04-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁷ Ministry of Health Launches "Biotech Accelerator" to Support Innovators in Life Sciences, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 5 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-05-05-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁸ Ministry of Health Hosts Second Suppliers Forum to Strengthen Partnerships and Enhance Supply Efficiency, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-05-16-001.aspx>

⁶²⁰⁹ Health Minister in Switzerland for World Health Assembly Meetings, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-05-19-001.aspx>

⁶²¹⁰ Saudi Health Ministry Launches Round-the-Clock Virtual Medical Services for Hajj Pilgrims in 7 Languages, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 31 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-05-31-001.aspx>

⁶²¹¹ Saudi Health Ministry Joins GCC Meeting to Strengthen Anti-Drug Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 27 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-06-27-001.aspx>

On 30 July 2025, the Saudi Fund for Development signed two development loan agreements with the Government of Barbados, worth approximately USD92.7 million.⁶²¹² This funding aims to support development projects in the healthcare, housing, water and infrastructure sectors, including for high quality healthcare and two new specialized primary care clinics.

On 5 August 2025, Minister AlJalajel met with Iraq's Minister of Health AlHasnawi and Ambassador Safia Taleb AlSuhail in Riyadh to discuss bilateral cooperations between Saudi Arabia and Iraq for healthcare-related improvements.⁶²¹³ The meeting concluded with a Memorandum of Understanding for collaborative efforts and health-related partnerships between both countries, including for public health, virtual care and preventative medicine.

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Saudi Arabia has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through funding for 26 health projects focused on vulnerable groups, projects to renovate and open healthcare centers and expand hospitals, agreements with the WHO for malaria, cholera and dialysis treatment and funding for Barbados' healthcare system through the Saudi Fund for Development. It has also established numerous bilateral partnerships for healthcare and launched campaigns for healthy living. However, Saudi Arabia has not taken strong action for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Rena Xu

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 27 November 2024, the Department of Health announced the reactivation of the B-Wise platform and the launch of a new Web App designed to provide Adolescent and Youth-Friendly Health Services.⁶²¹⁴ This will address gaps in youth healthcare and education, providing a digital platform for them to access life-saving health information and services including sexual and reproductive care.

On 28 November 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa made an Annual Address to the National Council of Provinces, reaffirming the government's commitment to implementing National Health Insurance.⁶²¹⁵ Once complete, this program will enable all South African citizens to gain equal access to immediate health care, regardless of their ability to pay.

⁶²¹² Saudi Fund For Development Signs First Development Loan Agreements With Barbados To Support Healthcare and Urban Infrastructure Projects, Saudi Fund for Development (Bridgetown) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.sfd.gov.sa/en/n959>

⁶²¹³ Saudi, Iraqi Health Ministers Meet to Discuss Bilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Health (Riyadh) 5 August 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.moh.gov.sa/en/Ministry/MediaCenter/News/Pages/News-2025-08-06-001.aspx>

⁶²¹⁴ Health Reactivates B-Wise Progressive Web App for Youth, South African Government (Pretoria) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-advisories/government-activities/health-reactivates-b-wise-progressive-web-app-youth-28>

⁶²¹⁵ Annual Address by President Cyril Ramaphosa to the National Council of Provinces, Parliament, Cape Town, South African Government (Pretoria) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.thepresidency.gov.za/annual-address-president-cyril-ramaphosa-national-council-provinces-parliament-cape-town>

On 1 December 2024, Deputy President Paul Mashatile and the South African National AIDS Council launched the country's commemoration of World AIDS Day.⁶²¹⁶ This commemoration signals a commitment to continue the support of programs which fight against HIV and AIDS and efforts to ensure further access to healthcare in South Africa.

On 24 January 2025, Department of Health hosted its first G20 Health Working Group meeting at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation.⁶²¹⁷ The meeting served as a platform for South Africa to present and receive feedback on its G20 Presidency health priorities from other members. This meeting reaffirms South Africa's commitment to fostering long-term healthcare solutions on both the domestic and international levels.

On 31 January 2025, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Blade Nzimande departed on a trip to Egypt and the United Arab Emirates to brief partners on South Africa's plans for the G20 Research and Innovation Working Group.⁶²¹⁸ This promotes the strengthening of bilateral partnership on the basis of technological innovation and building more resilient and sustainable healthcare systems.

On 3 February 2025, Gauteng Member of the Executive Council for Health and Wellness Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko oversaw the commencement of the single dose Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination drive.⁶²¹⁹ This drive will provide access to vaccination for girls nine years and above at public primary and special schools across the country from 3 February to 31 March 2025, targeting at-risk populations and improving accessibility.

On 4 February 2025, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Blade Nzimande attended the High-Level Vaccine and Other Health Products Manufacturing Forum for African Union Member States in Cairo.⁶²²⁰ This helped advance South Africa's leadership role in developing Africa's own vaccine manufacturing and pharmaceutical supply capabilities, affirming its commitment to resilience and ensuring access in the face of future pandemics.

On 6 February 2025, President Ramaphosa delivered the State of the Nation Address, announcing a major expansion of healthcare infrastructure across the country.⁶²²¹ This includes the construction or revitalization of six major hospitals, alongside efforts to replace three aging central hospitals. He also confirmed plans to build three new central hospitals, five district hospitals, five community health centers and a new psychiatric hospital.

On 9 February 2025, the Department of Basic Education launched Teen Suicide Prevention Week to raise awareness about suicide prevention for adolescents.⁶²²² The Department recognized that suicide remains a

⁶²¹⁶ Deputy President Paul Mashatile: 2024 World Aids Day, South African Government (Pretoria) 1 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025 <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/deputy-president-paul-mashatile-2024-world-aids-day-01-dec-2024>

⁶²¹⁷ South Africa's 2025 G20 Presidency: First Virtual G20, G20 South Africa 2025 (Pretoria) 24 February 2025. Access Date: 1 May 2025. <https://g20.org/track-news/south-africas-2025-g20-presidency-first-virtual-g20-health-working-group-meeting/>

⁶²¹⁸ Minister Nzimande Undertakes a G20 Science, Technology and Innovation Visit to the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Pretoria) 3 February 2025. Access Date: 21 March 2025. <https://www.dsti.gov.za/index.php/media-room/media-room-speeches/minister/4519-minister-nzimande-undertakes-a-g20science-technology-and-innovation-visit-to-the-united-arab-emirates-and-egypt-date-1-february-2025>

⁶²¹⁹ MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko Oversees Start of Vaccination Drive to Protect Against Cervical Cancer, South African Government (Pretoria) 3 February 2025. Access date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-advisories/government-activities/mec-nomantu-nkomo-ralehoko-oversees-start-vaccination>

⁶²²⁰ Communiqué: The 2nd Vaccines and other Health Products Manufacturing Forum for African Union Member States, African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. https://africacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Communique_Final-EN.pdf

⁶²²¹ State of the Nation Address by President Cyril Ramaphosa, Cape Town City Hall, 6 February 2025, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 6 February 2025. Access Date: 21 March 2025. <https://dirco.gov.za/state-of-the-nation-address-by-president-cyril-ramaphosa-cape-town-city-hall-6-february-2025/>

⁶²²² Basic Education observers Teen Suicide Prevention Week. South African Government (Pretoria) 10 February 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/health-awareness-events/basic-education-observers-teen-suicide-prevention>

global public health challenge, highlighting mental health support as a key component of inclusive and people-centred healthcare.

On 25 February 2025, National Department of Health and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) launched plans for its Close The Gap campaign which aims provide treatment to 1.1 million people living with HIV with the goal of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.⁶²²³ This initiative will align with global public health commitments to expand access to lifesaving treatment and improve healthcare access, targeting inequalities.

On 26 March 2025, the Department of Health and Unitaids signed a memorandum reinforcing their commitment to tackle HIV, tuberculosis and cervical cancer while increasing domestic health product manufacturing.⁶²²⁴ This commitment will provide South African facilities with increased access to health supplies and reaffirms government priorities on increasing healthcare supply chain resilience.

On 9 April 2025, Southern African countries including South Africa launched a project to enhance climate-resilience in healthcare and improve emergency preparedness.⁶²²⁵ This project will receive USD35 million in funding from the WHO Pandemic Fund and technical assistance from the WHO in Africa and other partners.

On 24 April 2025, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training Mimmy Gondwe led a two-day outreach campaign at Sol Plaatje University and the University of Zululand to make campuses safer and stop gender-based violence.⁶²²⁶ This campaign supports the government's commitment to addressing the gender-health intersection, which is essential to building an equitable and inclusive health system.

On 2 May 2025, Minister Nzimande announced that he is establishing a Working Group on Science, Technology, and Innovation Funding to address the United States' withdrawal of funding for science, technology and innovation including healthcare.⁶²²⁷ The working group also aims to discuss risk mitigation strategies and next steps to support critical development programmes in South Africa.

On 21 May 2025, the Department of Health allocated ZAR100 million in funding to the Gauteng Department of Health for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.⁶²²⁸ This funding will be used to equipment and machinery needs in hospitals within the province.

⁶²²³ Bold New Initiative to put an Additional 1.1 million People Living with HIV on Treatment puts South Africa on the Path to End AIDS as a Public Health Threat by 2030, UNAIDS (Geneva) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025.

https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/pressreleaseandstatementarchive/2025/february/20250225_1-1-million-people-treatment-south-africa

⁶²²⁴ Health on Partnering with Unitaids to Accelerate Access to Health Innovations for HIV, Tuberculosis and Cervical Cancer, Unitaids (Geneva) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://unitaid.org/news-blog/south-africa-and-unitaid-partner-to-accelerate-access-to-health-innovations-for-hiv-tuberculosis-and-cervical-cancer>

⁶²²⁵ Southern African Countries Launch Climate-resilient Health Initiative with WHO Support, World Health Organization, African Region (Brazzaville) 9 April 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.afro.who.int/news/southern-african-countries-launch-climate-resilient-health-initiative-who-support>

⁶²²⁶ Deputy Minister Mimmy Gondwe leads outreach campaign to make campuses safer and stop GBV, 24 and 25 Apr, South African Government (Pretoria) 23 April 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-advisories/government-activities/deputy-minister-mimmy-gondwe-leads-outreach-campaign>

⁶²²⁷ Minister Blade Nzimande establishes Working Group on Science, Technology, and Innovation Funding, South African Government (Pretoria) 2 May 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-blade-nzimande-establishes-working-group-science-technology-and>

⁶²²⁸ Gauteng Health on grant to address aging equipment and machinery challenges at public hospitals, South African Government (Pretoria) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/gauteng-health-grant-address-aging-equipment-and-machinery-challenges-public>

On 7 July 2025, President Ramaphosa addressed the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit, highlighting the importance of advancing "inclusive, equitable, innovative and sustainable" healthcare globally.⁶²²⁹ As co-host of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's eighth replenishment campaign, President Ramaphosa encouraged members to contribute to the replenishment and increase resource mobilization for global health security and to strengthen health systems.

On 10 July 2025, the federal government distributed ZAR590 million to Western Cape as part of the 2025 budget.⁶²³⁰ This funding will be allocated towards HIV and tuberculosis (TB) initiatives, supporting critical services and ensuring high-quality healthcare for patients.

On 16 July 2025, the Department of Health began distributing 10,500 mpox vaccine doses provided by the African Union's Africa Centres for Disease Control.⁶²³¹ The vaccine, Imvanex®, was approved by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority and will be given to vulnerable and priority individuals, including pregnant women, children and those with multiple sexual partners. This initiative will help to strengthen South Africa's healthcare amidst increasing mpox cases.

On 22 July 2025, the Department of Health announced it would hold a Tuberculosis Vaccine Country Preparedness Workshop on 23-24 July 2025, to address global TB response and prevention.⁶²³² The program is part of efforts to reduce infectious disease spread and mortality and aligns with the UN's efforts to end TB by 2035.

On 6 August 2025, President Ramaphosa signed the 2025 Appropriation Act into law, after its approval by the National Assembly on 23 July 2025 and National Council of Provinces on 30 July 2025.⁶²³³ Commencing on 8 August 2025, the Act allocates ZAR64,807,212,000 for health during the 2025/2026 financial year, focusing on strengthening health services and ensuring high-quality care for South Africans. Of this, ZAR1,401,187,000 will go towards the National Health Insurance to advance universal health coverage, ZAR25,600,732,000 will be used to address communicable and non-communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS and maternal and child mortality, ZAR3,494,211,000 will be used to strengthen primary healthcare services and ZAR25,771,223,000 will support improvements in the hospital system. These allocations support the commitment's objective to build more resilient, equitable and inclusive health systems.

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. South Africa has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through its HPV vaccination drive, funding for Gauteng's public hospitals, launch of a climate-resilient healthcare project and joint initiative with UNAIDS. It has also taken less strong action towards the provision of mental health services through the Teen Suicide Prevention Week campaign. South Africa has also allocated funding to strengthen health services and ensure high-quality healthcare as part of its federal budget, distributed vaccines for mpox and supported HIV and TB initiatives.

⁶²²⁹ President Cyril Ramaphosa: Environment, COP30 and Global Health, 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit, South African Government (Pretoria) 7 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-environment-cop30-and-global-health-17th-brics-leaders>

⁶²³⁰ Western Cape Health welcomes funding to strengthen HIV and TB response, South African Government (Pretoria) 10 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/western-cape-health-welcomes-funding-strengthen-hiv-and-tb-response-10-jul>

⁶²³¹ Health rolls out mpox vaccination as new cases are detected, South African Government (Pretoria) 16 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/health-rolls-out-mpox-vaccination-new-cases-are-detected-16-jul-2025>

⁶²³² South Africa steps forward to lead Global TB Vaccine Preparedness, Department of Health South Africa (Pretoria) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.health.gov.za/wp-content/uannual/2025/07/SA-steps-forward-to-lead-global-TB-vaccine-preparedness-22-July-2025.pdf>

⁶²³³ Appropriation Bill (B16-2025), Parliamentary Monitoring Group (Cape Town) n.d. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://pmg.org.za/bill/1279/>

However, South Africa has not taken strong action for integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

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Türkiye: +1

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 22 November 2024, Minister of Health Kemal Memişoğlu announced that the government-owned International Health Services Inc has been strengthened and is projected to improve Türkiye's health tourism.⁶²³⁴ The aim of this transformation is to improve Türkiye's healthcare services in the global healthcare market and advance Türkiye's health tourism sector.

On 12 December, the Turkish Grand National Assembly approved the Ministry of Health's 2025 Budget.⁶²³⁵ This includes the doubling of the research and development budget from 2024 with a focus on developing the Turkish National Genome Project to address rare diseases, cancers and other genetic conditions. The budget will also be used to support resilient and sustainable primary healthcare services with a focus on preventative medicine and integrated health services and the establishment of 1,000 new Family Health Centers in 2025. The budget will also be used to support the Productive Health Model focused on healthcare sustainability, economic growth and technology.

On 25 December 2024, Minister Memişoğlu announced the government's plans to provide comprehensive healthcare support to Syria.⁶²³⁶ Minister Memişoğlu emphasized Türkiye's commitment to improving the healthcare infrastructure of Syria and ensuring access healthcare services for Syrians.

On 13 January 2025, the Ministry of Health participated in the launch of the Vector Surveillance Roadmap workshop as part of the Health Security in Türkiye project.⁶²³⁷ The five-day workshop aimed to establish systems for surveillance of vectors that transmit disease, such as mosquitoes, sandflies and ticks. This aims to improve the resilience of disease monitoring systems.

On 16 January 2025, Minister Memişoğlu and Mongolia's Minister of Health Munkhsaikhan Togtmol signed a healthcare and medical sciences cooperation agreement.⁶²³⁸

⁶²³⁴ The Ministry of Health's 2025 budget was adopted by the parliament's planning and budget committee, Uluslararası Sağlık Hizmetleri Anonim Şirketi (Ankara) 22 November 2024. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://www.ushas.com.tr/en/the-ministry-of-healths-2025-budget-was-adopted-by-the-parliaments-planning-and-budget-committee/>

⁶²³⁵ Sağlık Bakanlığının 2025 Yılı Bütçesi TBMM Genel Kurulunda Kabul Edildi, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 12 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-106507/saglik-bakanliginin-2025-yili-butcesi-tbmm-genel-kurulunda-kabul-edildi.html>

⁶²³⁶ Türkiye to provide comprehensive healthcare support to Syria: Health Minister, Türkiye Today (Istanbul) 25 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.turkiyetoday.com/region/turkiye-to-provide-comprehensive-healthcare-support-to-syria-health-minister-97447/>

⁶²³⁷ Launch of the Vector Surveillance Roadmap workshop strengthens health security in Türkiye, World Health Organisation (Ankara) 13 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.who.int/europe/news-room/events/item/2025/01/13/default-calendar/launch-of-the-vector-surveillance-roadmap-workshop-strengthens-health-security-in-turkiye>

⁶²³⁸ Cooperation Agreement in the Fields of Health and Medical Sciences is signed with Mongolia, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 22 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025.

On 28 January 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a comprehensive inspection process in public hospitals across seven provinces.⁶²³⁹ The inspection covers areas such as emergency health services, outpatient clinics, operating rooms and intensive care units to maximize the quality and safety of these services for patients.

On 30 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced reforms for private hospitals that would allow better care for patients through increased medical service and oversight, as well improved hospital regulations.⁶²⁴⁰ As a result of this reform, private hospitals are subject to higher standards and stricter inspection that is to be conducted via an artificial intelligence-supported monitoring system three times per year.

On 31 January 2025, Minister Memişoğlu attended the opening of the Kütahya Health Sciences University Gülsüm Gural Faculty of Dentistry and Hospital.⁶²⁴¹ The hospital will focus on medical education to improve quality healthcare for Kütahya and strengthen the healthcare infrastructure.

On 6 February 2025, Minister Memişoğlu inaugurated the Adıyaman Maternity and Child Diseases Hospital under the Earthquake Commemoration Program.⁶²⁴² The hospital is built in an earthquake prone area and will include “66 polyclinics, 10 operating rooms, 350 bed capacity, 81 intensive care beds, 50 neonatal intensive care beds, 16 emergency room beds, technological infrastructure, physical facilities and qualified” healthcare professionals. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan also announced that the Çelikhan Emergency Hospital will open soon with a 50-bed capacity, the Adıyaman Central State Hospital with a 150-bed capacity will be constructed by the end of 2025 and a new 100-bed hospital will be built in Altınşehir. These hospitals are part of the government’s TRY58 billion investment to build 92 health facilities in the region.

On 12 February 2025, Minister Memişoğlu attended the opening of Kahramanmaraş State Hospital which will have a 2,630-bed capacity.⁶²⁴³ The hospital is equipped with innovative technology and is built to be able to provide three days of unassisted care in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. The hospital will include “81 intensive care beds, including 86 polyclinics, 12 operating rooms, 12 neonatal intensive care units, an angiography unit, physical therapy unit and special units such as dialysis.”

On 15 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced updates to the National Childhood Vaccination Schedule to include the acellular pertussis vaccine and the hepatitis B vaccine.⁶²⁴⁴ In turn, this means that its vaccination program will six-component combination vaccine for acellular pertussis, hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, polio and hemophilus influenza type B. This action aims to improve healthcare especially for children. The vaccine will be provided free of charge, thus adhering to the commitment pillar of equitability.

⁶²³⁹ Public hospitals undergo comprehensive inspections in Türkiye, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/public-hospitals-undergo-comprehensive-inspections-in-turkiye/news>

⁶²⁴⁰ Türkiye implements sweeping reforms for private hospitals, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 31 January 2025. Access Date: 21 March 2025. <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkiye-implements-sweeping-reforms-for-private-hospitals-205267>

⁶²⁴¹ Sağlık Bakanı Prof. Dr. Kemal Memişoğlu’nun Kütahya Ziyareti, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 3 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-107130/saglik-bakani-prof-dr-kemal-memisoglundun-kutahya-ziyareti.html>

⁶²⁴² Adıyaman Kadın Doğum ve Çocuk Hastalıkları Hastanesi Açıldı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 10 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-107256/adiyaman-kadin-dogum-ve-cocuk-hastaliklari-hastanesi-acildi.html>

⁶²⁴³ Kahramanmaraş Devlet Hastanesi Açıldı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 17 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-107316/kahramanmaraş-devlet-hastanesi-acildi.html>

⁶²⁴⁴ Bakan Memişoğlu’nun Katılımıyla Altı Bileşenli Karma Aşının İlk Uygulaması Yapıldı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 15 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-108057/bakan-memisoglundun-katilimiyla-alti-bilesenli-karma-asinin-ilk-uygulamasi-yapildi.html>

On 17 April 2025, Minister Memişoğlu and Minister of Health for Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Hakan Dinçyürek signed a protocol agreement to begin constructing a First Stage Nicosia New State Hospital.⁶²⁴⁵ The hospital will have a 320-bed capacity with 80 polyclinics and 12 operating rooms.

On 18 April 2025, Minister Memişoğlu and Minister of National Education Yusuf Tekin signed a protocol agreement for the “Healthy Child, Healthy Future” program.⁶²⁴⁶ The program will focus on improving children’s awareness of health and healthcare system through programs, education and community-based health services including mental health. This action contributes to inclusive health systems and integrated people-centered health services including mental health. It will be carried out across 81 provinces in the country, led by the General Directorate of Public Health, the General Directorate of Health Development and the General Directorate of Basic Education.

On 19 April 2025, Minister Memişoğlu attended the opening of the Bağcılar Maternity and Child Diseases Hospital in Istanbul.⁶²⁴⁷ The hospital has a 400-bed capacity with advanced technology and modern labor, delivery and postpartum rooms to support maternal and child health.

On 20 April 2025, Türkiye announced a ban on elective Caesarian-section births at private healthcare facilities under new regulations by the Ministry of Health.⁶²⁴⁸ The action is antithetical to the commitment as it goes against the objective of providing integrated people-centered health services due to its prohibition of choice to have an elective Caesarian-section birth.

On 25 April 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced an agreement between Yalova’s government hospital and Yalova University to make the province a healthcare research and education hub.⁶²⁴⁹ This agreement will focus on improving the province’s medical, health sciences, pharmacy and dentistry services.

On 10 May 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced that the government would begin measuring citizens’ height, weight and body mass index in public spaces across 81 provinces until July 10.⁶²⁵⁰ Individuals deemed overweight will be referred to Healthy Life centers and Family Health centers for dietitian counselling and monitoring. This will be paired with health literacy campaigns and integrated activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. The initiative aims to raise awareness of and provide necessary health services for obesity to ten million people.

On 16 May 2025, Türkiye declared 16 May as Accessibility Day.⁶²⁵¹ The initiative aims to increase awareness for healthcare services for rehabilitation and people with disabilities and focuses on encouraging best practices to support those with accessibility needs.

⁶²⁴⁵ Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı ile Protokol İmzalandı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 21 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-108338/kuzey-kibris-turk-cumhuriyeti-saglik-bakanligi-ile-protokol-imzalandi.html>

⁶²⁴⁶ Sağlıklı Çocuk Sağlıklı Gelecek Programı Kapsamında MEB ile İş Birliği Protokolü İmzalandı, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 21 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-108339/saglikli-cocuk-saglikli-gelecek-programi-kapsaminda-meb-ile-is-birligi-protokolu-imzalandi.html>

⁶²⁴⁷ Bağcılar Kadın Doğum ve Çocuk Hastalıkları Hastanesi Açıldı, (Ankara) 21 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-108340/bagcilar-kadin-dogum-ve-cocuk-hastaliklari-hastanesi-acildi.html>

⁶²⁴⁸ Turkey bans elective C-sections at private medical centres, France24 (Istanbul) 20 April 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20250420-turkey-bans-elective-c-sections-at-private-medical-centres>

⁶²⁴⁹ Sağlık Bakanı Prof. Dr. Kemal Memişoğlu’nun Yalova Ziyareti, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 27 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-108469/saglik-bakani-prof-dr-kemal-memisoglu-nun-yalova-ziyareti.html>

⁶²⁵⁰ Health Ministry launches obesity screening across Türkiye, The Daily Sabah (Ankara) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/health-ministry-launches-obesity-screening-across-turkiye/news>

⁶²⁵¹ Türkiye declares May 16 as Accessibility Day, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 23 May 2025. <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkiye-declares-may-16-as-accessibility-day-209253>

On 30 May 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced that the City Hospital in Mardin will open within the first three months of 2026.⁶²⁵² The hospital will have a 750-bed capacity to support healthcare resilience for the region.

On 8 June 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced the Healthy Aging initiative for elderly residents.⁶²⁵³ The action aims to provide elderly residents with education on health care and healthy aging for a better quality of life.

On 12 June 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced new legislation to provide 18,000 healthcare sector graduates with jobs in the healthcare sector beginning in the second half of 2025.⁶²⁵⁴ This action aims to increase employment rates among healthcare graduates and bolster the healthcare sector.

On 24 June 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced the submission of a legislative amendment for the reconstruction of Türkiye's health care system to the Grand National Assembly.⁶²⁵⁵ This action aims to strengthen healthcare services and safety standards through the inspection of pharmaceutical supply chains and medical device sectors.

On 10 July 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced that a detox center is being established in Elazığ Fethi Sekin City Hospitals for rehabilitation for convicted individuals struggling with substance abuse.⁶²⁵⁶ This action aims to strengthen the health infrastructure for inmates to prevent repeat convictions.

On 21 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the start of a countrywide campaign to combat tobacco usage.⁶²⁵⁷ This action aims to increase awareness of the negative side effects of smoking and reduce tobacco addiction.

On 24 July 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the Law Amending Certain Laws Related to Health, a major legislative reform that was put forth to improve and modernize Türkiye's healthcare sector.⁶²⁵⁸ The aim of this action is to standardize employment structures and prevent unregulated medical practice to improve service delivery and professional standards.

On 6 September 2025, Minister Memişoğlu met with Mongolian Minister of Health Chinburen Jigjidsuren, emphasizing the start of long-term cooperation in the health care sector.⁶²⁵⁹ The aim of this action is to enhance Mongolia's health care sector through Turkish support for the construction of an oncology hospital in Mongolia.

On 15 September 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced that Türkiye will commence the production of treatments for Spinal Muscular Atrophy beginning in the first half of 2026.⁶²⁶⁰ The aim of this action is to

⁶²⁵² Sağlık Bakanı Prof. Dr. Kemal Memişoğlu'nun Mardin Ziyareti, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Sağlık Bakanlığı (Ankara) 31 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 June 2025. <https://www.saglik.gov.tr/TR-109236/saglik-bakani-prof-dr-kemal-memisoglunun-mardin-ziyareti.html>

⁶²⁵³ Health Ministry launches healthy aging program to support elderly, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 8 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/health-ministry-launches-healthy-aging-program-to-support-elderly/news>

⁶²⁵⁴ Kemal Memişoğlu: 'As a health system, we are ready for any kind of disaster,' Beykozun Sesi (Istanbul) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.beykozunesi.com/kemal-memisoglu-as-a-health-system-we-are-ready-for-any-kind-of-disaster>

⁶²⁵⁵ Türkiye advances health care system with new legislative proposal, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/turkiye-advances-health-care-system-with-new-legislative-proposal/news>

⁶²⁵⁶ Health, Justice Ministries sign protocol on prison addiction care, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/turkiye/health-justice-ministries-sign-protocol-on-prison-addiction-care/news>

⁶²⁵⁷ Türkiye launches 'smoke-free' campaign to curb tobacco use, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 21 July 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkiye-launches-smoke-free-campaign-to-curb-tobacco-use-211677>

⁶²⁵⁸ Türkiye's Healthcare System Undergoes Major Legal Reforms, Turkish Law Blog (Istanbul) 1 September 2025. Access Date: 7 October 2025. <https://turkishlawblog.com/insights/detail/turkeyes-healthcare-system-undergoes-major-legal-reforms>

⁶²⁵⁹ Türkiye to support project of new oncology hospital in Mongolia, AKI Press (Kyrgyzstan) 9 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. https://m.akipress.com/news:849117:T%C3%BCrkiye_to_support_project_of_new_oncology_hospital_in_Mongolia/

⁶²⁶⁰ Türkiye to produce its first SMA drug by 2026: Health Minister, Türkiye Today (Istanbul) 20 September 2025. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.turkiyetoday.com/lifestyle/turkiye-to-produce-its-own-sma-drug-by-2026-health-minister-3207238>

bolster Türkiye's research and development sector by improving upon the nation's skills in independent treatment-production.

Türkiye has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. Türkiye has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through the 2025 Budget focused on the Turkish National Genome Project and building new Family Health Centers, construction of new hospitals including those focused on maternal and child health, free six-in-one vaccines, a focus on medical education and improving healthcare infrastructure in earthquake prone zones. It has also addressed the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through a project to address obesity, vector surveillance workshop and the Healthy Child, Healthy Future project which uses an integrated approach and includes mental health services.

Thus, Türkiye receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 28 November 2024, Secretary of Health and Social Care Wes Streeting confirmed plans for men's health at a Men's Health Summit hosted by Arsenal and the Premier League.⁶²⁶¹ The plan aims to target the most prominent health issues affecting men, including cardiovascular diseases, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. It also puts additional emphasis on men's mental health and suicide prevention. The strategy for this plan will be announced in 2025.

On 2 December 2024, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Welfare Chris Wormald and Scientific Advisor Lucy Chappell represented the United Kingdom at the first Korea-UK Health Policy Dialogue.⁶²⁶² During the dialogue, representatives from both countries discussed progress on key priorities including innovative research and development and "shared best practices on cardiovascular disease and smoking cessation."

On 8 December 2024, Department of Health and Social Care and National Health Service England (NHS) jointly announced an updated workforce plan to address and tackle the major gaps in healthcare in line with the 10 Year Health Plan.⁶²⁶³ This plan includes three major focuses: community care, digitalization and prevention.

On 9 December 2024, the United Kingdom and Switzerland updated their research partnership to focus on healthcare among other pressing issues.⁶²⁶⁴ The governments allocated GBP16 million in joint funding towards

⁶²⁶¹ Secretary of State commits to first ever men's health strategy, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secretary-of-state-commits-to-first-ever-mens-health-strategy>

⁶²⁶² 한국-영국 간 보건의료 분야 협력 강화 위한 보건대화 개최, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483796&tag=&nPage=34

⁶²⁶³ Government to tackle NHS workforce crisis with refreshed plan, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 8 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-tackle-nhs-workforce-crisis-with-refreshed-plan>

⁶²⁶⁴ UK and Switzerland deepen science ties with £16 million backing, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-switzerland-deepen-science-ties-with-16-million-backing>

this partnership. Of this, GBP8 million is allocated towards 11 joint research projects and the remaining GBP8 million towards clinical trials for new treatments and diagnoses.

On 11 December 2024, Secretary Streeting made a statement to the House of Commons regarding puberty blockers.⁶²⁶⁵ He mentioned the government's ban on prescribing puberty blockers to minors outside of clinical trials. Gender healthcare reforms will be implemented by opening three new gender identity services that integrate paediatrics, mental health and neurodiversity expertise.

On 19 December 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a GBP100 million investment for hospices to ensure quality end-of-life care.⁶²⁶⁶ This investment package includes funding for infrastructure, equipment, accommodations, refurbishments, facilities and updated information technology systems.

On 20 December 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care consulted with the British Medical Association on measures to reduce bureaucracy, increase treatment time, eliminate outdated performance targets and reinstate family doctors.⁶²⁶⁷ Included among such measures is an extra GBP889 million for general medical practices. These reforms and measures are part of the Plan for Change to enhance healthcare sustainability and resilience and advance quality treatment for patients.

On 6 January 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a new agreement with the independent sector to tackle NHS waiting lists.⁶²⁶⁸ This agreement aims to address the patient backlog and restore the 18-weeks waiting time standard by providing an additional one million appointments per year for patients.

On 15 January 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced an investment of GBP5.5 million for mpox research in the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring sub-Saharan countries.⁶²⁶⁹ The funding will go towards vaccine development, clinical trials and genetics and transmission patterns of mpox. This aims to tackle the ongoing outbreak of mpox in Africa and strength global health security.

On 15 January 2025, Secretary Streeting made a statement to the House of Commons to address the winter pressures on the NHS, announcing plans and measures to counter the effects of the cold weather on the healthcare system.⁶²⁷⁰ This aims to increase NHS funding, recruit more general practitioners and address accident and emergency inefficiencies.

On 16 January 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care released new guidelines that allow businesses to sell certain hearing aids.⁶²⁷¹ This initiative aims to benefit patients with hearing loss by providing them access to new and convenient technologies and devices.

⁶²⁶⁵ He'lth and Social Care Secretary's statement: puberty blockers, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/health-and-social-care-secretarys-statement-puberty-blockers>

⁶²⁶⁶ Biggest investment into hospices in a generation, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 19 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/biggest-investment-into-hospices-in-a-generation>

⁶²⁶⁷ GP reforms to cut red tape and bring back family doctor, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gp-reforms-to-cut-red-tape-and-bring-back-family-doctor>

⁶²⁶⁸ Deal between NHS and independent sector to cut NHS waiting lists, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 6 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/deal-between-nhs-and-independent-sector-to-cut-nhs-waiting-lists>

⁶²⁶⁹ UK invests £5.5 million to tackle mpox in sub-Saharan Africa, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 9 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-invests-55-million-to-tackle-mpox-in-sub-saharan-africa>

⁶²⁷⁰ Winter 2025: He'lth and Social Care Secretary's statement, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/health-and-social-care-secretarys-statement-winter-2025>

⁶²⁷¹ Green light for groundbreaking hearing aids, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-light-for-groundbreaking-hearing-aids>

On 20 January 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care confirmed the funding and timeline on delivering all projects in the New Hospital Programme.⁶²⁷² Over GBP15 billion will be allocated to this program over consecutive five-year periods.

On 21 January 2025, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and the Department of Health and Social Care announced new plans to incorporate artificial intelligence into public services like healthcare to streamline data sharing.⁶²⁷³ This plan aims to reduce bureaucratic inefficiencies faced by patients when choosing providers and booking appointments.

On 28 January 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care began consultations with Community Pharmacy England to develop a funding framework to support community pharmacies.⁶²⁷⁴ This action aims to better use pharmacists' skills and shift the healthcare focus from hospitals to local communities through local pharmacies.

On 3 February 2025, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) released new guidance to help developers of digital mental health technologies comply with the United Kingdom's medical device regulations.⁶²⁷⁵ This ensures such technologies are reliable and safe and supports public access to information regarding digital mental health tools.

On 4 February 2025, the government launched an artificial intelligence (AI)-driven breast cancer screening trial with 700,000 women participating, as part of the 10 Year Health Plan.⁶²⁷⁶ This aims to modernize cancer care, digitalize the NHS, speed up diagnosis and increase cancer survival rates.

On 7 February 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a GBP200 million increase in funding for local health services for 2025 to 2026.⁶²⁷⁷ Benefitted services include smoking cessation, addiction recovery, family and school nursing and sexual health clinics.

On 11 February 2025, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology announced GBP82.6 million in research funding to promote AI-driven healthcare and environmental technologies.⁶²⁷⁸

On 26 February 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that it is allocating GBP100 million to hospices across England.⁶²⁷⁹ This aims to modernize facilities, improve operational systems and upgrade patient rooms.

⁶²⁷² Government to deliver all schemes in New Hospital Programme, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-deliver-all-schemes-in-new-hospital-programme>

⁶²⁷³ Shake up of tech and AI usage across NHS and other public services to deliver plan for change, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 21 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/shake-up-of-tech-and-ai-usage-across-nhs-and-other-public-services-to-deliver-plan-for-change>

⁶²⁷⁴ Government opens discussions with Community Pharmacy England over 2025 to 2026 funding contract, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 3 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-opens-discussions-with-community-pharmacy-england-over-2526-funding-contract>

⁶²⁷⁵ Digital mental health technologies guidance launched to help manufacturers and safeguard users, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 3 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/digital-mental-health-technologies-guidance-launched-to-help-manufacturers-and-safeguard-users>

⁶²⁷⁶ World-leading AI trial to tackle breast cancer launched, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 4 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/world-leading-ai-trial-to-tackle-breast-cancer-launched>

⁶²⁷⁷ Local public health services given £200 million boost, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-public-health-services-given-200-million-boost>

⁶²⁷⁸ UK-backed AI companies to transform British cancer care and spark new drug breakthroughs, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-backed-ai-companies-to-transform-british-cancer-care-and-spark-new-drug-breakthroughs>

⁶²⁷⁹ Hospices receive multi-million pound boost to improve facilities, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hospices-receive-multi-million-pound-boost-to-improve-facilities>

On 28 February 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care and the British Medical Association agreed to a general practitioner contract aimed at improving doctors' ability to treat patients effectively.⁶²⁸⁰ This is supported by an additional GBP889 million in funding for general practitioners next year.

On 11 March 2025, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) launched a genomic surveillance program for hepatitis C to better understand treatment outcomes and transmission patterns to tackle antiviral resistance.⁶²⁸¹

On 13 March 2025, Prime Minister Starmer announced major reforms to reduce bureaucracy and increase efficiency within the NHS.⁶²⁸² The NHS will be reintegrated within the Department of Health and Social Care as part of this process.

On 25 March 2025, the UKHSA released a new tool to identify 24 pathogen families that pose potential public health risks to focus research and development in vaccines and disease prevention.⁶²⁸³

On 31 March 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a GBP617 million funding package for community pharmacies.⁶²⁸⁴ This includes GBP193 million to provide debt relief to community pharmacy owners, funding to make Plan B free at pharmacies, supporting mental health care at pharmacies, enabling pharmacies to deliver some primary care services including blood pressure checks and increasing funding for pharmaceuticals.

On 31 March 2025, the Pandemic Institution and the Defense Science and Technology Laboratory launched a collaboration to strengthen and enhance the country's preparedness for infectious disease outbreaks.⁶²⁸⁵ With this collaboration, nine projects focusing on diagnostics, therapeutics and advanced technologies aim to improve the ability to detect and respond to future pandemics.

On 28 April 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced an upcoming freeze on prescription charges within the NHS, keeping the cost under GBP9.90 per item.⁶²⁸⁶ As part of the government's Plan for Change, this will save patients GBP18 million next year.

On 20 May 2025, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention Ashley Dalton and Indonesia's Minister of Health Budi Sadikin renewed the United Kingdom and Indonesia's MoU for health cooperation.⁶²⁸⁷ This renewal focuses on strengthening primary and community health, addressing diseases and health innovation. This cooperation is a significant part of the UK-Indonesia Strategic Partnership and is expected to result in increased health innovation and investment for both countries.

⁶²⁸⁰ New deal for GPs will fix the front door of the NHS, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-deal-for-gps-will-fix-the-front-door-of-the-nhs>

⁶²⁸¹ Whole genome sequencing service launched to tackle hepatitis C, UK Health Security Agency (London) 11 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/whole-genome-sequencing-service-launched-to-tackle-hepatitis-c>

⁶²⁸² World's largest quango scrapped under reforms to put patients first, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 13 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/worlds-largest-quango-scrapped-under-reforms-to-put-patients-first>

⁶²⁸³ UKHSA highlights pathogens of greatest risk to public health, UK Health Security Agency (London) 25 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-highlights-pathogens-of-greatest-risk-to-public-health>

⁶²⁸⁴ New services for patients under record pharmacy funding deal, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 31 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-services-for-patients-under-record-pharmacy-funding-deal>

⁶²⁸⁵ Dstl to tackle emerging health threats, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 31 March 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dstl-to-tackle-emerging-health-threats>

⁶²⁸⁶ Cost of living boost for millions as prescription charges frozen, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cost-of-living-boost-for-millions-as-prescription-charges-frozen>

⁶²⁸⁷ UK and Indonesia Renew Commitment to Strengthen Collaboration in Health Sector, Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia (Jakarta) 20 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 June 2025. <https://kemkes.go.id/id/inggris-dan-indonesia-perbarui-komitmen-untuk-memperkuat-kolaborasi-dalam-sektor-kesehatan>

On 1 December 2024, Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced GBP27 million to support the government's commitment to ending HIV transmission in England by 2030.⁶²⁸⁸ The HIV Action Plan, set to be released in summer 2025, will support this objective.

On 3 December 2024, the UKHSA announced that it will acquire five million H5 influenza vaccine doses to enhance healthcare resilience.⁶²⁸⁹ This action is part of the government's plan to improve pandemic preparedness through vaccines and other measures.

On 12 December 2024, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology announced a GBP100 million public-private investment to support 20 research hubs.⁶²⁹⁰ The hubs will invest in clinical trials and innovative treatments for a range of diseases including cancer, obesity, the flu and respiratory syncytial virus.

On 11 February 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced the availability of an additional 20,000 self-testing and self-sampling kits to support HIV testing in England.⁶²⁹¹ This action will receive GBP1.5 million in funding and aims to advance the government's objective to end HIV transmission by 2030.

On 4 May 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that GBP2 billion will be allocated within the Autumn Budget to support tech projects including "Cancer 360," a centralized system for cancer data.⁶²⁹² The tool aims to reduce wait times, support faster diagnosis for millions of patients and ensure ease of access to information for medical professionals.

On 6 May 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced GBP102 million in funding to support 8.3 million additional general practitioner appointments annually and over 1,000 additional surgeries.⁶²⁹³ This action is part of the government's plan to invest GBP26 billion in healthcare through the Plan for Change.

On 8 May 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a new staff training programme within the NHS to help medical professionals be better equipped to support veterans and their families.⁶²⁹⁴ This includes a focus on mental health support for post-traumatic stress disorder and other conditions. The NHS will receive GBP1.8 million for this initiative.

On 12 May 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that it is implementing a new Avoiding Brain Injury in Childbirth programme in England in September 2025 to support maternal health.⁶²⁹⁵ The

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⁶²⁸⁹ UK secures H5 influenza vaccine to boost pandemic preparedness, UK Health Security Agency (London) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-secures-h5-influenza-vaccine-to-boost-pandemic-preparedness>

⁶²⁹⁰ £100 million public-private health research boost, Department of Health and Social Care and Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (London) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/100-million-public-private-health-research-boost>

⁶²⁹¹ Government ramps up efforts to end HIV transmissions in England, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-ramps-up-efforts-to-end-hiv-transmissions-in-england>

⁶²⁹² Government's tech reform to transform cancer diagnosis, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 4 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/governments-tech-reform-to-transform-cancer-diagnosis>

⁶²⁹³ GP surgery refurb to enable over 8 million more appointments, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gp-surgery-refurbs-to-enable-over-8-million-more-appointments-2>

⁶²⁹⁴ VE Day boost for veterans' healthcare, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 8 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ve-day-boost-for-veterans-healthcare>

⁶²⁹⁵ New NHS programme to reduce brain injury in childbirth, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-nhs-programme-to-reduce-brain-injury-in-childbirth>

programme will focus on increased training to identify and prevent brain injuries to newborns during childbirth, address obstetric emergencies more effectively and ensure safer maternity care.

On 15 May 2025, the MHRA approved a new vaccine, Capvaxive, to protect adults against pneumonia, meningitis and other pneumococcal infections.⁶²⁹⁶

On 20 May 2025, the United Kingdom adopted the World Health Organization's Pandemic Agreement at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁶²⁹⁷ The agreement focuses on pandemic prevention using a One Health approach and research, development and innovation to address pandemic threats and enhance health resilience.

On 26 May 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced GBP70 million to update linear accelerator machines at 28 hospitals.⁶²⁹⁸ This action will support improved cancer treatment by providing modern medical technologies to reduce wait times for over 4,500 patients.

On 30 May 2025, the United Kingdom announced an investment of GBP1.2 billion to repair and fix deteriorating hospitals and schools across England, with GBP750 million going to over 400 NHS facilities to prevent appointment cancellations and improve patient care.⁶²⁹⁹ This action ensures that health infrastructure is sustainable and able to provide high quality health services.

On 31 May 2025, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced a ban on the sale of single use vapes, effective 1 June 2025, to curb youth nicotine addiction and reduce environmental waste, as part of its Plan for Change.⁶³⁰⁰ This action aims to reduce vape use and improve overall public health, particularly amongst youth.

On 13 June 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced GBP9 million in funding from NHS England to support individuals with sickle cell disease.⁶³⁰¹ This funding will enable more specialist centres and advanced technology, improving access to effective treatment across the country.

On 20 June 2025, the MHRA approved serplulimab as a targeted therapy for patients with previously untreated and widespread "extensive-stage small cell lung cancer."⁶³⁰² This therapy will support quality and effective treatment for the condition, in combination with chemotherapy.

On 23 June 2025, Secretary Streeter, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists World Congress, announced a federal investigation into maternity and neonatal services in response to systemic

⁶²⁹⁶ MHRA approves vaccine to protect against pneumococcal infections such as pneumonia and meningitis, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-vaccine-to-protect-against-pneumococcal-infections-such-as-pneumonia-and-meningitis>

⁶²⁹⁷ UK adopts historic Pandemic Agreement, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-adopts-historic-pandemic-agreement>

⁶²⁹⁸ Faster cancer treatment thanks to new radiotherapy machines, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 26 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/faster-cancer-treatment-thanks-to-new-radiotherapy-machines>

⁶²⁹⁹ Patients and pupils to benefit from school and hospital repairs, Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Education and NHS England (London) 30 May 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/patients-and-pupils-to-benefit-from-school-and-hospital-repairs>

⁶³⁰⁰ Single-use vapes banned from 1 June 2025, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 1 June 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/single-use-vapes-banned-from-1-june-2025>

⁶³⁰¹ Sickle cell patients to get better treatment after £9 million boost, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP (London) 13 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sickle-cell-patients-to-get-better-treatment-after-9m-boost>

⁶³⁰² MHRA approves UK's first anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody for treatment of aggressive form of lung cancer, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-uks-first-anti-pd-1-monoclonal-antibody-for-treatment-of-aggressive-form-of-lung-cancer>

failures, persistent inequalities and rising maternal deaths.⁶³⁰³ This investigation aims to improve the quality of maternity and neonatal services in the NHS.

On 25 June 2025, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs David Lammy pledged GBP1.25 billion for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit in Brussels.⁶³⁰⁴ Between 2026-2030, this funding will support vaccinations for millions of children and contribute to strengthening and supporting equitable and resilient health systems.

On 25 June 2025, the MHRA published its 2025/26 business plan, outlining priorities to strengthen public safety, deliver efficient and predictable regulatory services, foster innovation and enhance customer experience.⁶³⁰⁵ It also supports the government's goal of a healthier UK by enabling fast and safe access to medical products and supporting innovation in the life sciences sector.

On 26 June 2025, Secretary Streeting outlined the government's 10-year plan to reduce health inequalities by shifting focus from treating illness to preventing it.⁶³⁰⁶ He announced that the plan will include reforms for NHS funding, new recruitment initiatives targeting underserved areas and a "patient power revolution" using digital tools to give people more control, transparency and choice over their healthcare.

On 3 July 2025, Prime Minister Starmer launched the government's 10-Year Health Plan which prioritizes community-based care in the NHS.⁶³⁰⁷ The plan establishes neighbourhood health centres to deliver diagnostics, rehabilitation, nursing and mental health services in local communities. It also pledges more general practitioners, digital tools and personalized care plans.

On 4 July 2025, the MHRA approved nogapendekin alfa inbakicept to treat non-muscle invasive bladder cancer in adults for whom Bacillus Calmette-Guérin, a standard immunotherapy, is ineffective.⁶³⁰⁸ This approval enables additional treatment options for the condition.

On 8 July 2025, the MHRA approved elinzanetant to treat moderate and severe hot flushes associated with menopause, becoming the first medical regulator in the world to do so.⁶³⁰⁹ This approval will enable inclusive healthcare for individuals experiencing menopause who opt for non-hormonal treatment.

⁶³⁰³ Health and Social Care Secretary speech at RCOG World Congress, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 23 June 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/health-and-social-care-secretary-speech-at-rcog-world-congress>

⁶³⁰⁴ UK partners with Gavi to help save up to 8 million lives by 2030, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, The Rt Hon Baroness Chapman of Darlington and The Rt Hon David Lammy MP (London) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-partners-with-gavi-to-help-save-up-to-eight-million-lives-by-2030>

⁶³⁰⁵ MHRA publishes final business plan for 2023–2026 corporate plan, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-publishes-final-business-plan-for-2023-2026-corporate-plan>

⁶³⁰⁶ Health and Social Care Secretary speech on health inequalities, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 26 June 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/health-and-social-care-secretary-speech-on-health-inequalities>

⁶³⁰⁷ PM launches new era for NHS with easier care in neighbourhoods, Department of Health and 'ocial Care and Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (London) 2 July 2025. Access Date: 21 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-launches-new-era-for-nhs-with-easier-care-in-neighbourhoods>

⁶³⁰⁸ MHRA approves nogapendekin alfa inbakicept to treat adult patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 4 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-nogapendekin-alfa-inbakicept-to-treat-adult-patients-with-non-muscle-invasive-bladder-cancer>

⁶³⁰⁹ MHRA approves elinzanetant to treat moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms (hot flushes) caused by menopause, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 8 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-elinzanetant-to-treat-moderate-to-severe-vasomotor-symptoms-hot-flushes-caused-by-menopause>

On 15 July 2025, the MHRA approved sebetralstat which is used to treat hereditary angioedema attacks in individuals over the age of 12.⁶³¹⁰ This approval will enable more effective treatment for individuals with the rare genetic condition.

On 17 July 2025, Prime Minister Starmer announced, 'Diagnosis Connect,' at the Civil Society Summit, a new service to support thousands of patients with long-term health conditions.⁶³¹¹ The service will support people-centered care by connecting patients with specialized charities and organizations to help them understand and manage their condition. This action aims to support better quality of life, reduce complications and ensure appropriate care.

On 18 July 2025, the MHRA approved adrenaline (epinephrine) nasal spray to treat anaphylaxis, marking the first needle-free treatment option for serious allergic reactions in the United Kingdom.⁶³¹² This action aims to enable quicker and more effective care during allergic reaction-related emergencies.

On 11 July 2025, the government launched a GBP1.5 million WorkWell pilot in 15 regions to ease pressures on general practitioners and help up to 56,000 people with health conditions return to work by 2026.⁶³¹³ The scheme aims to ensure tailored support, linking patients with local health and employment services.

On 17 July 2025, Secretary Streeting announced GBP250 million in funding to build a National Biosecurity Centre in Harlow, Essex for the UK Health Security Agency's research on dangerous pathogens.⁶³¹⁴ The centre will create approximately 1,600 jobs, boost vaccine and treatment development and strengthen the United Kingdom's resilience against future pandemics and biosecurity threats.

On 17 July 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced plans to modernize pharmacy supervision rules, allowing registered pharmacy technicians to take on more responsibility so pharmacists can focus on frontline care.⁶³¹⁵ Part of the 10 Year Health Plan and Plan for Change, the reform aims to improve patient access, reduce NHS pressure and support a shift from hospital to community-based services by the end of 2025.

On 20 July 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care allocated GBP75 million in funding to more than 170 hospices across England, supporting major upgrades such as family rooms, solar panels and communal lounges.⁶³¹⁶ As part of the Plan for Change, this funding aims to improve end-of-life care and create more dignified environments for patients.

⁶³¹⁰ MHRA approves sebetralstat (Eckterly) to treat hereditary angioedema (HAE) attacks in patients aged 12 and over, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 15 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025.

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⁶³¹¹ Patients with long-term conditions to receive help from charities, Department of Health and Social Care, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP (London) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/patients-with-long-term-conditions-to-receive-help-from-charities>

⁶³¹² MHRA approves adrenaline nasal spray - the first needle-free emergency treatment for anaphylaxis in the UK, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 18 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-adrenaline-nasal-spray-the-first-needle-free-emergency-treatment-for-anaphylaxis-in-the-uk>

⁶³¹³ Boost for GP practices to help people back to work, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 29 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-for-gp-practices-to-help-people-back-to-work>

⁶³¹⁴ Huge biosecurity centre investment to boost pandemic protection, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/huge-biosecurity-centre-investment-to-boost-pandemic-protection>

⁶³¹⁵ Pharmacist time freed up to treat patients more, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pharmacist-time-freed-up-to-treat-patients-more>

⁶³¹⁶ £75 million boost for hospices to transform end-of-life care, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 20 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/75-million-boost-for-hospices-to-transform-end-of-life-care>

On 22 July 2025, the MHRA announced reforms accelerate patient access to medical devices by introducing international reliance routes for products approved in Australia, Canada and the US, and consulting on the indefinite recognition of CE marked devices.⁶³¹⁷

On 22 July 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care committed to improved care for patients living with myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome.⁶³¹⁸ The plan will support 390,000 people in the United Kingdom through neighbourhood health services that enable patients to access care closer to home, investments in research for improved treatments and new training for NHS healthcare professionals to ensure that patient-centered care.

On 22 July 2025, the MHRA approved tofersen (Qalsody) for the treatment of adults with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) caused by mutations in the SOD1 (an enzyme called superoxide dismutase 1) gene.⁶³¹⁹ This action enables access to target treatment for ALS patients in the United Kingdom.

On 23 July 2025, new MHRA regulations came into force, allowing personalized medicines, such as cell and gene therapies, to be manufactured in hospitals, clinics or near patients' homes instead of at distant facilities.⁶³²⁰ This world first framework will cut treatment times from months to days, expand access to advanced therapies and support NHS goals for care closer to home.

On 31 July 2025, the MHRA will create a new Early Access service to give time-limited conditional approval for innovative medical devices addressing NHS needs, starting with advanced diagnostics.⁶³²¹ Part of the Life Sciences Sector Plan, and 10 Year Health Plan, the scheme aims to speed safe patient access, support innovators and strengthen the UK's position as a global leader in Medtech.

On 2 August 2025, the government announced that they have extended the National Breastfeeding Helpline to ensure that mothers across the UK can access breastfeeding support 24 hours a day.⁶³²² This will improve the accessibility of inclusive maternal care support and enhance infant health through public health information.

On 4 August 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that sexual health clinics in England will offer the 4CMenB vaccine free to those at highest risk of gonorrhea, including gay and bisexual men with multiple partners and a bacterial STI in the past year.⁶³²³ The world's-first programme aims to prevent up

⁶³¹⁷ MHRA announces proposals to improve access to world's best medical devices for patients and to boost economic growth in Britain's med tech sector, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-announces-proposals-to-improve-access-to-worlds-best-medical-devices-for-patients-and-to-boost-economic-growth-in-britains-med-tech-sector>

⁶³¹⁸ Boost in support for patients with chronic fatigue syndrome or ME, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-in-support-for-patients-with-chronic-fatigue-syndrome-or-me>

⁶³¹⁹ Tofersen approved by the MHRA to treat rare inherited form of motor neurone disease, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tofersen-approved-by-the-mhra-to-treat-rare-inherited-form-of-motor-neurone-disease>

⁶³²⁰ Cutting-edge personalised treatments made while you wait will deliver specialised care to patients more quickly, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 23 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cutting-edge-personalised-treatments-made-while-you-wait-will-deliver-specialised-care-to-patients-more-quickly>

⁶³²¹ MHRA outlines intent to speed up patient access to innovative medical devices, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-outlines-intent-to-speed-up-patient-access-to-innovative-medical-devices>

⁶³²² New wave of mums to benefit from 24/7 breastfeeding support, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-wave-of-mums-to-benefit-from-24-7-breastfeeding-support>

⁶³²³ NHS begins rollout of world-first gonorrhoea vaccine programme, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 4 August 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-begins-rollout-of-world-first-gonorrhoea-vaccine-programme>

to 100 thousand cases over the next decade, saving the NHS GBP7.9 million and combating antibiotic-resistant strains, as part of the government's prevention-focused Plan for Change.

On 14 August 2025, the MHRA approved teplizumab (Tzield) to delay the onset of stage three type 1 diabetes (T1D) by approximately three years in adults and children eight years or older with stage two T1D.⁶³²⁴ This marks the expansion of treatment options for type 1 diabetes patients in the UK as Tzield is the first immunotherapy for type 1 diabetes approved in the United Kingdom.

On 11 August 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England launched the Graduate Guarantee, ensuring thousands of new jobs for newly qualified nurses and midwives upon graduation.⁶³²⁵ Backed by GBP8 million, the initiative aims to improve recruitment, retention and patient care by guaranteeing job opportunities and smoother transitions from training to the NHS workforce.

On 14 August 2025, Secretary Streeting appointed Valerie Amos to lead an independent federal investigation into NHS maternity and neonatal care, focusing on urgent improvements to safety and compassion.⁶³²⁶ The review will examine up to ten services and deliver initial national recommendations by December 2025 as part of the government's Plan for Change to rebuild trust and reform maternity care.

On 26 August 2025, the UKHSA launched a GBP1.3 million programme to test how wastewater monitoring can detect a wider range of dangerous pathogens.⁶³²⁷ Funded by the Integrated Security Fund, the project will evaluate advanced technology to identify viruses like Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, Mpox, West Nile virus and Lassa, strengthening the UK's early warning and outbreak response capabilities.

On 27 August 2025, the MHRA approved zuranolone as the first oral treatment for moderate to severe postnatal depression in adults following childbirth.⁶³²⁸ The approval provides a new therapeutic option beyond traditional antidepressants, offering faster access and potentially improved outcomes for the one in ten women affected by postnatal depression each year.

On 28 August 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England announced a federal initiative to embed genomics in everyday healthcare by training nurses across England as "genomics champions."⁶³²⁹ The program aims to enhance early diagnosis and personalized treatment through DNA testing and research, supporting the NHS ten-Year Health Plan to expand access to genomic medicine within community settings.

⁶³²⁴ MHRA approves teplizumab to delay progression of type 1 diabetes, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 14 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-teplizumab-to-delay-progression-of-type-1-diabetes>

⁶³²⁵ Job Boost for Newly Qualified Nurses and Midwives, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England (London) 11 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/job-boost-for-newly-qualified-nurses-and-midwives>

⁶³²⁶ Baroness Amos to Spearhead Maternity and Neonatal Investigation, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 14 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-amos-to-spearhead-maternity-and-neonatal-investigation>

⁶³²⁷ UKHSA Launches Development Programme for Wastewater Monitoring Techniques Which Could Catch Pandemic Threats Early, UK Health Security Agency (London) 26 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-launches-development-programme-for-wastewater-monitoring-techniques-which-could-catch-pandemic-threats-early>

⁶³²⁸ MHRA approves zuranolone to treat postnatal depression in adults following childbirth, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 27 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-zuranolone-to-treat-postnatal-depression-in-adults-following-childbirth>

⁶³²⁹ Government puts nurses at heart of DNA testing and research, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England (London) 28 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-puts-nurses-at-heart-of-dna-testing-and-research>

On 28 August 2025, the MHRA approved gepotidacin, the first new class of oral antibiotics for urinary tract infections in nearly 30 years.⁶³³⁰ Indicated for females aged 12 and over, the treatment represents a major step forward in combating antimicrobial resistance and addressing one of the most common bacterial infections in women.

On 29 August 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and UKHSA announced that, from January 2026, children will be offered a free chickenpox vaccination through the NHS.⁶³³¹ Delivered as part of the combined measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccine, the new program is expected to protect approximately 500,000 children each year, reducing complications, hospitalizations and missed school days.

On 1 September 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced the removal of restrictions on prescribing flu medicines year-round, allowing doctors and pharmacists to issue antivirals such as oseltamivir and zanamivir outside the traditional flu season.⁶³³² The reform aims to speed up treatment, strengthen winter preparedness and give clinicians greater flexibility to protect vulnerable patients and contain outbreaks throughout the year.

On 4 September 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care reported that more than 100,000 patients have received faster access to specialist care following GP funding reforms.⁶³³³ The initiative allows general practitioners to refer patients directly to specialists, reducing hospital waiting lists, improving patient outcomes and easing pressure on NHS services.

On 9 September 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England announced a GBP10 million investment to expand neighbourhood health services across 43 sites in England.⁶³³⁴ The initiative will establish multidisciplinary neighbourhood teams that integrate general practice, community health, pharmacy, dentistry, social care and voluntary services.

On 15 September 2025, Secretary Streeting announced the launch of a new GBP125,000 wellbeing pilot to support adults waiting for gender dysphoria services, offering clinical guidance, digital mental health resources and community-based care.⁶³³⁵ The initiative aims to reduce the mental health impact of long waits and forms part of wider reforms to improve access, equality and care quality for transgender patients across England.

⁶³³⁰ MHRA approves UK's first new type of antibiotic for urinary tract infections in nearly 30 years, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 28 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-approves-uks-first-new-type-of-antibiotic-for-urinary-tract-infections-in-nearly-30-years>

⁶³³¹ Free chickenpox vaccination offered for first time to children, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England, UK Health Security Agency (London) 29 August 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-chickenpox-vaccination-offered-for-first-time-to-children>

⁶³³² Government to Combat Flu Outbreaks by Removing Red Tape, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 1 September 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-combat-flu-outbreaks-by-removing-red-tape>

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⁶³³⁴ Millions of people to benefit from healthcare on their doorstep, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England (London) 9 September 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-of-people-to-benefit-from-healthcare-on-their-doorstep>

⁶³³⁵ Support for Adults Facing 'Staggering' Waits for Gender Services, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 15 September 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-adults-facing-staggering-waits-for-gender-services>

On 16 September 2025, the MHRA approved vorasidenib (Vorango) for patients aged 12 years and older with grade two astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma carrying a susceptible IDH1 or IDH2 mutation.⁶³³⁶ The targeted therapy, authorized under the international Project Orbis scheme, offers an alternative for patients not requiring immediate chemotherapy or radiotherapy after surgery. Clinical trial results demonstrated a significant extension in progression-free survival, reinforcing the UK's commitment to accelerating access to innovative, life-extending treatments for rare cancers.

On 22 September 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England announced a GBP6 million NHS cloud platform to test artificial intelligence screening tools across England, accelerating early diagnosis and cutting costs for multi-site research.⁶³³⁷ The system will enable large-scale artificial intelligence trials for detecting diseases like cancer, supporting the government's Plan for Change to digitize healthcare and boost patient outcomes.

On 1 October 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that all general practitioners practicing in England will be required to keep online consultation tools open from 8am to 6:30pm, Monday to Friday, allowing patients to request appointments throughout the day.⁶³³⁸ This reform aims to free up phone lines, improve access and modernize general practice, supported by GBP1.1 billion in new funding and over 2,000 additional GPs.

On 10 October 2025, the government announced GBP50 million in funding for mental health.⁶³³⁹ The funding will support the creation of an Industry Alliance Team to help enhance mental health innovation and a Lived Experience Industry Partnership to ensure an integrated and people-centered approach to mental health research.

On 16 October 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care allocated GBP80 million for children's and young people's hospices.⁶³⁴⁰ Over the next three years, funding will support high-quality health services for children suffering from cancer, cystic fibrosis and other life-limiting conditions.

On 23 October 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that the NHS will now include menopause in its routine health checks, supporting healthcare for women.⁶³⁴¹

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. The United Kingdom has taken strong actions to build a more sustainable, resilient, equitable and inclusive health system by allocating additional funding to medical infrastructure,

⁶³³⁶ Vorasidenib approved to treat patients 12 years and older with grade 2 astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma with a susceptible IDH1 or IDH2 mutation, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (London) 16 September 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vorasidenib-approved-to-treat-patients-12-years-and-older-with-grade-2-astrocytoma-or-oligodendroglioma-with-a-susceptible-idh1-or-idh2-mutation>

⁶³³⁷ AI to Be Trialled at Unprecedented Scale Across NHS Screening, Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England (London) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ai-to-be-trialled-at-unprecedented-scale-across-nhs-screening>

⁶³³⁸ Online GP Appointment Requests Available Everywhere from Today, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 1 October 2025. Access Date: 3 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/online-gp-appointment-requests-available-everywhere-from-today>

⁶³³⁹ People with mental health issues to benefit from groundbreaking research, backed by £50 million in government funding, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, Department of Health and Social Care, Medical Research Council and UK Research and Innovation (London) 10 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/50-million-boost-for-groundbreaking-mental-health-research>

⁶³⁴⁰ £80 million support for children's hospices over 3 years, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 16 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/80-million-support-for-childrens-hospices-over-three-years>

⁶³⁴¹ Major NHS update brings menopause into routine health checks, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 23 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-nhs-update-brings-menopause-into-routine-health-checks>

facilities and equipment, focusing on digitization, funding sexual and maternal healthcare including through initiatives to support the end of HIV transmission in England by 2030, freezing prescription prices, providing funding and debt relief to community pharmacies and increasing funding for hospices and general practitioners. In addition, the United Kingdom has announced a pledge for Gavi, allocated funding for sickle cell disease, expanded treatment options for various conditions including type 1 diabetes and anaphylaxis through the MHRA, announced reforms accelerate patient access to medical devices and boosted its support for patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis. It has also supported the provision of integrated people-centered health services through support for community-oriented care through community pharmacies, banning the sale of single use vapes, launching guidance to improve public knowledge of digital mental health technologies, announcing an action plan that addresses men's mental health and supporting mental healthcare at pharmacies.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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United States: -1

The United States has failed to comply with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 21 November 2024, the Health Resources and Services Administration launched a website for the Ryan White Program 2030 which will advance the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs.⁶³⁴² This action is meant to focus on intervention and partnerships to end the HIV pandemic in the US.

On 26 November 2024, the Biden-Harris administration proposed a new rule to expand the coverage of anti-obesity medications for those who have Medicare or Medicaid.⁶³⁴³ This expansion is intended to decrease the likelihood of obesity, as this can lead to further risks of other diseases and cancers. It is hoped that the expansion will reduce out of pocket costs by 95 per cent.

On 19 December 2024, President Joe Biden announced the United States' commitment to act against the Mpox virus.⁶³⁴⁴ President Biden reaffirmed the United States' commitment to donating USD500 million and one million vaccine doses for Mpox and announced measures including increasing vaccine accessibility, community outreach and early detection methods to respond to clade I and clade II mpox cases in the US. The US is also increasing testing and treatment capacity.

On 31 December 2024, President Biden announced Medicare's USD2,000 cap on prescription drug costs as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act.⁶³⁴⁵ This cap is meant to increase the number of people that can access and afford quality healthcare.

⁶³⁴² Ryan White Program 2030: The Future, TargetHIV (San Francisco) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2025.

<https://targethiv.org/news/ryan-white-program-2030-future>

⁶³⁴³ FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Takes Latest Step to Lower Prescription Drug Costs by Proposing Expanded Coverage of Anti-Obesity Medications for Americans with Medicare and Medicaid, The White House Archives (Washington) 26 November 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/11/26/factsheet-biden-harris-administration-takes-latest-step-to-lower-prescription-drug-costs-by-proposing-expanded-coverage-of-antiobesity-medications-for-americans-with-medicare-and-medicaid/>

⁶³⁴⁴ FACT SHEET: Update on the Biden-Harris Administration's Commitment to Addressing the Global Mpox Outbreak, The White House Archives (Washington) 19 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefingroom/statements-releases/2024/12/19/fact-sheet-update-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-commitment-to-addressing-the-global-mpox-outbreak/>

⁶³⁴⁵ Statement from President Biden on Medicare's New \$2,000 Cap on Prescription Drug Costs Taking Effect, The White House Archives (Washington) 31 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefingroom/statements-releases/2024/12/31/statement-from-president-biden-on-medicare-new-2000-cap-on-prescription-drugcosts-taking-effect/>

On 10 January 2025, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior collaborated to release the National One Health Framework.⁶³⁴⁶ This initiative aims to ensure that effective disease responses are structured and so the nation is prepared to address potential threats in the future.

On 17 January 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services funded Moderna with USD590 million to advance a bird influenza vaccine.⁶³⁴⁷ The package comes as the concern of a bird flu pandemic increases and the funding is meant to expand clinical studies for different substances of bird influenza.

On 17 January 2025, President Biden announced the next 15 drugs that will be the subject of Medicare price negotiation.⁶³⁴⁸ The negotiations are meant to make drugs less expensive, especially for seniors who are faced with health conditions such as diabetes. This increases the accessibility of these drugs to seniors and the general population.

On 20 January 2025, President Donald Trump announced the pausing of all foreign development assistance for 90-days, pending review to ensure alignment with the Trump Administration's foreign policy.⁶³⁴⁹ Foreign development assistance may be continued, modified or stopped, subject to review by the administration. In line with this Executive Order, Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced the pause of all foreign development assistance provided by the Department of State or the US Agency for International Development (USAID) on 26 February 2025.⁶³⁵⁰ This constitutes actions that are directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment due to the fact that USAID provides international support for healthcare development projects focused on building sustainable health systems through the provision of resources and personnel.

On 20 January 2025, President Trump announced the United States' withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) via Executive Order.⁶³⁵¹ This action is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment on building inclusive health systems as the WHO is the United Nations agency that supports global universal health coverage and is responsible for global monitoring of trends in health to ensure effective disease prevention.⁶³⁵²

On 30 January 2025, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved an oral non-opioid pain medication from Vertex Pharmaceuticals.⁶³⁵³ This medication is meant to treat adults experiencing pain and is associated

⁶³⁴⁶ U.S. Government Releases First National One Health Plan to Protect People, Animals and Our Environment from Shared Health Threats, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2025/us-government-releases-national-one-health-plan.html>

⁶³⁴⁷ Moderna Gets \$590 Million in Federal Funding for Bird Flu Vaccine, The Wall Street Journal (New York) 17 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. https://www.wsj.com/health/pharma/moderna-gets-590-million-of-federal-funding-for-influenzavaccines-dbbbd9a3?mod=healthcare_more_article_pos68

⁶³⁴⁸ Statement from President Joe Biden on the Next Fifteen Drugs Selected for Medicare Drug Price Negotiation, The White House Archives (Washington) 17 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/briefingroom/statements-releases/2025/01/17/statement-from-president-joe-biden-on-the-next-fifteen-drugs-selected-for-medicaredrug-price-negotiation/>

⁶³⁴⁹ REEVALUATING AND REALIGNING UNITED STATES FOREIGN AID, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/reevaluating-and-realigning-united-statesforeign-aid/>

⁶³⁵⁰ Implementing the President's Executive Order on Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 26 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.state.gov/implementing-the-presidentsexecutive-order-on-reevaluating-and-realigning-united-states-foreign-aid/>

⁶³⁵¹ WITHDRAWING THE UNITED STATES FROM THE WORLD, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/withdrawing-the-united-states-from-the-worldhealthorganization>

⁶³⁵² About WHO, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.who.int/about>

⁶³⁵³ Vertex Pharmaceuticals Shares Gain After FDA Approves Non-Opioid Pain Drug, The Morning Star (Chicago) 30 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.morningstar.com/news/dow-jones/2025013014877/vertex-pharmaceuticals-sharesgain-after-fda-approves-non-opioid-pain-drug>

with support programs to ensure patient accessibility. Further, the medication is expected to be included in qualification for Medicare add-on payment, which will further accessibility.

On 26 March 2025, the United States announced that it intends to end funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance which supports vaccinations for children in developing countries.⁶³⁵⁴ It will also limit funding for anti-malaria efforts and stop grants for 5,341 international development projects which were set to receive USD76 million. This action is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment as it negatively impacts healthcare resilience, inclusivity, equity and sustainability.

On 27 March 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services cancelled over USD12 billion in healthcare funding for US states.⁶³⁵⁵ These funds were being used for mental health services, infectious diseases, addiction treatment and other health issues. This action is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment as it negatively impacts healthcare resilience, inclusivity, equity and sustainability and limits the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

On 28 March 2025, the FDA approved marketing for Visby Medical's Women's Sexual Health Test.⁶³⁵⁶ This test is the first diagnostic test for sexually transmitted diseases that is available to purchase without a prescription while enabling self-testing.

On 3 April 2025, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy announced the United States' drug policy priorities.⁶³⁵⁷ The six priorities include reducing overdose fatalities, addressing drug trafficking, preventing drug usage, providing treatment to facilitate long-term recovery and supporting research to develop drug control strategies.

On 15 April 2025, President Trump released an executive order aimed at lowering medication costs.⁶³⁵⁸ The order urges the Department of Health Human Services to improve Medicare drug negotiations, test new payment methods for expensive drugs, streamline drug importation, expand insulin and epinephrine access and survey hospital drug costs. Additionally, the White House aims to reform Medicaid drug payments and rebates and calls on other agencies to aid in the goal of lowering drug prices.

On 25 April 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will restore funding to the Women's Health Initiative (WHI).⁶³⁵⁹ The WHI helps shape clinical guidelines for women, supporting women's healthcare in the US.

On 1 May 2025, the Department of Education cancelled a USD1 billion fund aimed at supporting student mental health.⁶³⁶⁰ The government stated that this funding was being cut due to suggestions that the program support diversity, equity and inclusion. The programs aimed to improve youth mental health, with a specific

⁶³⁵⁴ Trump administration to end funding for childhood vaccines in poorest countries, document shows, CTV News (Toronto) 26 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/article/trump-administration-to-end-funding-for-childhood-vaccines-in-poorest-countries-document-shows/>

⁶³⁵⁵ Trump admin cancels over \$12B in health care grants, Axios (Arlington) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/trump-admin-cancels-state-health-care-grants>

⁶³⁵⁶ FDA Grants Marketing Authorization of First Home Test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Trichomoniasis, Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring) 28 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-grants-marketing-authorization-first-home-test-chlamydia-gonorrhea-and-trichomoniasis>

⁶³⁵⁷ ONDCP Releases Trump Administration's Statement of Drug Policy Priorities, The White House (Washington D.C.) 3 April 2025. Access Date: 1 May 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/04/7856/>

⁶³⁵⁸ Lowering Drug Prices by Once Again Putting Americans First, The White House (Washington D.C.) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 1 May 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/lowering-drug-prices-by-once-again-putting-americans-first/>

⁶³⁵⁹ In a reversal, the Trump administration restores funding for women's health study, NPR (Washington D.C.) 25 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.npr.org/sections/shots-health-news/2025/04/24/nx-s1-5376473/hhs-restores-funding-for-womens-health-initiative>

⁶³⁶⁰ Education Department stops \$1 billion in funding for school mental health, NPR (Washington D.C.) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/01/nx-s1-5382582/trump-school-mental-health>

focus on gun violence. This action is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment as it negatively impacts the provision of mental health services.

On 1 May 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services and National Institutes of Health (NIH) launched a vaccine platform for “pandemic-prone viruses.”⁶³⁶¹ This action aims to support the NIH’s objective of ensuring comprehensive, transparent and effective pandemic preparedness.

On 2 May 2025, the United States released its proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year.⁶³⁶² The proposed budget includes significant cuts to HIV prevention, surveillance and treatment, lead poisoning, hepatitis prevention, chronic illness support and other health needs.

On 5 May 2025, President Trump released an executive order to promote the domestic production of crucial medications.⁶³⁶³ The order focuses on streamlining US pharmaceutical manufacturing, centralizing environmental permitting, accelerating investment in domestic pharmaceuticals and increasing transparency within drug facilities.

On 7 May 2025, the NIH announced a partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to build a data platform to advance research.⁶³⁶⁴ The partnership aims to support research about the fundamental causes of autism spectrum disorder.

On 20 May 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will immediately implement President Trump’s Executive Order aimed at lowering the costs of prescription medication.⁶³⁶⁵ The order identifies specific pharmaceutical manufacturers to satisfy requirements.

On 27 May 2025, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Junior and Argentina’s Minister of Health Mario Lugones released a joint statement marking the US and Argentina’s withdrawal from the WHO.⁶³⁶⁶ This action is antithetical to the commitment as it prevents the provision of equitable, resilient, inclusive and integrated global health systems, limits international cooperation for health and undermines the right to health.⁶³⁶⁷

On 10 July 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that undocumented individuals will no longer be able to access “federal public benefits” including various healthcare services provided through

⁶³⁶¹ HHS, NIH launch next-generation universal vaccine platform for pandemic-prone viruses, National Health Institutes (Bethesda) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/hhs-nih-launch-next-generation-universal-vaccine-platform-pandemic-prone-viruses>

⁶³⁶² Technical Supplement to the 2026 Budget, Office of Management and Budget (Washington D.C.) 2 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/appendix_fy2026.pdf

⁶³⁶³ Regulatory Relief to Promote Domestic Production of Critical Medicines, The White House (Washington D.C.) 5 May 2025. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/05/regulatory-relief-to-promote-domestic-production-of-critical-medicines/>

⁶³⁶⁴ NIH, CMS Partner to Advance Understanding of Autism Through Secure Access to Select Medicare and Medicaid Data, National Institutes of Health (Bethesda) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-cms-partner-advance-understanding-autism-through-secure-access-select-medicare-medicaid-data>

⁶³⁶⁵ HHS, CMS Set Most-Favored-Nation Pricing Targets to End Global Freeloading on American Patients, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 18 July 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/cms-mfn-lower-us-drug-prices.html>

⁶³⁶⁶ Joint Statement with Argentina Health Minister, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 27 May 2025. Access Date: 27 May 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/us-argentina-withdraw-who.html>

⁶³⁶⁷ Argentina’s WHO Withdrawal: A Multidimensional Setback for Democracy, Global Health and International Cooperation, EU Research and Education Network on Foreign policy issues: Values and Democracy (Barcelona) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 27 May 2025. <https://www.eu-values.eu/blog/argentinas-who-withdrawal-a-multidimensional-setback-for-democracy-global-health-and-international-cooperation>

community behavioral and mental health clinics and mental health and substance abuse treatment.⁶³⁶⁸ This action is antithetical to the commitment's objective of strengthening inclusive and equitable health systems.

On 10 July 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services' Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health announced the Functional Repair of Neocortical Tissue program which aims to improve treatment for neurological conditions using regenerative medicine.⁶³⁶⁹ The program will aim to find a cure for chronic neocortical brain damage, ensure effective treatment for traumatic brain injuries with a focus on veterans and military personnel and support brain regeneration.

On 15 July 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced that 33 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will participate in the Cell and Gene Therapy Access Model which aims to support individuals living with sickle cell disease.⁶³⁷⁰ This model will enable Medicaid patients with the condition to access more affordable and innovative treatment options, enabling a better quality of life. States participating in the model will also receive up to USD9.55 million in federal funding to support the implementation of the model, if requested.

On 28 July 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced USD100 million in funding to prevent, diagnose and treat hepatitis C in individuals with substance use disorder or serious mental illness.⁶³⁷¹ The funding aims to assist communities affected by homelessness and ensure effective identification and treatment of individuals with hepatitis C, thus ensuring equitable provision of healthcare services to vulnerable communities.

On 31 July 2025, President Trump announced the official launch of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Digital Health Tech Ecosystem.⁶³⁷² This technological advancement aims to healthcare more accessible and reliable for insurers, healthcare providers and patients.

On 5 August 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will stop its mRNA vaccine development activities under the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority.⁶³⁷³ The action is antithetical to the commitment as it restricts the development of safe and necessary vaccines for existing and emerging infectious diseases, threatening public health.

On 14 August 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced the reinstatement of the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines.⁶³⁷⁴ The task force will provide recommendations on the development and

⁶³⁶⁸ HHS Bans Illegal Aliens from Accessing its Taxpayer-Funding Programs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 10 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/prwora-hhs-bans-illegal-aliens-accessing-taxpayer-funded-programs.html>

⁶³⁶⁹ ARPHA-H Launches Program to Restore Brain Function and Returns Patients to Independence, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 10 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/arpa-h-launches-program-to-restore-brain-function-patient-independence.html>

⁶³⁷⁰ CMS Expands Access to Lifesaving Gene Therapies Through Innovative State Agreements, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 15 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/cms-announces-participation-in-cell-and-gene-therapy-access-model.html>

⁶³⁷¹ HHS Announces \$100M in Pilot Funding Opportunity to Eliminate Hepatitis C, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 28 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-100m-hepatitis-c-elimination-funding-opportunity.html>

⁶³⁷² Make Health Tech Great Again, The White House (Washington D.C.) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 10 August 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/videos/make-health-tech-great-again/>

⁶³⁷³ HHS Winds Down mRNA Vaccine Development Under BARDA, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 5 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-winds-down-mrna-development-under-barda.html>

⁶³⁷⁴ HHS Revives Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Washington D.C.) 14 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-reinstates-task-force-on-safer-childhood-vaccines.html>

promotion of safer childhood vaccines with fewer adverse effects and improvements in vaccine production and distribution, therefore improving the quality of vaccines and protecting public health.

On 3 September 2025, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced changes to the enrollment processes for Health Savings Accounts, increasing eligibility for Americans.⁶³⁷⁵

On 22 September 2025, the NIH launched the Autism Data Science Initiative to investigate the causes of autism spectrum disorder, as well as its increasing prevalence.⁶³⁷⁶

On 25 September 2025, the NIH announced that it will be launching the Standardized Organoid Modelling Center (SOM).⁶³⁷⁷ The SOM is meant to develop organoid based methodologies to produce patient centered research findings.

On 30 September 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will be doubling its funding for the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative.⁶³⁷⁸ This funding is meant to catalyse the development of improved diagnostics, treatments and prevention.

The United States has not complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. The United States has taken strong action before 20 January 2025 both nationally and internationally to improve people-centered healthcare, prioritizing accessibility. Through RHWAP and Medicare expansion, the United States made substantial investments to advance health systems. However, the United States has taken several actions that are directly antithetical to the commitment since 20 January 2025, including withdrawing from the World Health Organization, withdrawing USAID support for healthcare initiatives, cutting state healthcare funding, eliminating USD1 billion in funding for student mental health, ending funding for Gavi, limiting healthcare access for undocumented individuals and ending mRNA vaccine development activities. While the United States has also taken some positive action, these antithetical actions prevent the United States from building more resilient, sustainable, equitable and inclusive health systems that provide integrated people-centered healthcare, including mental health.

Thus, the United States receives a score of -1 .⁶³⁷⁹

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African Union: +1

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health.

⁶³⁷⁵ Expansion of HSA Eligibility Under OBBA Act to Improve Marketplace Coverage, Affordability, and Access, The White House (Washington) 26 September 2025. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/research/2025/09/expansion-of-hsa-eligibility-under-obba-act-to-improve-marketplace-coverage-affordability-and-access/>

⁶³⁷⁶ NIH launches \$50M Autism Data Science Initiative to unlock causes and improve outcomes, National Institute of Health (Bethesda) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-launches-fifty-million-autism-data-science-initiative-unlock-causes-improve-outcomes>

⁶³⁷⁷ NIH establishes nation's first dedicated organoid development center to reduce reliance on animal modeling, National Institute of Health (Bethesda) 25 September 2025. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-establishes-nations-first-dedicated-organoid-development-center-reduce-reliance-animal-modeling>

⁶³⁷⁸ HHS Doubles AI-Backed Childhood Cancer Research Funding, National Institute of Health (Bethesda) 30 September 2025. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/hhs-doubles-ai-backed-childhood-cancer-research-funding>

⁶³⁷⁹ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://www.cdc.gov>, <https://www.hhs.gov>, <https://www.whitehouse.gov>, <https://www.nih.gov>, <https://www.npr.org>, <https://www.fda.gov>, <https://www.ctvnews.ca>, <https://www.who.int>, <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov> and <https://targetiv.org>.

On 22 November 2024, the African Union member states unanimously endorsed the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Community Health Strategic Priorities for 2023–2027.⁶³⁸⁰ The plan outlines goals for AU member states and partners to strengthen and accelerate integrated and sustainable community health worker programmes across Africa.

On 28 November 2024, AU member states endorsed the Africa CDC's blueprint to combat endemic and neglected tropical diseases.⁶³⁸¹ The blueprint emphasizes integrated health systems to prevent and control diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, hepatitis and neglected tropical diseases. Its objectives call for member states to establish sustainable partnerships and strategize continental health security.

On 3 December 2024, Africa CDC launched the Continental Secretariat of the Lusaka Agenda to coordinate implementation and accountability mechanisms to advance the Lusaka Agenda's objectives.⁶³⁸² The Lusaka Agenda provides a roadmap to create strong and sustainable financing infrastructure for African health systems with a focus on health equity and accountability.

On 12 December 2024, Africa CDC announced a list of priority diseases to allocate diagnostics to and address key outbreaks.⁶³⁸³ The list prioritizes access for diagnostics for mpox, dengue, cholera, bacterial meningitis and measles and encourages continental regulation and local manufacturing of medical devices and tests.

On 13 December 2024, Africa CDC called on AU member states to commit to expanding wastewater and environmental surveillance to enhance public health at the Global Wastewater and Environmental Surveillance Consortium Regional Conference.⁶³⁸⁴

On 13 December 2024, Africa CDC announced a plan to build smarter health supply chains to respond to the ongoing mpox outbreak.⁶³⁸⁵ The plan aims to encourage international collaboration within the AU while addressing Africa's dependency on other regions to avoid disruptions and streamline the distribution of vaccines, diagnostics and other medical supplies. The plan emphasizes the use of technology and sustainable practices to reach these objectives.

On 17 December 2024, the African Union Development Agency and Senegal announced a formalized partnership to strengthen Senegal's healthcare system.⁶³⁸⁶ The partnership supports Senegalese efforts to strengthen access to medical devices and pharmaceuticals, combat malaria, improve sexual and reproductive health and facilitate relevant skill development for youth.

⁶³⁸⁰ Africa Scales-Up Integrated Community Health Worker Programmes, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-scales-up-integrated-community-health-worker-programmes/>

⁶³⁸¹ Africa CDC Launches a Continental Blueprint to Combat Endemic and Neglected Tropical Diseases, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-launches-a-continental-blueprint-to-combat-endemic-and-neglected-tropical-diseases/>

⁶³⁸² Statement on the Continental Secretariat of the Lusaka Agenda, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/statement-on-continental-secretariat-for-lusaka-agenda-implementation-launch/>

⁶³⁸³ Africa Lists Diagnostics for Priority Diseases, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-lists-diagnostics-for-priority-diseases/>

⁶³⁸⁴ GLOWACON Regional Conference Concludes with a Call to Advance Wastewater and Environmental Surveillance for Public Health in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/glowacon-regional-conference-concludes-with-a-call-to-advance-wastewater-and-environmental-surveillance-for-public-health-in-africa/>

⁶³⁸⁵ From Warehouse to Wellness: Africa CDC's Plan for Smarter Health Supply Chains, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/from-warehouse-to-wellness-africa-cdc-plan-for-smarter-health-supply-chains/>

⁶³⁸⁶ Afr–can Union Development Agency - NEPAD and Senegal Partner to Advance Health and Skills Development, African Union Development Agency (Dakar) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.nepad.org/news/african-union-development-agency-nepad-and-senegal-partner-advance-health-and-skills>

On 17 December 2024, the African Union Development Agency and Mercy Ships International announced a formalized partnership to enhance access to high-quality surgical care across Africa.⁶³⁸⁷ The partnership seeks to create policy to strengthen local health networks, develop sustainable training programs, mobilize surgical infrastructure and advocate for the prioritization of surgical care.

On 20 December 2024, the AU and International Organization for Migration called for a unified strategy to strengthen local health systems and address migrant health challenges.⁶³⁸⁸ The strategy acknowledges the importance of migrant health and emphasizes the need for an equitable and inclusive approach.

On 15 January 2025, Africa CDC began enrollment in a mpox therapeutic study.⁶³⁸⁹ The clinical study will evaluate different antivirals to address the ongoing public health threat of mpox.

On 31 January 2025, Africa CDC called on AU member states to increase investment for public health amidst health and security threats.⁶³⁹⁰ The call acknowledges the health risk of US foreign aid cuts and conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

On 4 February 2025, Africa CDC and African Union Development Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding to foster collaboration among Africa's leading national medicine regulatory authorities.⁶³⁹¹ The memorandum will strengthen regulatory systems by fostering efficient regulatory processes, reducing redundancies between jurisdictions and expediting access to essential medicines.

On 6 February 2025, Ministers of Health and representatives of African Union member states met at the second Vaccines and Other Health Products Manufacturing Forum in Cairo.⁶³⁹² The forum established the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism for health products and encouraged further investment in capital and talent to support African health product collaboration, manufacturing and distribution.

On 11 February 2025, Africa CDC announced a plan to end cervical cancer in Africa by 2030.⁶³⁹³ The plan looks to improve human papillomavirus vaccination, diagnostics and treatment through the establishment of a Technical Working Group and Centers of Excellence to ensure sustainable practices.

⁶³⁸⁷ AUDA-NEPAD and Mercy Ships International forge strategic partnership to strengthen health systems for safe surgical care in Africa, African Union Development Agency (Addis Ababa) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025.

<https://www.nepad.org/news/auda-nepad-and-mercy-ships-international-forge-strategic-partnership-strengthen-health>

⁶³⁸⁸ African Union, IOM, Partners Call for Unified Strategy to Address Migration and Health in Africa, African Union (Addis Ababa) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20241220/african-union-iom-partners-call-unified-strategy-address-migration-and-health>

⁶³⁸⁹ Enrollment Starts in Africa CDC-LED Mpox Therapeutic Study (MOSA), Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/enrollment-starts-in-africa-cdc-led-mpox-therapeutic-study-mosa/>

⁶³⁹⁰ Africa CDC Urges Immediate Action to Protect Lives Amid Escalating Health and Security Crises, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 31 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-urges-immediate-action-to-protect-lives-amid-escalating-health-and-security-crises/>

⁶³⁹¹ Landmark Agreement Among Africa's Leading National Medicines Regulatory Authorities to Foster Collaboration, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 5 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/landmark-agreement-among-africas-leading-national-medicines-regulatory-authorities-to-foster-collaboration/>

⁶³⁹² Communiqué: The 2nd Vaccines and other Health Products Manufacturing Forum for African Union Member States, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/communique-the-2nd-vaccines-and-other-health-products-manufacturing-forum-for-african-union-member-states/>

⁶³⁹³ Plan to End Cervical Cancer in Africa by 2030, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/plan-to-end-cervical-cancer-in-africa-by-2030/>

On 13 February 2025, Africa CDC allocated USD1.6 million to nine National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) Centers of Excellence.⁶³⁹⁴ The NPHIs will act as regional hubs for training and assistance, strengthening disease surveillance and outbreak response in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and Rwanda, with further expansion planned.

On 17 February 2025, Africa CDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Global Health European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership 3.⁶³⁹⁵ The memorandum includes six areas of collaboration in the AU, including strengthening the public health workforce and clinical trial ecosystems, advancing clinical development for infectious diseases, supporting research and innovation, enabling equitable partnerships and collaborating on the Pandemic Fund.

On 25 February 2025, Africa CDC announced a Mental Health Leadership and Advocacy Course at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.⁶³⁹⁶ The program will prepare leaders in public health and other fields to address mental health in Africa and foster reform and improvements to existing mental health policy, legislation and financing.

On 6 March 2025, Africa CDC renewed its partnership with the sequencing technology firm Illumina to advance the Africa Pathogen Genomics Initiative.⁶³⁹⁷ The partnership will bring enhanced access to next-generation sequencing tools for public health surveillance and research networks across Africa. It will also provide important training and support to combat endemic diseases like tuberculosis, malaria and cholera.

On 11 March 2025, Africa CDC, the African Union Commission and African Union Development Agency launched the African Epidemic Fund.⁶³⁹⁸ The fund will allow for a faster more efficient response to outbreaks by allowing immediate access to funds approved by the Africa CDC, improving health resilience.

On 19 March 2025, Director General Jean Kaseya of Africa CDC met Director Pamela Rendi-Wagner of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.⁶³⁹⁹ The directors discussed their shared commitment to global health security and plans to expand public health cooperation between the European Union and African Union.

On 27 March 2025, the East African Community (EAC) and the University of Rwanda/EAC Regional Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization and Health Supply Chain Management hosted a workshop to better synergize regional procurement mechanisms and the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism.⁶⁴⁰⁰ These

⁶³⁹⁴ \$1.6m Allocated to Nine National Public Health Institutes Centers of Excellence, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 13 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/1-6m-allocated-to-nine-national-public-health-institutes-centers-of-excellence/>

⁶³⁹⁵ Africa CDC and Global Health EDCTP3 sign Memorandum of Understanding to promote public health in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 17 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-global-health-edctp3-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-to-promote-public-health-in-africa/>

⁶³⁹⁶ Mental Health Leadership and advocacy course, Mental Health Innovation Network (London/Geneva) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.mhinnovation.net/events/mental-health-leadership-and-advocacy-course>

⁶³⁹⁷ Renewed Commitment to Strengthen Public Health Surveillance and Address Disease Outbreaks in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/renewed-commitment-to-strengthen-public-health-surveillance-and-address-disease-outbreaks-in-africa/>

⁶³⁹⁸ Newly Launched African Epidemic Fund to Strengthen Health Security, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/newly-launched-african-epidemic-fund-to-strengthen-health-security/>

⁶³⁹⁹ ECDC and Africa CDC discuss deeper collaboration for global health security, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/ecdc-and-africa-cdc-discuss-deeper-collaboration-for-global-health-security/>

⁶⁴⁰⁰ Africa CDC and RECs create Synergies between Regional Procurement Mechanisms and the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM), Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-recs-create-synergies-between-regional-procurement-mechanisms-and-the-african-pooled-procurement-mechanism-appm/>

discussions aimed to increase health security by coordinating national and international procurement strategies to deliver affordable, African-produced health products to patients.

On 31 March 2025, Africa CDC and the African Society for Laboratory Medicine launched a program for genomic surveillance and bioinformatics.⁶⁴⁰¹ The program will strengthen the AU's pandemic preparedness and allow for the provision of laboratory and data-sharing technology as well as the training of healthcare professionals necessary for early disease detection, monitoring and response.

On 11 April 2025, Africa CDC released a plan to address health funding gaps in response to declining Official Development Assistance to Africa.⁶⁴⁰² The plan calls on AU Member States to increase domestic funding for public health by 15 per cent, integrate new financing models including the African Epidemic Fund and increase collaboration with various philanthropic organizations. The plan will help facilitate the continuation of epidemic preparedness and response.

On 14 April 2025, Africa CDC and partner organizations hosted an expert roundtable on integrating mental health and wellbeing into neglected tropical disease response.⁶⁴⁰³ The roundtable recognized the importance of employing a holistic approach to improving the lives of those affected by neglected tropical diseases.

On 1 May 2025, Africa CDC announced the eleventh annual Leadership in Mental Health Course for the Eastern Mediterranean region.⁶⁴⁰⁴ The program will prepare public health professionals to understand and address issues surrounding mental health in Africa, encouraging innovative projects to strengthen Africa's mental health systems.

On 14 February 2025, the AU member states released a communique recognizing their commitment to ending malnutrition in Africa.⁶⁴⁰⁵ In doing so, they committed to implementing continent-wide strategies to address malnutrition, implement an anemia framework and use innovative financing strategies for this objective.

On 19 May 2025, the Africa CDC and Unitaaid announced a new partnership to improve healthcare resilience and sustainability through increased regional production and supply of medicines, diagnostics, medical oxygen and other medical countermeasures in Africa.⁶⁴⁰⁶ These efforts will also address health equity and inclusivity by focusing on HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, cervical cancer and diseases impacting women's health, tuberculosis, malaria and hepatitis.

On 24 May 2025, Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development Amma Adomaa Twum-Amoah and World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

⁶⁴⁰¹ Continued Partnership to Enhance Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Bioinformatics for Public Health in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 31 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/continued-partnership-to-enhance-pathogen-genomic-surveillance-and-bioinformatics-for-public-health-in-africa/>

⁶⁴⁰² Africa's Plan to Fill Health Funding Gaps Amidst Declining Coffers, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 11 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africas-plan-to-fill-health-funding-gaps-amidst-declining-coffers/>

⁶⁴⁰³ Integrating Mental Health and Person-Centred Approaches in the Fight Against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 14 April 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/integrating-mental-health-and-person-centred-approaches-in-the-fight-against-neglected-tropical-diseases-ntds/>

⁶⁴⁰⁴ 11th Annual Leadership in Mental Health Course, Eastern Mediterranean Region, Mental Health Innovation Network (London/Geneva) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.mhinnovation.net/events/11th-annual-leadership-mental-health-course-eastern-mediterranean-region>

⁶⁴⁰⁵ From Policy to Action: Towards a Common Position to Addressing Malnutrition in Africa Communique, African Union (Addis Ababa) 14 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://au.int/sites/default/files/pressreleases/44592-pr-Communique_-_High-Level_Side_Event_on_Malnutrition_and_Nutrition_Commitments_in_Africa-1.pdf

⁶⁴⁰⁶ Africa CDC and Unitaaid partner to strengthen equitable access to health products in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Geneva/Addis Ababa) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-unitaid-partner-to-strengthen-equitable-access-to-health-products-in-africa/>

signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding during the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁶⁴⁰⁷ The memorandum focuses on continued health cooperation to strengthen health systems, support sexual and reproductive health and rights, advance universal health coverage and improve food security and emergency preparedness.

On 20 May 2025, Africa CDC's Director General Jean Kaseya and President of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation Mario Santos signed a Memorandum of Understanding for healthcare cooperation.⁶⁴⁰⁸ Their partnership will include strengthening National Public Health Institutes, increasing One Health-based research and surveillance, increasing regional production of medical countermeasures and "the development of public health law and legal preparedness." Both parties will mobilize resources and technical support through this partnership.

On 22 May 2025, Africa CDC and the Texas Children's Global Health Network signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve healthcare resilience and children's health in Africa.⁶⁴⁰⁹ The initiative will focus on expanding access to sickle cell vaccinations, treatments and therapies through primary health care.

On 22 May 2025, Africa CDC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve healthcare in Africa.⁶⁴¹⁰ This partnership will focus on strengthening primary healthcare, emergency preparedness and advocacy for universal health coverage. It will also enhance community-based health services by increasing the number of "community health" staff in 12 countries, adhering to the goal of an integrated people-centered approach. There will also be a focus on reaching isolated and remote communities and improving communication and community engagement.

On 23 May 2025, Africa CDC and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies signed a Memorandum of Understanding.⁶⁴¹¹ This cooperation builds on a 2021 agreement and will support endemic and pandemic preparedness and resources to scale up health systems and community health services.

On 28 May 2025, Africa CDC and African Society for Laboratory Medicine announced a new strategy for biosafety and biosecurity.⁶⁴¹² The strategy will focus on raising awareness of biosafety and biosecurity and establishing National Biosafety and Biosecurity Working Groups and Associations to implement biosafety and biosecurity practices.

On 29 May 2025, Africa CDC, the World Health Organization and the Robert Koch Institute announced the expansion of the Health Security Partnership to Strengthen Disease Surveillance in Africa.⁶⁴¹³ The partnership is aligned with G7-led Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction

⁶⁴⁰⁷ African Union and World Health Organization renew strategic partnership to drive impact and strengthen health systems in Africa, African Union (Addis Ababa) 24 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250524/african-union-and-world-health-organization-renew-strategic-partnership-drive>

⁶⁴⁰⁸ Africa CDC and Fiocruz Partner to Strengthen Health Systems, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Geneva) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-fiocruz-partner-to-strengthen-health-systems/>

⁶⁴⁰⁹ New Africa CDC Partnership Targets Childhood Disease and Vaccines, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Geneva) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/new-africa-cdc-partnership-targets-childhood-disease-and-vaccines/>

⁶⁴¹⁰ Africa CDC and IFRC Deepen Partnership to Strengthen Health Systems and Emergency Response Across Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Geneva) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-ifrc-deepen-partnership-to-strengthen-health-systems-and-emergency-response-across-africa/>

⁶⁴¹¹ Africa CDC and IFRC Deepen Partnership to Strengthen Health Systems and Emergency Response Across Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-ifrc-deepen-partnership-to-strengthen-health-systems-and-emergency-response-across-africa/>

⁶⁴¹² Africa Charts New Biosafety and Biosecurity Strategy to Tackle Cross-Border Biological Threats, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-charts-new-biosafety-and-biosecurity-strategy-to-tackle-cross-border-threats/>

⁶⁴¹³ Africa CDC, WHO, and RKI expand unique partnership with the G7-led Global Partnership to strengthen collaborative surveillance in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 29 May 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-who-and-rki-expand-unique-partnership-with-the-g7-led-global-partnership-to-strengthen-collaborative-surveillance-in-africa/>

and the Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa. It seeks to strengthen collaborative disease surveillance between countries.

On 15 June 2025, Africa CDC announced plans to expand the continental Mental Health Leadership Programme.⁶⁴¹⁴ Plans for expansion include an online course with introductory lessons alongside more in-person conferences for group discussions and collaborative learning.

On 26 June 2025, 50 African Union member states endorsed the creation of a digital micro-planning portal.⁶⁴¹⁵ The portal will track continental resource utilization and advocate for sustainable planning to combat Neglected Tropical Diseases.

On 16 July 2025, Africa CDC provided 10,500 mpox vaccine doses to South Africa's Department of Health for distribution.⁶⁴¹⁶ The vaccine, Imvanex®, was approved by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority and will be given to vulnerable and priority individuals, including pregnant women, children and those with multiple sexual partners. This initiative will help to strengthen South Africa's healthcare amidst increasing mpox cases.

On 18 July 2025, Africa CDC launched a continental strategy to decentralize diagnostics and accelerate outbreak response.⁶⁴¹⁷ The strategy will help African Union member states to design their own initiatives to increase local testing and improve disease detection and response locally.

On 22 July 2025, Africa CDC and Central African partners announced a joint 2026-2027 roadmap to strengthen health security in Central Africa.⁶⁴¹⁸ The joint plan will allow for more efficient, sustainable and aligned responses to health threats in the region.

On 23 July 2025, Africa CDC announced the launch of the Africa Health Knowledge Management Portal.⁶⁴¹⁹ The portal will act as a central hub for health data, knowledge, research and policy to be shared between Africa CDC and African Union Member States.

On 23 July 2025, Africa CDC announced that it will develop a Continental Health Data Governance Framework.⁶⁴²⁰ The framework seeks to ensure unified, equitable and effective governance around health data across Africa.

⁶⁴¹⁴ Plans to Scale Up Mental Health Leadership Courses in Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 15 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/plans-to-scale-up-mental-health-leadership-courses-in-africa/>

⁶⁴¹⁵ Africa Unites to Take Stock of Disease Burden and Financial Needs towards NTDs Elimination by 2030, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 26 June 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-unites-to-take-stock-of-disease-burden-and-financial-needs-towards-ntds-elimination-by-2030/>

⁶⁴¹⁶ Health rolls out mpox vaccination as new cases are detected, South African Government (Pretoria) 16 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/health-rolls-out-mpox-vaccination-new-cases-are-detected-16-jul-2025>

⁶⁴¹⁷ Africa Launches Continental Strategy to Decentralize Diagnostics and Accelerate Outbreak Response, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 18 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-launches-continental-strategy-to-decentralize-diagnostics-and-accelerate-outbreak-response/>

⁶⁴¹⁸ New Roadmap to Strengthen Health Security in Central Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/new-roadmap-to-strengthen-health-security-in-central-africa/>

⁶⁴¹⁹ Africa CDC Set to Launch Groundbreaking Knowledge Management Portal, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 23 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-set-to-launch-groundbreaking-knowledge-management-portal/>

⁶⁴²⁰ Africa Sets Course to Strengthen and Harmonise Health Data Governance, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 23 July 2025. Access Date: 23 July 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-sets-course-to-strengthen-and-harmonise-health-data-governance/>

On 24 July 2025, leaders at the Southern Africa Regional Ministerial Steering Committee Meeting reaffirmed Southern Africa’s collective commitment to building resilient and equitable health systems.⁶⁴²¹ The meeting emphasized reforms to health financing and implementation of the African Union’s 2 Million Community Health Workers Initiative to strengthen regional health systems.

On 31 July 2025, Africa CDC and the European Commission announced a EUR9.4 million partnership to advance mpox testing and sequencing.⁶⁴²² The partnership will support 150,000 tests across Africa, expanded disease tracking and human resource capacity and local test kit manufacturing.

On 29 August 2025, Africa CDC and the World Health Organization launched a new continental six-month plan against cholera ⁶⁴²³ Under the guidance of Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema, the plan looks to strengthen coordination, surveillance and management of cholera cases and increase levels of vaccination and community engagement across Africa.

On 23 September 2025, Africa CDC and the Novo Nordisk Foundation announced USD2.65 million in funding to strengthen workplace capacity in non-communicable disease surveillance in ten AU member states.⁶⁴²⁴ The funding will support the creation of a training program for healthcare workers and integrate non-communicable disease surveillance into existing African health systems.

On 24 September 2025, the African Union and the World Health Organization launched the Joint Coordination Team.⁶⁴²⁵ The team will serve as a forum for coordination of health policy across AU departments and member states, limit duplication of services, develop Universal Health Coverage and Primary Health Care programs and strengthen regulatory and pandemic preparedness initiatives.

On 24 September 2025, Africa CDC announced the approval of direct funding to Africa CDC from the United Kingdom⁶⁴²⁶. Direct funding will allow for funds to be allocated more quickly and effectively to AU member states in need.

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. The African Union has taken strong actions with international partners to develop local health systems and fight diseases, putting an emphasis on providing patient-centered resources to youth for sexual and reproductive health as well as effectively monitoring disease outbreaks for resilient and sustainable management. The African Union has taken action to address the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through the Community Health Strategic Priorities,

⁶⁴²¹ Southern Africa Leaders Unite to Advance Bold Health Agenda for Resilience and Equity, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 28 July 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/southern-africa-leaders-unite-to-advance-bold-health-agenda-for-resilience-and-equity/>

⁶⁴²² Africa CDC and European Commission Launch New Initiative to Strengthen Mpox Testing and Sequencing Across Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 12 August 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-and-european-commission-launch-new-initiative-to-strengthen-mpox-testing-and-sequencing-across-africa/>

⁶⁴²³ President Hakainde Hichilema, AU Cholera Champion, Joins Partners to Unveil Africa’s New Continental Cholera Plan, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 29 August 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/president-hakainde-hichilema-au-cholera-champion-joins-partners-to-unveil-africas-new-continental-cholera-plan/>

⁶⁴²⁴ Africa CDC to boost NCD Surveillance across 10 countries in East and Southern Africa, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-to-boost-ncd-surveillance-across-10-countries-in-east-and-southern-africa/>

⁶⁴²⁵ Launch of the Joint Coordination Team (JCT) to Strengthen Africa’s Health Architecture, Africa Union (Addis Ababa) 24 September 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250924/launch-joint-coordination-team-jct-strengthen-africas-health-architecture>

⁶⁴²⁶ Africa CDC Welcomes UK’s Formal Approval of Direct Funding Following Successful Due Diligence Assessment, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Addis Ababa) 24 September 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. <https://africacdc.org/news-item/africa-cdc-welcomes-uks-formal-approval-of-direct-funding-following-successful-due-diligence-assessment/>

communiqué to address malnutrition, partnership with the Red Cross and Red Crescent and mental health and advocacy courses.

Thus, the African Union receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. On 4 December 2024, the European Union and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will co-host the pledging summit for the sixth replenishment of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.⁶⁴²⁷ The summit will take place in early 2025 and aims to raise funds for its USD9 billion goal. These funds will be used to ensure sustainable, equitable and quality vaccines to advance the goal of vaccinating 500 million children by 2030.

On 28 November 2024, the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) launched a stakeholders hub to support enhanced collaboration in the pharmaceutical sector.⁶⁴²⁸ The hub aims to enable cooperation to address pandemics, ensure critical medicines and maintain supply and resilience within the European pharmaceutical sector.

On 9 December 2024, the European Investment Bank (EIB) announced up to EUR20 million in venture lending for SNIPR Biome, a Danish biotechnology company.⁶⁴²⁹ The company will use these funds to develop new medications for drug-resistant infections.

On 12 December 2024, the European Commission approved EUR52 million in funding for Slovenia.⁶⁴³⁰ This funding will be used to support Lek Pharmaceuticals in constructing a plant to enable the regional development of medications. This project will contribute to healthcare sustainability and equity.

On 24 December 2024, the EIB announced EUR35 million in financing for GVP, an Italian hospital group.⁶⁴³¹ This funding will be used to develop medical technologies, strengthen digitalization in the health system and pursue clinical research to build a more resilient healthcare system.

On 8 January 2025, the European Commission and United Nations Children's Fund announced a EUR2 million partnership to improve physical and mental health for children in the EU, Iceland and Norway.⁶⁴³² Over three

⁶⁴²⁷ Joint press release by the European Commission and the European Council on the European Union and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-hosting Gavi High Level Pledging Summit, European Commission (Brussels) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_6187

⁶⁴²⁸ HERA launches the Stakeholders Hub to strengthen collaboration for a resilient pharmaceutical supply chain in the EU, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/hera-launches-stakeholders-hub-strengthen-collaboration-resilient-pharmaceutical-supply-chain-eu-2024-11-28_en

⁶⁴²⁹ Danish biotech SNIPR Biome receives up to €20 million European backing to advance therapies against microbial resistance, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-495-danish-biotech-snipr-biome-receives-up-to-eur20-million-european-backing-to-advance-therapies-against-microbial-resistance>

⁶⁴³⁰ Commission approves €52 million Slovenian State aid measure 'o support Lek Pharmaceuticals' production of biological drug substances, European Commission (Brussels) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en-ip_24_6265

⁶⁴³¹ Italy: InvestEU - EIB provides €35 million in financing to GVM Group to support research, technology and digitalisation in the health sector, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 24 December 2024. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-526-investeu-eib-provides-eur35-million-in-financing-to-gvm-group-to-support-research-technology-and-digitalisation-in-the-health-sector>

⁶⁴³² The European Commission and UNICEF announce a new partnership to improve health outcomes for children, European Commission (Brussels) 8 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/863796/en>

years, this partnership will focus on vulnerable groups and address low vaccination rates, mental health issues, obesity, vaping and alcohol consumption affecting children.

On 9 January 2025, the EIB announced that it will provide a EUR90 million loan to enable the modernization of Rijnstate hospital in The Netherlands.⁶⁴³³ This action aims to improve energy efficiency and sustainability while supporting healthcare needs.

On 14 January 2025, the European Commission shared the European Union's new Action Plan for cybersecurity in health.⁶⁴³⁴ It focuses on preventing, detecting and responding to cyberattacks against hospitals and other healthcare providers more effectively. The plan aims to prevent healthcare delays due to cyber incidents and ensure the safety of patients and providers.

On 15 January 2025, the European Commission announced that it will provide EUR120 million in humanitarian aid for Gaza.⁶⁴³⁵ Aid will include supporting the capabilities of healthcare facilities, providing medical supplies and providing food to address acute food insecurity and malnutrition.

On 15 January 2025, the European Commission announced that it will provide EUR235 million in humanitarian aid for Syria.⁶⁴³⁶ Aid will include support for essential healthcare needs, food to address malnutrition and monetary assistance for basic needs.

On 21 January 2025, HERA provided 10,000 mpox vaccines to Uganda to support response to the outbreak.⁶⁴³⁷ This action is part of the EU's goal to improve preparedness to address emergent health crises.

On 24 January 2025, HERA, on behalf of 17 countries including 15 countries in the EU, signed an agreement with Moderna to acquire 146 million doses of the mRNA Covid-19 vaccine.⁶⁴³⁸ This will support strengthened and resilient healthcare systems over the next four years.

On 29 January 2025, the European Commission launched the second Joint Action of the EU Networks of Expertise on Cancer.⁶⁴³⁹ This Joint Action will receive EUR40.5 million to advance cancer expertise networks with a focus on complex care, palliative care, personalized care and high technology solutions.

On 30 January 2025, Bilthoven Biologicals which is a member of HERA's EU Fab Network inaugurated pandemic preparedness facilities at Bilthoven Science Park.⁶⁴⁴⁰ The facilities will be used to manufacture up to

⁶⁴³³ Netherlands: Rijnstate and EIB agree European loan for hospital modernisation, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 9 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-002-rijnstate-and-eib-agree-european-loan-for-hospital-modernisation>

⁶⁴³⁴ Commission unveils action plan to protect the health sector from cyberattacks, European Commission (Brussels) 14 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_262

⁶⁴³⁵ EU announces new €120 million humanitarian aid package for Gaza, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_271

⁶⁴³⁶ EU provides €235 million humanitarian aid to Syrians, European Commission (Brussels) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_282

⁶⁴³⁷ HERA delivers mpox vaccines to support Uganda's outbreak response, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (Brussels) 21 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/hera-delivers-mpox-vaccines-support-ugandas-outbreak-response-2025-01-21_en

⁶⁴³⁸ Commission signs joint procurement contract for COVID-19 vaccines to ensure preparedness and continued protection of citizens, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/commission-signs-joint-procurement-contract-covid-19-vaccines-ensure-preparedness-and-continued-2025-01-24_en

⁶⁴³⁹ Joint Action on Networks of Expertise on Cancer launched, European Union (Brussels) 29 January 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/866705/en>

⁶⁴⁴⁰ New pandemic preparedness facilities inaugurated under HERA's EUFab network, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 3 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/new-pandemic-preparedness-facilities-inaugurated-under-heras-eufab-network-2025-02-03_en

300 million vaccine doses per year, contributing to strengthened resilience and sustainability in health systems within the EU.

On 6 February 2025, HERA, the World Health Organization and Uganda’s Ministry of Health launched a clinical efficacy trial for a vaccine for ebolavirus.⁶⁴⁴¹ The trial aims to advance efforts towards an effective vaccine for ebolavirus.

On 10 February 2025, the EIB announced EUR15 million in financing for Amadix, a Spanish biotechnology company.⁶⁴⁴² Amadix will use these funds to develop and popularize “innovative diagnostic tests for early cancer detection.” These tests can be used before symptoms arise and are expected to improve survival rates for multiple cancers, including colorectal cancer, by enabling earlier diagnosis.

On 11 February 2025, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport Glenn Micallef addressed the European Parliament to discuss youth mental health.⁶⁴⁴³ Commission Micallef stressed the importance of implementing the European Commission’s comprehensive mental health strategy which includes initiatives to support youth and child mental health, digital fairness for children and projects that consider the determinants of health and physical-mental health connections.

On 27 February 2025, the EIB announced a EUR20 million loan for Universal DX through the European Commission’s InvestEU programme.⁶⁴⁴⁴ This financing will support innovation to detect cancer using blood-based liquid biopsies. It is expected to improve survival rates for multiple cancers, including colorectal cancer, by enabling earlier diagnosis.

On 27 February 2025, the EIB agreed to provide EUR20 million in venture lending to Norlase, a Danish medical technology company associated with the Technical University of Denmark.⁶⁴⁴⁵ Through the InvestEU programme, funding will support the development of portable ophthalmic laser technology that can be used to detect and treat vision loss and other eye conditions.

On 2 March 2025, the European Commission announced EUR76 million in funding to support the Rohingya people.⁶⁴⁴⁶ Of this, EUR32.3 million will be allocated for food aid, shelters and essential healthcare services for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, EUR3.5 million towards refugees in India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand and EUR33 million for healthcare, food, shelter and other needs for Rohingya communities in Myanmar.

On 6 March 2025, the EIB and World Health Organization signed an agreement to provide EUR10 million to Lebanon.⁶⁴⁴⁷ This funding will support healthcare resilience by increasing primary health care facilities, ensuring

⁶⁴⁴¹ HERA supports groundbreaking Ebola vaccination trial in Uganda, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 6 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/hera-supports-groundbreaking-ebola-vaccination-trial-uganda-2025-02-06_en

⁶⁴⁴² Spain: EIB finances with €15 million Amadix to develop innovative diagnostic tests for early cancer detection, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-058-eib-finances-with-eur15-million-amadix-to-develop-innovative-diagnostic-tests-for-early-cancer-detection>

⁶⁴⁴³ Statement by Commissioner Micallef at European Parliament on ‘Silent crisis’: the mental health of Europe’s youth, European Commission (Brussels) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_627

⁶⁴⁴⁴ Spain: EIB finances with €20 million Universal DX to develop innovative diagnostic tests for early cancer detection, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-104-eib-finances-with-eur20-million-universal-dx-to-develop-innovative-diagnostic-tests-for-early-cancer-detection>

⁶⁴⁴⁵ Denmark: Norlase secures €20 million EIB venture debt to advance ophthalmic laser technology, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-109-norlase-secures-eur20-million-eib-venture-debt-to-advance-ophthalmic-laser-technology>

⁶⁴⁴⁶ EU boosts humanitarian aid in Bangladesh, Myanmar and for the Rohingya refugee crisis, European Commission (Brussels) 2 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_639

⁶⁴⁴⁷ €10 million EIB Global and WHO initiative to strengthen public health across Lebanon, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 February 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-126-eur10-million-eib-global-and-who-initiative-to-strengthen-public-health-across-lebanon>

essential medications, improving emergency preparedness and response capabilities and enhancing reproductive and women's health.

On 10 March 2025, the European Commission proposed a regulation to diversify supply chains and increase pharmaceutical manufacturing in the European Union.⁶⁴⁴⁸ This regulation aims to strengthen healthcare by ensuring access to critical medications.

On 14 March 2025, the European Union, World Health Organization in Europe and Armenia's Ministry of Health launched a project to strengthen the healthcare workforce and mental health services in Armenia.⁶⁴⁴⁹ The project will focus on improving education and workforce retention, supporting sustainable long-term planning and enabling a people-centered approach to mental healthcare.

On 27 March 2025, the EIB announced that it will provide EUR57.5 million in venture lending to IO Biotech, a Danish medical technology company.⁶⁴⁵⁰ This financing will be given in three phases and used "for the development and market launch of IO102-IO103, an immunotherapeutic cancer vaccine to treat melanoma." This initiative is funded through the InvestEU programme.

On 10 April 2025, the EIB and Galician regional government signed a EUR160 million loan agreement to support the construction of a new hospital in A Coruña, Spain.⁶⁴⁵¹ This funding is the last installment of the EIB's EUR450 million loan for this project. The hospital is expected to provide medical care for 550,000 people while maintaining sustainability and pursuing medical research.

On 15 April 2025, the European Commission authorized a new medicine to treat early stages of Alzheimer's disease for individuals with one or "no copy of the ApoE4 gene and who have amyloid beta plaques in the brain."⁶⁴⁵² This action supports inclusive healthcare.

On 28 April 2025, the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority signed an agreement with Seqirus UK Ltd. to acquire up to 27,403,200 doses of Foclivia, a vaccine for pandemic influenza.⁶⁴⁵³ This contract will support 17 countries to access these vaccines over two years.

On 30 April 2025, the EIB announced that it will provide EUR35 million in venture lending to Sidekick Health, an international digital health company.⁶⁴⁵⁴ Through the InvestEU programme, this funding will enable research and development, digitalization in healthcare and artificial intelligence advancements for health.

⁶⁴⁴⁸ Commission proposes Critical Medicines Act to bolster the supply of critical medicines in the EU, European Commission (Brussels) 10 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_733

⁶⁴⁴⁹ New EU-funded programme boosts health workforce and mental health services in Armenia, World Health Organization (Geneva) 14 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.who.int/europe/news/item/14-03-2025-new-eu-funded-programme-boosts-health-workforce-and-mental-health-services-in-armenia>

⁶⁴⁵⁰ Denmark: IO Biotech secures up to €57.5 million EIB venture debt to advance cancer vaccine research and development, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-157-io-biotech-secures-up-to-eur57-5-million-eib-venture-debt-to-advance-cancer-vaccine-research-and-development>

⁶⁴⁵¹ Spain: EIB and the regional government of Galicia sign €160 million loan to finalise works on the new university hospital in A Coruña, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-182-eib-and-galician-regional-government-sign-eur160-million-loan-to-finalise-works-on-the-new-university-hospital-in-a-coruna-spain>

⁶⁴⁵² Commission authorises medicine for treatment of early Alzheimer's disease, European Commission (Brussels) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/879055/en>

⁶⁴⁵³ Commission offers 17 countries the possibility to purchase over 27 million influenza vaccine doses, European Commission (Brussels) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1096

⁶⁴⁵⁴ Iceland: Sidekick Health Secures €35 Million Venture Debt from EIB to Accelerate R&D and Global Expansion, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-196-sidekick-health-secures-eur35-million-venture-debt-from-eib-to-accelerate-rd-and-global-expansion>

On 7 May 2025, the European Medicines Agency and the Heads of Medicines Agencies published a joint workplan titled “Data and AI in medicines regulation to 2028.”⁶⁴⁵⁵ The roadmap outlines how regulatory and health data can be used to support health research and innovation for public and animal health, while maintaining ethical guidelines.

On 20 May 2025, the European Commission welcomed the adoption of the Pandemic Agreement at the 7th World Health Assembly in Geneva.⁶⁴⁵⁶ The agreement focuses on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, aligned with the One Health approach.

On 22 May 2025, the European Commission inaugurated the European Vaccine Hub in Siena.⁶⁴⁵⁷ The hub aims to foster collaboration on vaccine access and development across Europe, strengthening the sustainability of vaccine provision for European populations.

On 27 May 2025, the EIB announced EUR30 million in funding for TreeFrog Therapeutics, a French biotechnology company.⁶⁴⁵⁸ The funds will be used to advance cell therapy for Parkinson’s disease which is a neurodegenerative disorder.

On 30 May 2025, the European Commission announced EUR80 million in humanitarian funding for Yemen.⁶⁴⁵⁹ Funds will be used for healthcare, food, sanitation and other needs, with a goal of addressing malnutrition and epidemics.

On 3 June 2025, the EIB and Leyden Laboratories B.V., a clinical-stage biotechnology company in the Netherlands, signed a EUR20 million agreement whereby the EIB will help fund the company’s development of “broadly-protective antibodies to defend against seasonal and pandemic viral infections.”⁶⁴⁶⁰ This initiative is funded through Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Invest which aims to improve resilience against pandemics, antimicrobial resistance and other biological threats.

On 6 June 2025, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency announced EUR60 million in grant funding to develop a “university hospital complex” in Galicia, Spain through the European Commission.⁶⁴⁶¹ This funding will be paired with a EUR450 million loan by the EIB, enabling the strengthening of Galicia’s public healthcare system. This initiative aims to support accessible, sustainable, efficient and high-quality healthcare for residents in the region.

⁶⁴⁵⁵ Leveraging the power of data for public and animal health, European Medicines Agency (Amsterdam) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/leveraging-power-data-public-animal-health>

⁶⁴⁵⁶ Commission welcomes formal adoption of Pandemic Agreement, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (Brussels) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/commission-welcomes-formal-adoption-pandemic-agreement-2025-05-20_en

⁶⁴⁵⁷ European Vaccine Hub to enhance health preparedness across EU, European Commission (Brussels) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 19 July 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1306

⁶⁴⁵⁸ France: Treefrog Therapeutics secures €30 million from EIB marking a significant milestone in the company’s journey to accelerate the field of cell therapy, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 27 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-222-treefrog-therapeutics-secures-eur30-million-from-eib-eib-marking-a-significant-milestone-in-the-company-s-journey-to-accelerate-the-field-of-cell-therapy>

⁶⁴⁵⁹ EU announces €80 million humanitarian aid package for Yemen, European Commission (Brussels) 30 May 2025. Access Date: 13 June 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1254

⁶⁴⁶⁰ The Netherlands: Leyden Labs lands €20 million EIB investment facilitated by HERA to advance pandemic preparedness activities, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 3 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-228-leyden-labs-lands-eur20-million-eib-investment-facilitated-by-hera-to-advance-pandemic-preparedness-activities>

⁶⁴⁶¹ Galician healthcare system receives nearly €510 million in EU support for its modernisation, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (Brussels) 6 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/galician-healthcare-system-receives-nearly-eu510-million-eu-support-its-modernisation-2025-06-06_en

On 13 June 2025, the EIB and Finland signed two loan agreements aimed at supporting public infrastructure in the country.⁶⁴⁶² As part of these agreements, the EIB will provide EUR135 million to support upgrades to hospitals in Finland, supporting modernization, sustainability, improved medical training and increased access to specialized care.

On 23 June 2025, the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority and Health Emergency Readiness Canada signed an Administrative Agreement focused on medical countermeasures for health emergency preparedness and response, during the EU-Canada Summit.⁶⁴⁶³ The institutions will cooperate over the next five years to develop supply chain resilience, advance research and innovation and address challenges, supporting health systems' resilience against public health threats.

On 25 June 2025, the European Commission and various public and private partners pledged support for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance at the Health and Prosperity through Immunisation summit co-hosted by the European Union, Gates Foundation and Gavi.⁶⁴⁶⁴ The European Commission allocated EUR360 million for Gavi at the summit and the EIB expanded its EUR1 billion liquidity facility to support donors in allocating funds to Gavi. Between 2026-2030, this funding will support strengthening access to over 20 vaccines and supporting equitable healthcare during outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.⁶⁴⁶⁵

On 8 July 2025, the EIB and Alfasigma, a global pharmaceutical company, signed a EUR150 million loan agreement whereby the EIB will support the company's research and development between 2025-2027.⁶⁴⁶⁶ The research will develop treatments for rare and specialized conditions, with a focus on gastroenterology and hepatology, vascular medicine and rheumatology. This initiative aims to support people-centered care and quality treatment.

On 8 July 2025, the European Commission launched two strategies aimed at ensuring nutrition, medication and water supplies during emergencies: the EU Stockpiling Strategy and the Medical Countermeasures Strategy.⁶⁴⁶⁷ The strategies aim to address the sustainable provision of medication and aid in terms of food and water during emergencies, including power failure and natural disasters.

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⁶⁴⁶² Finland to receive €235 million in EIB financing for hospital and school upgrades, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 13 June 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-239-finland-to-receive-eur235-million-in-eib-financing-for-hospital-and-school-upgrades>

⁶⁴⁶³ EU and Canada strengthen cooperation on preparedness and response to cross border health threats, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/eu-and-canada-strengthen-cooperation-preparedness-and-response-cross-border-health-threats-2025-06-24_en

⁶⁴⁶⁴ World leaders recommit to immunisation amid global funding shortfall, Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Brussels) 25 June 2025. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/news/media-room/world-leaders-recommit-immunisation-amid-global-funding-shortfall>

⁶⁴⁶⁵ Phase VI (2026–2030), Gavi The Vaccine Alliance (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gavi.org/our-alliance/strategy/phase-6-2026-2030>

⁶⁴⁶⁶ Italy: EIB grants €150 million loan to Alfasigma to accelerate innovation in rare diseases and specialty care, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 8 July 2025. Access Date: 25 August 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-276-eib-grants-eur150-million-loan-to-alfasigma-to-accelerate-innovation-in-rare-diseases-and-specialty-care>

⁶⁴⁶⁷ EU Stockpiling and Medical Countermeasures Strategies to strengthen crisis readiness and health security, European Commission (Strasbourg) 8 July 2025. Access date: 30 August 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1728

⁶⁴⁶⁸ EU Stockpiling and Medical Countermeasures Strategies to strengthen crisis readiness and health security, European Commission (Strasbourg) 9 July 2025. Access Date: 19 July 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1728

On 21 July 2025, the European Commission approved the second health-related Important Project of Common European Interest to support innovations in medical devices.⁶⁴⁶⁹ This initiative aims to accelerate medical device innovation and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) features into medical devices. The initiative also supports collaboration and research on AI-powered medical devices and the industrial deployment of these devices, therefore increasing the efficacy of health services.

On 23 July 2025, the European Commission adopted the EU4Health Work programme 2025, which outlines strategic priorities for 2025.⁶⁴⁷⁰ The programme supports the EU's priorities of protecting citizens and boosting health innovation and focuses on key health system issues such as cardiovascular health, digital health, cancer, health technology assessment, crisis preparedness, medicines and medical devices.

On 25 July 2025, the EIB and Banca Ifis signed a EUR200 million agreement to support the development of pharmacies in Italy.⁶⁴⁷¹ The funding aims to support female entrepreneurs and pharmacies that provide local primary care services in communities, therefore enhancing the sustainability of pharmacies as well as inclusive healthcare in Italy.

On 30 July 2025, the European Commission and the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Partnership to Accelerate Mpox Testing and Sequencing in Africa initiative.⁶⁴⁷² The funding contribution of EUR9.4 million aims to support mpox testing by supporting over 150,000 tests, enhanced genomic sequencing to determine viral variations, increased capacity for diagnostic analysis and increased production and validation of mpox testing kits in Africa, therefore increasing the resiliency of health systems in Africa and their capacity to mitigate mpox spread.

On 7 August 2025, the European Commission disbursed nearly EUR43 billion to five EU member states under the NextGenerationEU programme.⁶⁴⁷³ The disbursements include funding support for healthcare and inclusive national care networks for people with disabilities in Portugal, digital health solutions in Cyprus and setting up a neonatal hearing screening program in Malta.

On 23 September 2025, the European Union and Horizon Europe launched the Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance.⁶⁴⁷⁴ The aim of this is to tackle the global threat of antimicrobial resistance by providing easy access to data and fostering research partnerships. The EU will provide EUR75 million for this initiative through Horizon Europe.

⁶⁴⁶⁹ Commission approves up to €403 million of State aid by five Member States for the second Important Project of Common European Interest in the healthcare sector, European Commission (Brussels) 21 July 2025. Access date: 30 August 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1827

⁶⁴⁷⁰ Commission adopts EU4Health Work Programme 2025, European Commission (Brussels) 23 July 2025. Access date: 30 August 2025. <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/items/894239/en>

⁶⁴⁷¹ Italy: EIB and Banca Ifis provide €200 million in financing to back Italian pharmacies, with a focus on female entrepreneurs and cohesion, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 25 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-300-eib-and-banca-ifis-provide-eur200-million-in-financing-to-back-italian-pharmacies-with-a-focus-on-female-entrepreneurs-and-cohesion>

⁶⁴⁷² Strengthening health resilience: new initiative for mpox testing and sequencing in Africa launched, European Commission (Brussels) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/strengthening-health-resilience-new-initiative-mpox-testing-and-sequencing-africa-launched-2025-07-30_en

⁶⁴⁷³ Commission disburses nearly €43 billion to five Member States under NextGenerationEU*, European Commission (Brussels) 7 August 2025. Access Date: 30 August 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1949

⁶⁴⁷⁴ New European Partnership on One Health AMR: €253 million for research and innovation against antimicrobial resistance, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (Brussels) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/new-european-partnership-one-health-amr-eu253-million-research-and-innovation-against-antimicrobial-2025-09-23_en

On 3 October 2025, the European Commission signed a procurement contract with Spanish pharmaceutical company HIPRA for Covid-19 vaccines, on behalf of 14 countries.⁶⁴⁷⁵ This aims to ensure the citizens' safety ahead of the 2025-26 winter session.

On 13 October 2025, the EIB announced European Commission announced a joint initiative to support BioNTech in developing an mRNA vaccine manufacturing facility in Rwanda.⁶⁴⁷⁶ The European Commission will provide EUR35 million in grant funding for this initiative alongside EUR65 million in loans from the EIB.

On 20 October 2025, the EIB announced a EUR36 million credit facility for EDAP, a global medical technology company.⁶⁴⁷⁷ The funding will support the expansion of its Robotic High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound Program which is “designed for treating prostate cancer and endometriosis with non-invasive solutions.”

On 23 October 2025, the EIB Group approved EUR9.2 billion in funding for various projects, including those aimed at improving quality and access to child healthcare.⁶⁴⁷⁸

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to remain committed to building more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems for the provision of integrated people-centered health services, including mental health. It has taken strong action to build more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health systems through humanitarian funding, research funding for Parkinson's disease, healthcare and artificial intelligence and other needs, the construction of new medical facilities, acquiring medications for Covid-19, distributing mpox vaccines, supporting Gavi, allocating funding for healthcare facilities and health resilience and inclusivity through the EIB and the NextGenerationEU programme and partnering with the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention to support mpox testing and sequencing in Africa. The EU has also taken strong action for the provision of integrated people-centered health services including mental health through a partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund for children's mental health, a project in Armenia to ensure a people-centered mental health approach and funding to address malnutrition and food insecurity.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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⁶⁴⁷⁵ Commission signs joint procurement contract for COVID-19 vaccines to ensure preparedness and protection of citizens ahead of the 2025-2026 winter season, Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (Brussels) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 6 October 2025. https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/commission-signs-joint-procurement-contract-covid-19-vaccines-ensure-preparedness-and-protection-2025-10-03_en

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⁶⁴⁷⁷ France: Medical technology company EDAP secures €36 million credit facility from EIB to advance prostate cancer and endometriosis non-invasive treatment, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 20 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-401-french-medical-technology-company-edap-secures-eur36-million-credit-facility-from-european-investment-bank-to-advance-prostate-cancer-and-endometriosis-non-invasive-treatment>

⁶⁴⁷⁸ EIB Group approves €9.2 billion in new financing for housing innovation, energy security and child healthcare, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 23 October 2025. Access Date: 17 November 2025. <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-411-eib-group-approves-eur9-2-billion-in-new-financing-for-housing-innovation-energy-security-and-child-healthcare>