



# 2024 G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit Interim Compliance Report

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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.<sup>2693</sup> 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.<sup>2694</sup> 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.<sup>2695</sup> 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.

<sup>2693</sup> G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 September 2009. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqué0925.html>

<sup>2694</sup> 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>

<sup>2695</sup> 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.<sup>2696</sup>

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.<sup>2697</sup>

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders encouraged enhanced compliance with the WHO's International Health Regulations.<sup>2698</sup> 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.<sup>2699</sup> 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.”<sup>2700</sup> 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.<sup>2701</sup> 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.<sup>2702</sup> 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.<sup>2703</sup> G20 leaders also committed to strengthening the public health emergency “prevention, detection and response” rates in line with the WHO's International Health Regulations.

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<sup>2696</sup> G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 September 2009. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqué0925.html>

<sup>2697</sup> The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communiqué.html>

<sup>2698</sup> 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>

<sup>2699</sup> 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>

<sup>2700</sup> G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communiqué.html>

<sup>2701</sup> G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 6 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqué.html>

<sup>2702</sup> 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>

<sup>2703</sup> 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.<sup>2704</sup> 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.<sup>2705</sup> 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.<sup>2706</sup> 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.<sup>2707</sup> 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.<sup>2708</sup> 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.

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<sup>2704</sup> 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>

<sup>2705</sup> 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>

<sup>2706</sup> 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>

<sup>2707</sup> 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>

<sup>2708</sup> 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.”<sup>2709</sup> 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.”<sup>2710</sup>

“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.”<sup>2711</sup> 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.”<sup>2712</sup>

“Equitable” is understood to mean “fair and just as indicated by law.”<sup>2713</sup>

“Sustainable” refers to something that is “able to be maintained or continued.”<sup>2714</sup>

“Inclusive” is understood to mean “including everything or all types of people.”<sup>2715</sup>

“Health” is understood to mean “the state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”<sup>2716</sup>

“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.”<sup>2717</sup>

“Provision” refers to “the act of providing something.”<sup>2718</sup>

“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.”<sup>2719</sup>

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<sup>2709</sup> 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](https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>2710</sup> Building, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/building>

<sup>2711</sup> 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>

<sup>2712</sup> 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>

<sup>2713</sup> 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](https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf)

<sup>2714</sup> Sustainable, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sustainable>

<sup>2715</sup> Inclusive, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/inclusive>

<sup>2716</sup> 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>

<sup>2717</sup> 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>

<sup>2718</sup> Provision, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/provision>

<sup>2719</sup> 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.”<sup>2720</sup> 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.”<sup>2721</sup>

“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.”<sup>2722</sup> 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.”<sup>2723</sup>

### 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.

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<sup>2720</sup> Integrate, Merriam-Webster (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/integrate>

<sup>2721</sup> 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](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/wha69/a69_39-en.pdf)

<sup>2722</sup> Mental health, World Health Organization (Geneva) n.d. Access Date: 4 March 2025. <https://www.who.int/health-topics/mental-health>

<sup>2723</sup> 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.<sup>2724</sup> 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.<sup>2725</sup> 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.<sup>2726</sup> 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.<sup>2727</sup> This convention aims to improve virological surveillance and adjusting strategies to control and prevent epidemiological issues.

<sup>2724</sup> 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>

<sup>2725</sup> 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>

<sup>2726</sup> 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>

<sup>2727</sup> 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).<sup>2728</sup> 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.<sup>2729</sup> 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.<sup>2730</sup> 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.<sup>2731</sup> 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.<sup>2732</sup> 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.<sup>2733</sup> 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.<sup>2734</sup> The plan attempts to improve the surveillance, response and cooperation of health systems in targeting Mpox.

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<sup>2728</sup> 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>

<sup>2729</sup> 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>

<sup>2730</sup> 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>

<sup>2731</sup> 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>

<sup>2732</sup> 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>

<sup>2733</sup> 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>

<sup>2734</sup> 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.<sup>2735</sup> 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.<sup>2736</sup> 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.<sup>2737</sup> 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.<sup>2738</sup>

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, sustainable and inclusive health systems through the delivery of measles vaccines, a strategic plan for Mpox, bilateral talks on healthcare with the United States and an agreement to address antimicrobial resistance. However, Argentina has also taken actions antithetical to the commitment by eradicating the National Cancer Institute and withdrawing from the World Health Organization. Its focus on deregulating the health system is also antithetical to the commitment objectives.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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### **Australia: +1**

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).<sup>2739</sup> 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

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<sup>2735</sup> 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>

<sup>2736</sup> 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>

<sup>2737</sup> 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>

<sup>2738</sup> 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>

<sup>2739</sup> 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>

intellectual disabilities, chronic respiratory conditions and traumatic brain injuries.<sup>2740</sup> 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.<sup>2741</sup> 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.<sup>2742</sup> 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.<sup>2743</sup> These grant opportunities will contribute to the planning, design and implementation of current research findings with the involvement of relevant stakeholders and expertise.

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.<sup>2744</sup> 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.<sup>2745</sup> 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.<sup>2746</sup> This decision aims to alleviate medical costs of patients and maintain accessibility to costly medical treatments.

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<sup>2740</sup> \$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>

<sup>2741</sup> 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>

<sup>2742</sup> Developing the National Oral Health Plan 2025–2034, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/developing-the-national-oral-health-plan-2025-2034>

<sup>2743</sup> \$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>

<sup>2744</sup> 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>

<sup>2745</sup> 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>

<sup>2746</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2747</sup> 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.<sup>2748</sup> 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.<sup>2749</sup> 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).<sup>2750</sup> Through the MRFF, AUD14 million will establish the CoACT-Brain Cancer clinical trial consortium led by Monash University, 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.<sup>2751</sup> 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.<sup>2752</sup> 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

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<sup>2749</sup> 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>

<sup>2750</sup> \$20 million funding boost for childhood brain cancer research, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2751</sup> 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>

<sup>2752</sup> New report centres voices of older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

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.<sup>2753</sup> 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.<sup>2754</sup> 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.<sup>2755</sup> The updated guidelines introduce key revisions to Test of Cure protocols, surveillance and follow-up after adenocarcinoma 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.<sup>2756</sup> 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 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.<sup>2757</sup> 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

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<sup>2754</sup> National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Evaluation Framework and Sharing Guidelines published, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2755</sup> Training for upcoming changes to clinical guidelines for cervical screening, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2756</sup> Top researchers improving primary care in Australia, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2757</sup> Toolkits to promote cervical screening, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/toolkits-to-promote-cervical-screening?language=en>

mental health inequities faced by autistic Australians.<sup>2758</sup> 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.<sup>2759</sup> 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.<sup>2760</sup> This comprehensive resource is designed to assist health professionals in managing the 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.<sup>2761</sup> 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.<sup>2762</sup> 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.<sup>2763</sup> An additional AUD24.3 million is available through the 2025 Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care grant opportunity. These

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<sup>2758</sup> New Roadmap Aims to Address Health Inequities Faced by Autistic People, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

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<sup>2760</sup> The handbook of tools to support medicine management in multimorbidity and polypharmacy is now available, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2761</sup> Improving health literacy and educating health professionals about safer medicine use, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

<sup>2762</sup> Priorities updated for the Genomics Health Futures Mission, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 7 May 2025. <https://www.health.gov.au/news/priorities-updated-for-the-genomics-health-futures-mission-mrff>

<sup>2763</sup> \$55.8 million for research into stem cell therapies, dementia, ageing and aged care, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

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.<sup>2764</sup> 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.<sup>2765</sup> 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."<sup>2766</sup> This will increase to healthcare and medical needs including physiotherapy, dental and blood services for soldiers and aviators.

On 8 May 2025, Australia took part in the Indo-Pacific health security alliance meeting.<sup>2767</sup> 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.<sup>2768</sup> 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 Anthony Albanese met with the President of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto for the Australia-Indonesia Annual Leaders' Meeting.<sup>2769</sup> 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.<sup>2770</sup> 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.<sup>2771</sup> The government's support for the agreement enables collective action towards pandemic

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<sup>2764</sup> Apply for the Support at Home Thin Markets grant, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Woden) 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>

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<sup>2766</sup> 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>

<sup>2767</sup> 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/>

<sup>2768</sup> 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](https://www.vientianetimes.org.la/freefreenews/freecontent_88_Australia_y25.php)

<sup>2769</sup> 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>

<sup>2770</sup> 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/>

preparedness and building a more resilient healthcare system by enhancing vaccine access and expanding multi-sectoral disease surveillance.

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 and incorporated RSV vaccines for pregnant women within the National Immunisation Program. 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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### **Brazil: +1**

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.

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.<sup>2772</sup> 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.<sup>2773</sup> 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.<sup>2774</sup> 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.

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<sup>2772</sup> 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>

<sup>2773</sup> 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>

<sup>2774</sup> 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).<sup>2775</sup> 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.<sup>2776</sup> 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.<sup>2777</sup> 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.<sup>2778</sup> 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.<sup>2779</sup> 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.<sup>2780</sup> This will increase patients' access to innovative and effective treatments.

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.<sup>2781</sup> This

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<sup>2775</sup> 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>

<sup>2776</sup> 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>

<sup>2777</sup> 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>

<sup>2778</sup> 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-debtem-liberacao-de-r-44-milhoes-para-hospital-universitario-do-estado>

<sup>2779</sup> 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>

<sup>2780</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2782</sup> 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.<sup>2783</sup> 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.<sup>2784</sup> 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.<sup>2785</sup> 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.<sup>2786</sup> This campaign reinforces and strengthens the sustainability of primary and family healthcare.

On 8 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced the distribution of 1.5 million Serum vaccine doses across the country.<sup>2787</sup> This action will enable the health system to manage Covid-19.

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<sup>2781</sup> 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-veste-em-pacote-de-medidas-para-enfrentar-o-racismo-no-sus-e-ampliar-acesso>

<sup>2782</sup> 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-infecoes-sexualmente-transmissiveis>

<sup>2783</sup> 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>

<sup>2784</sup> Ministério da Saúde lança painel para monitoramento de dados de HIV e aids, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 3 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-lanca-painel-para-monitoramento-de-dados-de-hiv-e-aids>

<sup>2785</sup> 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>

<sup>2786</sup> 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>

<sup>2787</sup> 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-contra-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.<sup>2788</sup> 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.<sup>2789</sup> 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.<sup>2790</sup> 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.<sup>2791</sup> 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.<sup>2792</sup> 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.<sup>2793</sup>

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.<sup>2794</sup> 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.

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<sup>2788</sup> 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>

<sup>2789</sup> 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>

<sup>2790</sup> 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>

<sup>2791</sup> 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>

<sup>2792</sup> 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>

<sup>2793</sup> 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>

<sup>2794</sup> 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>

On 13 December 2024, Minister Trindade inaugurated two new health units to support over 178,000 residents in the municipality of Mesquita.<sup>2795</sup> 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.<sup>2796</sup> 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.<sup>2797</sup> 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.<sup>2798</sup> 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.<sup>2799</sup> 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.<sup>2800</sup> 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.<sup>2801</sup> 83 municipalities will receive BRL20,000 each to support maintenance and pharmaceutical services to ensure access to effective and quality medications.

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.<sup>2802</sup> The Network

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<sup>2795</sup> Mesquita, no Rio de Janeiro, ganha novas unidades de saúde para fortalecer assistência especializad, 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>

<sup>2796</sup> 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-andarai-e-cardoso-fontes>

<sup>2797</sup> 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>

<sup>2798</sup> 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>

<sup>2799</sup> 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>

<sup>2800</sup> 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>

<sup>2801</sup> 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-farmacautica>

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.<sup>2803</sup> 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.<sup>2804</sup>

On 30 December 2024, the Ministry of Health announced a project to build 89 new Basic Health Units under the New Growth Acceleration Plan.<sup>2805</sup> 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.<sup>2806</sup> 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.<sup>2807</sup> 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.<sup>2808</sup>

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

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<sup>2802</sup> 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>

<sup>2803</sup> 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>

<sup>2804</sup> 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>

<sup>2805</sup> 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>

<sup>2806</sup> 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>

<sup>2807</sup> 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>

<sup>2808</sup> 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>

information about venomous animals.<sup>2809</sup> 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.<sup>2810</sup> 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.<sup>2811</sup> 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.<sup>2812</sup>

On 10 January 2025, the Ministry of Health announced that it will distribute 26,000 regular insulin vials to support SUS hospitals.<sup>2813</sup> 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.<sup>2814</sup> 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.<sup>2815</sup> The Ministry also reaffirmed its commitment to work with international institutions to strengthen the global response to Mpox, especially in sub-Saharan countries.

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.<sup>2816</sup> Each kit includes 32 medications and 16 medical supplies to

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<sup>2809</sup> 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>

<sup>2810</sup> 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>

<sup>2811</sup> 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>

<sup>2812</sup> 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>

<sup>2813</sup> 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-para-apoiar-estados>

<sup>2814</sup> "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>

<sup>2815</sup> "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>

<sup>2816</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2817</sup> This will help reinforce local health systems.

On 23 January 2025, Minister Trindade announced measures to strengthen Rio Grande do Sul’s health system.<sup>2818</sup> 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.<sup>2819</sup> 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.<sup>2820</sup> 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.<sup>2821</sup> Projects include the construction of two Psychosocial Care Centers, five Specialized Rehabilitation Centers, 109 Health Academies and 240 Basic Health Units.

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.<sup>2822</sup> 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.<sup>2823</sup> The government invested BRL49.1 million for this initiative to increase access to emergency services.

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<sup>2817</sup> 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>

<sup>2818</sup> 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>

<sup>2819</sup> 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>

<sup>2820</sup> 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>

<sup>2821</sup> 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>

<sup>2822</sup> 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>

On 31 January 2025, the Ministry of Health sent a team to evaluate healthcare services, including vaccinations and screenings, for Venezuelan migrants entering Brazil.<sup>2824</sup> 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.<sup>2825</sup> 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.<sup>2826</sup> 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.<sup>2827</sup>

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.<sup>2828</sup> This meeting focused on developing the Ten-Year Health Workforce Planning Plan to promote equality and sustainability in healthcare policies.

On 13 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the second phase of PAC, with BRL5.8 billion in investment and new initiatives.<sup>2829</sup> 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.<sup>2830</sup>

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

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<sup>2823</sup> 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>

<sup>2824</sup> 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-migrantes-venezuelanos>

<sup>2825</sup> 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>

<sup>2826</sup> 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>

<sup>2827</sup> 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>

<sup>2828</sup> 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>

<sup>2829</sup> 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>

<sup>2830</sup> 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>

Rights.<sup>2831</sup> 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."<sup>2832</sup>

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.<sup>2833</sup>

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.<sup>2834</sup> 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.<sup>2835</sup> 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.

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.<sup>2836</sup> 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.<sup>2837</sup> This funding will help expand emergency care and strengthen the National Force of the SUS increasing resiliency.

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<sup>2831</sup> Brasília recebe evento internacional para discutir políticas sobre 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/noticias/2025/fevereiro/brasil-recebe-evento-internacional-para-discutir-politicas-sobre-alcool-outras-drogas-saude-e-direitos-humanos>

<sup>2832</sup> 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>

<sup>2833</sup> 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>

<sup>2834</sup> 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>

<sup>2835</sup> 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>

<sup>2836</sup> 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>

<sup>2837</sup> Ministério da Saúde destina R\$ 1,34 milhão para reforçar ações de controle da dengue em São José do Rio Preto (SP), 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/ministerio-da-saude-destina-r-1-34-milhao-para-reforcar-acoes-de-controle-da-dengue-em-sao-jose-do-rio-preto-sp>

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.<sup>2838</sup> 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.<sup>2839</sup> 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.<sup>2840</sup> 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.<sup>2841</sup> 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.<sup>2842</sup> This initiative is expected to produce 60 million doses annually by 2026 to be delivered through the National Immunization Program.

On 25 February 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the distribution of 1.6 million yellow fever vaccine doses.<sup>2843</sup> 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.<sup>2844</sup> This program will support integrated people-centered care by increasing access to environmental sanitation and improving living conditions for indigenous communities in Brazil.

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<sup>2838</sup> Pernambuco recebe um investimento de R\$ 7,5 milhões para o Programa Pesquisa para o SUS, Ministério da Saúde (Brasília) 21 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/fevereiro/pernambuco-recebe-um-investimento-de-r-7-5-milhoes-para-o-programa-pesquisa-para-o-sus>

<sup>2839</sup> Anunciado investimento recorde em laboratórios públicos de saúde, 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/anunciado-investimento-recorde-em-laboratorios-publicos-de-saude>

<sup>2840</sup> 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>

<sup>2841</sup> SUS passa a oferecer transplante 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>

<sup>2842</sup> 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>

<sup>2843</sup> 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>

<sup>2844</sup> 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-pnsi>

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.<sup>2845</sup> 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.<sup>2846</sup> 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.<sup>2847</sup>

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.<sup>2848</sup> 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.<sup>2849</sup> He also vowed to modernize the SUS and reinforce early cancer diagnosis, vaccination campaigns and partnerships with scientific institutions and global health agencies.

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.<sup>2850</sup>

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."<sup>2851</sup> This publication aims to promote safe, healthy and balanced digital tools use and protect children's physical and mental health.

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<sup>2845</sup> 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>

<sup>2846</sup> 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>

<sup>2847</sup> 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>

<sup>2848</sup> 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>

<sup>2849</sup> 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>

<sup>2850</sup> 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>

<sup>2851</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2852</sup> 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.<sup>2853</sup> 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.<sup>2854</sup> 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.<sup>2855</sup> 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.<sup>2856</sup> This aims to reduce wait times in the SUS for medium and high-complexity procedures.

On 21 March 2025, the Ministry of Health launched the Epidemiology and Inequalities Panel to track the prevalence of diseases and injuries by race.<sup>2857</sup> 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.<sup>2858</sup> The countries aim to promote equitable and accessible health systems through shared practices and training.

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<sup>2852</sup> 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>

<sup>2853</sup> 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>

<sup>2854</sup> 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>

<sup>2855</sup> 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>

<sup>2856</sup> Ministério da Saúde e EBSERH 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>

<sup>2857</sup> 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>

<sup>2858</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2859</sup> 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.<sup>2860</sup> This action will enable two million Brazilians to access specialized care whilst improving quality and reducing wait times.

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.<sup>2861</sup> 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.<sup>2862</sup> This initiative aims to deliver 20 million vials for diabetes 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.<sup>2863</sup> 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.<sup>2864</sup> 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.<sup>2865</sup> 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."

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<sup>2859</sup> 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>

<sup>2860</sup> 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>

<sup>2861</sup> 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>

<sup>2862</sup> 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>

<sup>2863</sup> 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>

<sup>2864</sup> 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>

<sup>2865</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2866</sup> 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.<sup>2867</sup> 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.<sup>2868</sup> The government will allocate BRL700 million to support the administering of 15 million of these doses in 2025.

On 16 April 2025, Minister Padilha and Chinese Ambassador Zhu Qingqiao reaffirmed their countries' strategic partnership in health and technology during a meeting.<sup>2869</sup> 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.<sup>2870</sup>

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.<sup>2871</sup> 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.<sup>2872</sup> This action will help to build a more inclusive health system.

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<sup>2866</sup> 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>

<sup>2867</sup> 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>

<sup>2868</sup> 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>

<sup>2869</sup> 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>

<sup>2870</sup> 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>

<sup>2871</sup> 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>

<sup>2872</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2873</sup> 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.<sup>2874</sup> Minister Padilha also allocated BRL159 million to modernize the state’s public laboratory to improve its production of diagnostics and treatments.

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.<sup>2875</sup>

On 15 May 2025, the Ministry of Health expanded access to donepezil for patients with severe Alzheimer’s disease under the SUS.<sup>2876</sup> 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.<sup>2877</sup> 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.<sup>2878</sup> This action will expand the SUS’ ability to support cancer diagnosis and treatment for Brazilians.

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.<sup>2879</sup> 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

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<sup>2873</sup> 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>

<sup>2874</sup> 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>

<sup>2875</sup> 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>

<sup>2876</sup> 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>

<sup>2877</sup> 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>

<sup>2878</sup> 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>

<sup>2879</sup> 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>

healthcare across 1,878 cities in Brazil.<sup>2880</sup> 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.

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.<sup>2881</sup> This will support access to free treatment under the public health system.

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, 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.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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#### **Canada: +1**

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.

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.<sup>2882</sup> 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.<sup>2883</sup>

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<sup>2880</sup> 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>

<sup>2881</sup> 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>

<sup>2882</sup> 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>

<sup>2883</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2884</sup> 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.<sup>2885</sup> 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.<sup>2886</sup>

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.<sup>2887</sup>

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.<sup>2888</sup> 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.<sup>2889</sup>

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

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<sup>2884</sup> 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>

<sup>2885</sup> 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>

<sup>2886</sup> 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>

<sup>2887</sup> 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>

<sup>2888</sup> 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>

<sup>2889</sup> 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>

the Northwest Territories.<sup>2890</sup> 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.<sup>2891</sup> 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.<sup>2892</sup> 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.<sup>2893</sup> 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.

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.<sup>2894</sup> 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.

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<sup>2890</sup> 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>

<sup>2891</sup> 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>

<sup>2892</sup> 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>

<sup>2893</sup> 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>

<sup>2894</sup> 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>

On 26 February 2025, Member of Parliament McLeod dedicated over CAD1.9million to the project “Tlicho No One Left Alone” under Tlicho Leagia Ts’iili Ko.<sup>2895</sup> 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.<sup>2896</sup> 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.<sup>2897</sup> 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.<sup>2898</sup> 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.

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.<sup>2899</sup> 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.<sup>2900</sup> 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.

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<sup>2895</sup> 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>

<sup>2896</sup> 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>

<sup>2897</sup> 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>

<sup>2898</sup> 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>

<sup>2899</sup> 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>

<sup>2900</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2901</sup> 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.<sup>2902</sup> 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.<sup>2903</sup> 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.<sup>2904</sup> 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 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.<sup>2905</sup> 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.<sup>2906</sup> These initiatives target tobacco and vaping cessation, with an emphasis on evidence-based, culturally tailored and

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<sup>2901</sup> 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>

<sup>2902</sup> 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>

<sup>2903</sup> 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>

<sup>2904</sup> 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>

<sup>2905</sup> 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>

<sup>2906</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2907</sup> 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 9 March 2025, Minister Hussen announced CAD272.1 million in development funding for 14 projects in Bangladesh and the Indo-Pacific region.<sup>2908</sup> 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.

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.<sup>2909</sup> 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.<sup>2910</sup> 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.<sup>2911</sup> 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.

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<sup>2907</sup> 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>

<sup>2908</sup> Background - 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/background---minister-hussen-announces-support-for-development-projects-in-bangladesh-and-the-indo-pacific-region.html>

<sup>2909</sup> 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>

<sup>2910</sup> 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>

<sup>2911</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2912</sup> 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 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.<sup>2913</sup> 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.<sup>2914</sup> 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.<sup>2915</sup> 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.<sup>2916</sup> 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 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 and Tobago.<sup>2917</sup> The initiative offered health services and education to the public, highlighting the importance of vaccination for resilient health systems.

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,

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<sup>2912</sup> 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-medications.html>

<sup>2913</sup> 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>

<sup>2914</sup> 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>

<sup>2915</sup> 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>

<sup>2916</sup> 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>

<sup>2917</sup> 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>

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 and the autism network and 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 and projects to address family and gender-based violence.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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### **China: +1**

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.<sup>2918</sup> 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.<sup>2919</sup> 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.<sup>2920</sup> 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.<sup>2921</sup> The move aims to provide mental health education, psychological counseling and support and response to 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.

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<sup>2918</sup> 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>

<sup>2919</sup> 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>

<sup>2920</sup> 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.

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<sup>2921</sup> 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>

On 27 December 2024, China's diseases control authority announced that it was piloting a monitoring system for pneumonia of unknown origin.<sup>2922</sup> 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.<sup>2923</sup> 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.<sup>2924</sup> 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.<sup>2925</sup> 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.<sup>2926</sup> 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.<sup>2927</sup> 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.<sup>2928</sup> This initiative aims to provide the necessary professional health services for those struggling with psychological or sleep-related anxiety.

On 9 April 2025, China announced that it will improve healthy diets and access to speciality foods and supplements for Chinese citizens.<sup>2929</sup> The initiative aims to increase the supply of high-quality agricultural

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<sup>2922</sup> 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/>

<sup>2923</sup> 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/>

<sup>2924</sup> 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](https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202501/04/content_WS6778d68fc6d0868f4e8ee83a.html)

<sup>2925</sup> 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>

<sup>2926</sup> 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>

<sup>2927</sup> 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://reportafricque.com/news/africa/china-korea/>

<sup>2928</sup> 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>

<sup>2929</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2930</sup> 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.<sup>2931</sup> 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.<sup>2932</sup> 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.<sup>2933</sup> 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.<sup>2934</sup> 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.<sup>2935</sup> 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.

On 19 May 2025, the Chinese delegation to the 78th World Health Assembly reaffirmed the country’s commitment to building a global health community.<sup>2936</sup> 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).

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<sup>2930</sup> 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>

<sup>2931</sup> 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>

<sup>2932</sup> 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>

<sup>2933</sup> 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>

<sup>2934</sup> 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](https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/30/content_WS681208b5c6d0868f4e8f238c.html)

<sup>2935</sup> 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>

<sup>2936</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2937</sup> This funding aims to encourage multilateralism for global health and preserve global health security.

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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### **France: +1**

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.<sup>2938</sup> 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.<sup>2939</sup> 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 Kershenobich Stalnikowitz inaugurated the sixth Franco-Mexican Healthcare Day.<sup>2940</sup> The pair recognized collaborative efforts between France and Mexico for healthcare and called for additional cooperation.

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<sup>2939</sup> 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>

<sup>2940</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2941</sup> 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.<sup>2942</sup> 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.<sup>2943</sup> President Macron noted that the WHO Academy will 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.<sup>2944</sup> 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.<sup>2945</sup> 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.<sup>2946</sup> The plan introduces nine concrete measures across four key areas: objectively identifying and monitoring violence, removing reporting barriers, strengthening procedural efficiency and raising awareness.

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<sup>2941</sup> 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/communiques-de-presse/article/3e-journee-nationale-de-l-innovation-en-sante-numerique-l-acceleration-continue>

<sup>2942</sup> 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>

<sup>2943</sup> 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>

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<sup>2945</sup> 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>

<sup>2946</sup> 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-en-sante-vss>

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.<sup>2947</sup> 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.<sup>2948</sup> 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 National Health Insurance Fund.<sup>2949</sup> 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.<sup>2950</sup> 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 Parisanté Campus.<sup>2951</sup> 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.<sup>2952</sup> The ban prohibits the sale, manufacture and

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<sup>2947</sup> 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>

<sup>2948</sup> 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/communiquede-presse/nouveaux-engagements-de-lafd-pour-lacces-lenergie-en-afrique-subsaharienne-et-la-sante-en-afrique-de-lest?origin=/fr/actualites/communiquede-presse?page=6>

<sup>2949</sup> 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/communiques-de-presse/article/mise-en-place-d-une-methodologie-d-evaluation-de-l-empreinte-carbone-des>

<sup>2950</sup> 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/communiques-de-presse/article/diagnostic-de-l-endometriose-catherine-vautrin-et-yannick-neuder-actent-la>

<sup>2951</sup> 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/communiques-de-presse/article/publication-de-l-etat-des-lieux-de-l-intelligence-artificielle-ia-en-sante-en>

<sup>2952</sup> 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/communiques-de-presse/article/interdiction-des-puffs-un-tournant-pour-la-sante-et-l-environnement>

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.<sup>2953</sup> 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.<sup>2954</sup> The system updates will gradually happen within the next two years and target the functionality related to medical imaging and community medicine.

On 7 March 2025, Minister Vautrin and Minister Neuder announced a series of measures to strengthen access to voluntary termination of pregnancy in France.<sup>2955</sup> 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 Sağlık Yatırım AS to support the construction of a large-scale hospital in Kokshetau, Kazakhstan.<sup>2956</sup> 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.<sup>2957</sup> 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

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<sup>2953</sup> "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>

<sup>2954</sup> 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>

<sup>2955</sup> 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/communiqués-de-presse/article/renforcement-de-l-acces-a-l-ivg-de-nouvelles-mesures-pour-garantir-un-droit>

<sup>2956</sup> 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>

<sup>2957</sup> 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>

in 2025.<sup>2958</sup> 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.<sup>2959</sup> 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.<sup>2960</sup> 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.

On 18 April 2025, the Ministry of Health and Access to Healthcare organized a conference on “Fighting Obscurantism and Disinformation in Health.”<sup>2961</sup> 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.<sup>2962</sup> 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.<sup>2963</sup> 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.

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<sup>2958</sup> 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/communiqués-de-presse/article/le-gouvernement-annonce-une-augmentation-du-financement-des-etablissements-de>

<sup>2959</sup> 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>

<sup>2960</sup> 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/communiqués-de-presse/article/communique-conjoint-suite-a-la-visite-de-son-excellence-fahad-bin-abdulrahman>

<sup>2961</sup> 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>

<sup>2962</sup> 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/communiqués-de-presse/article/journee-mondiale-de-lutte-contre-la-meningite-le-ministre-de-la-sante-et-de-l>

<sup>2963</sup> 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/communiqués-de-presse/article/lancement-de-la-mission-sante-des-personnes-en-situation-de-handicap-une>

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.<sup>2964</sup> This multilateral agreement aims to strengthen the resilience of global health systems in the face of pandemic threats and the spread of infectious disease.

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 costs 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 and funding actions aimed at supporting children and young people's mental health.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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### **Germany: +1**

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.

On 2 December 2024, Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach presented an action plan to foster “a diverse, inclusive and barrier-free healthcare system.”<sup>2965</sup> 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.<sup>2966</sup> 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.<sup>2967</sup> The agreement uses the Debt2Health mechanism to improve Indonesia's ability to combat malaria and tuberculosis and to fund sustainable health infrastructure in Indonesia.

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<sup>2964</sup> 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>

<sup>2965</sup> 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>

<sup>2966</sup> 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/>

<sup>2967</sup> 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/2024/2024-12-16-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.<sup>2968</sup>

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.<sup>2969</sup> 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.<sup>2970</sup> 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.<sup>2971</sup> 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.<sup>2972</sup> 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.<sup>2973</sup> 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.<sup>2974</sup> 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.

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<sup>2968</sup> 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>

<sup>2969</sup> 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>

<sup>2970</sup> 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>

<sup>2971</sup> 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>

<sup>2972</sup> 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>

<sup>2973</sup> 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>

<sup>2974</sup> 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.<sup>2975</sup> 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.

On 14 February 2025, the Federal Council passed the Health Care Strengthening Act.<sup>2976</sup> 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 7 March 2025, the Government Commission for Modern and Needs-Based Hospital Care presented its final statements on hospital reform.<sup>2977</sup> 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.<sup>2978</sup> 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).<sup>2979</sup> 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.<sup>2980</sup> 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.

On 28 April 2025, the Ministry of Health announced the expansion and countrywide launch of the ePA on 29 April 2025.<sup>2981</sup> 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.

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<sup>2975</sup> 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>

<sup>2976</sup> 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>

<sup>2977</sup> 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>

<sup>2978</sup> 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>

<sup>2979</sup> 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>

<sup>2980</sup> Lauterbach begrüßt WHO-Einigung 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 18 May 2025, Minister of Health Nina Warken announced an additional EUR10 million in funding for the WHO.<sup>2982</sup> 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.<sup>2983</sup> 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 10 February 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a Covid-19 research network to study long Covid and post-Covid syndrome.<sup>2984</sup> The findings of this research will guide attempts to strengthen care for patients. This network will be paired with an upcoming EUR45 million investment for long-Covid research through the second "Model Measures for the Care of Children and Adolescents with Long Covid and Diseases with a Similar Cause or Symptom" funding priority.

On 14 February 2025, the Federal Council approved a regulation to improve psychotherapeutic care.<sup>2985</sup> The regulation focuses on integrated people-centered care that considers personal and social circumstances which hinder access to care by expanding outpatient psychotherapeutic care to vulnerable groups including those with intellectual disabilities, mental disabilities and addiction. The regulation 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.

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 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 and the countrywide launch of the ePA.

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.

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<sup>2981</sup> 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>

<sup>2982</sup> 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>

<sup>2983</sup> 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>

<sup>2984</sup> 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>

<sup>2985</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2986</sup> 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.<sup>2987</sup> 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.<sup>2988</sup> 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.<sup>2989</sup> 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.<sup>2990</sup> 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.<sup>2991</sup> The joint mission aims to emphasize a need for inter-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

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<sup>2987</sup> 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>

<sup>2988</sup> 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>

<sup>2989</sup> India to fund development projects worth ₹2,371 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>

<sup>2990</sup> 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>

<sup>2991</sup> 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>

cooperation.<sup>2992</sup> 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.<sup>2993</sup> 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.<sup>2994</sup> 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.<sup>2995</sup> 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.<sup>2996</sup> 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.<sup>2997</sup> 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 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.<sup>2998</sup> The meeting focused on bilateral issues on health including ensuring affordable

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<sup>2992</sup> 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/>

<sup>2993</sup> Indonesia, India 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>

<sup>2994</sup> 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>

<sup>2995</sup> 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>

<sup>2996</sup> 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>

<sup>2997</sup> 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](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)

<sup>2998</sup> 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>

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.<sup>2999</sup> He also reaffirmed India's commitment towards comprehensive and universal healthcare access.

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. India has taken strong actions to support resilient, sustainable and inclusive health services through partnership for the Institute of Medical Sciences, funding for healthcare projects in Sri Lanka, campaigns to address TB, measles and rubella and regional-focused development projects to increase accessibility of healthcare services in Assam. However, India has not taken strong actions on people-centered services 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.<sup>3000</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3001</sup>

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.<sup>3002</sup> 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.<sup>3003</sup> The improvements of these hospitals aim to increase the quality of healthcare in rural areas, making it more accessible overall.

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<sup>2999</sup> 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/>

<sup>3000</sup> 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](https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/press_statement_by_president_of_the_republic_of_indonesia_and_chair_of_gavi_board)  
<sup>3001</sup> 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>

<sup>3002</sup> 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>

<sup>3003</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3004</sup> 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.<sup>3005</sup> 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.<sup>3006</sup> 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.<sup>3007</sup> 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.

On 4 April 2025, Indonesia sent an emergency team to Myanmar to help with the earthquake disaster.<sup>3008</sup> 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.<sup>3009</sup> 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.<sup>3010</sup> 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.

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<sup>3004</sup> 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>

<sup>3005</sup> Indonesia, India 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>

<sup>3006</sup> 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>

<sup>3007</sup> 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](https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/speech_at_world_governments_summit_2025)

<sup>3008</sup> 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>

<sup>3009</sup> 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>

<sup>3010</sup> 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>

On 25 April 2025, Minister Budi and United States Secretary of Health Robert F Kennedy Jr met to discuss health systems in both countries.<sup>3011</sup> 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.<sup>3012</sup> 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 Fadjroel Rachman and Minister of Health of Kazakhstan Akmaral Alnazarova met to discuss steps to implement their countries' Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Health Cooperation.<sup>3013</sup> 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.<sup>3014</sup> 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.

On 5 May 2025, Deputy Minister of Finance Suahasil Nazara emphasized that the 2026 Government Work Plan must be in line with national priorities outlined by President Prabowo.<sup>3015</sup> 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 Utamithat announced that a new tuberculosis vaccine is expected to become available in 2028.<sup>3016</sup> 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.

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<sup>3011</sup> 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>

<sup>3012</sup> 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>

<sup>3013</sup> 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>

<sup>3014</sup> 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>

<sup>3015</sup> Deputy Minister of Finance Suahasil: 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>

<sup>3016</sup> 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>

On 7 May 2025, President Prabowo spoke at a meeting with Bill Gates and other philanthropists.<sup>3017</sup> 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.<sup>3018</sup> 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.<sup>3019</sup> 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.<sup>3020</sup> 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.

On 21 May 2025, Minister Budi and Cuban Minister of Public Health José Angel Portal Miranda signed a MoU for healthcare cooperation.<sup>3021</sup> 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.<sup>3022</sup> 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.<sup>3023</sup> The hospital will be equipped with modern

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<sup>3017</sup> 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](https://www.setneg.go.id/baca/index/sambutan_presiden_ri_pada_pertemuan_dengan_bill_gates_dan_filantropis_indonesia)

<sup>3018</sup> 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>

<sup>3019</sup> 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>

<sup>3020</sup> 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.

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<sup>3021</sup> 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>

<sup>3022</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3024</sup> 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.

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, 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 and through its initiative to ensure that 50 per cent of health centres in the country can provide mental health services.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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### **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.<sup>3025</sup> 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.<sup>3026</sup> This action contributes to equitability and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other health conditions.

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<sup>3023</sup> 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>

<sup>3024</sup> 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>

<sup>3025</sup> 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/>

<sup>3026</sup> 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>

On 28 December 2024, Italy approved the 2025 Budget Law aimed in part at strengthening equitable and sustainable healthcare access.<sup>3027</sup> 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.<sup>3028</sup> 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.<sup>3029</sup> 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.<sup>3030</sup> 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 Mediterranean collaboration.<sup>3031</sup> 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.<sup>3032</sup> 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.<sup>3033</sup> This action contributes to equity and inclusivity within the health system by increasing the affordability of treatment for rare diseases and other pressing health conditions.

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<sup>3027</sup> 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>

<sup>3028</sup> 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/>

<sup>3029</sup> 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/>

<sup>3030</sup> 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>

<sup>3031</sup> 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>

<sup>3032</sup> Accesso 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/>

<sup>3033</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3034</sup> 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.<sup>3035</sup> 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.<sup>3036</sup> 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.<sup>3037</sup> 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 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.<sup>3038</sup> 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.”<sup>3039</sup> 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.<sup>3040</sup> The meeting focused on exchanging health expertise and knowledge to

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<sup>3034</sup> 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.

<sup>3035</sup> 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-risorse-del/>

<sup>3036</sup> 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/>

<sup>3037</sup> AIFA Board approves reimbursement of 10 drugs, Italian Medicines Agency (Rome) 2 April 2025. Access Date: 4 June 2025.

<sup>3038</sup> 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/>

<sup>3039</sup> 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>

<sup>3040</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3041</sup> 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.<sup>3042</sup> 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.<sup>3043</sup> 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.<sup>3044</sup> The meeting focused on reaffirming commitments to 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.<sup>3045</sup> The text calls for the condemnation of indiscriminate attacks against health facilities and medical personnel in Gaza.

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 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.

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<sup>3041</sup> 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>

<sup>3042</sup> 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](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)

<sup>3043</sup> 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](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)

<sup>3044</sup> 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>

<sup>3045</sup> 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/>

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.<sup>3046</sup> 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.<sup>3047</sup> 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.<sup>3048</sup> 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.<sup>3049</sup> 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.

On 3 December 2024, Japan halted issuing new health insurance cards and integrated health insurance data into the My Number government identification system.<sup>3050</sup> 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

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<sup>3046</sup> Government aims to ease care worker shortages through wage hikes, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 24 November 2024. Access Date: 6 May 2025. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/11/24/japan/health-minister-care-worker-wages>

<sup>3047</sup> 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/>

<sup>3048</sup> 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](https://www.shugiin.go.jp/internet/itdb_english.nsf/html/statics/english/r6hosei1_e.html)

<sup>3049</sup> 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](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/wp/yosan/yosan/24hosei/dl/24hosei_20241129_01.pdf)

<sup>3050</sup> 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-tiedto-my-number-id.html>

(UNFPA).<sup>3051</sup> 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.<sup>3052</sup> 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.<sup>3053</sup> 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.<sup>3054</sup> 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 Akhuzada signed grant agreements whereby Japan will provide funding for two projects in the country.<sup>3055</sup> 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.<sup>3056</sup> This price cut is aimed at reducing the financial burden of medical expenses on Japanese residents.

On 13 January 2025, Japan announced USD1.5 million in funding to UNFPA.<sup>3057</sup> 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.<sup>3058</sup> 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

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<sup>3051</sup> 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>

<sup>3052</sup> 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](https://tcs-asia.org/en/board/news_view.php?idx=5737&pNo=1&code=news)

<sup>3053</sup> 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/>

<sup>3054</sup> 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/>

<sup>3055</sup> 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](https://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00513.html)

<sup>3056</sup> 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/>

<sup>3057</sup> 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>

<sup>3058</sup> 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](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250117_31.html)

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.<sup>3059</sup> 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.<sup>3060</sup> 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.<sup>3061</sup> 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.<sup>3062</sup> 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.<sup>3063</sup> This project 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.<sup>3064</sup> 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.<sup>3065</sup> Japan provided USD1.1 million in funding to enhance healthcare resilience and sustainability amidst climate change disaster by

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<sup>3059</sup> 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/>

<sup>3060</sup> 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](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250212_41.html)

<sup>3061</sup> 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>

<sup>3062</sup> 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](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20250312_12.html)

<sup>3063</sup> 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](https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite_000001_01141.html)

<sup>3064</sup> 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/>

<sup>3065</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3066</sup> 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.<sup>3067</sup> 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.<sup>3068</sup> 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.<sup>3069</sup> 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.<sup>3070</sup> 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 and the Ministry of Health in Sierra Leone to provide nutrition, health and water, sanitation, and hygiene services in Sierra Leone.<sup>3071</sup> 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.<sup>3072</sup> This project aims to strengthen Nepal’s healthcare system and increase access to quality care.

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<sup>3066</sup> 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>

<sup>3067</sup> 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/>

<sup>3068</sup> 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/>

<sup>3069</sup> 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/>

<sup>3070</sup> 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/>

<sup>3071</sup> 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>

<sup>3072</sup> 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\\_011111.html](https://www.np.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_011111.html)

On 17 May 2025, Japan announced USD17.4 million in funding to construct a specialized hospital to treat infectious diseases in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.<sup>3073</sup> This action will support healthcare needs for 30,000 individuals in the region.

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.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

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### **Korea: +1**

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.

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.<sup>3074</sup> 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.<sup>3075</sup> This initiative supports integrated people-centered health services by making information more easily accessible to the public.

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.<sup>3076</sup> The system aims to increase patient access to medical records, support efficiency and reduce the burden on public health institutions.

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<sup>3073</sup> 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>

<sup>3074</sup> 정신질환 편견과 낙인 해소 위한 정신건강보도 권고기준 제정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3075</sup> 공공 보건분야 첫 초거대 AI '금연길라잡이 시검색요약 서비스' 선보여, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 24 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3076</sup> 휴폐업 의료기관 진료기록보관시스템 시범운영, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 1 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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On 2 December 2024, Minister Cho announced that Korea and the United Kingdom held its first Health Policy Dialogue to discuss healthcare cooperation.<sup>3077</sup> 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.<sup>3078</sup> 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.<sup>3079</sup> 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.<sup>3080</sup> 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.<sup>3081</sup> 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.”<sup>3082</sup> This project will focus on enabling older aged individuals to receive support and remain in their homes.

On 10 December 2024, Minister Cho revealed that the MOHW will have a KRW125.4909 trillion budget for the 2025 fiscal year.<sup>3083</sup> 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.<sup>3084</sup> The

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<sup>3077</sup> 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.

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<sup>3078</sup> 보건복지부 소관 13개 개정법률안 국회 본회의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3079</sup> 내년부터 제왕절개 분만 시 진료비 본인부담 무료(5%→0%), 보건복지부 (Seoul) 3 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3080</sup> 보건복지부와 세계은행세계 각국의 정신건강 증진 노력 공유, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 4 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3081</sup> 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](https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1483846&tag=&nPage=33)

<sup>3082</sup> 의료-돌봄 통합지원 기술지원형 시범사업 35개 시군구 선정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 5 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 June 2025.

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<sup>3083</sup> 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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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.<sup>3085</sup> 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.<sup>3086</sup> 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.<sup>3087</sup> 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.<sup>3088</sup> 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 Medical Center and constructing the Central Infectious Disease Hospital as a joint facility.<sup>3089</sup> 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.<sup>3090</sup> 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.

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<sup>3084</sup> 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.

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<sup>3085</sup> 정보통신기술(CT) 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.

<sup>3086</sup> 비정형데이터 가명처리, 결합 데이터 제공 등 보건 의료 데이터 활용 지원 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3087</sup> 장기요양 재택의료센터 2025년 1월부터 전국 135개소에서 서비스 제공, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3088</sup> 거점지역응급의료센터 9개소 추가 지정, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3089</sup> 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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<sup>3090</sup> 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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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.<sup>3091</sup> 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.<sup>3092</sup> 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.<sup>3093</sup> 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.<sup>3094</sup> 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.<sup>3095</sup> This action will support increased healthcare resilience, sustainability and inclusivity in healthcare.

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.<sup>3096</sup> 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.<sup>3097</sup> This action supports equitable healthcare by ensuring compensation for an additional 319 pediatric surgeries,

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<sup>3091</sup> 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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<sup>3092</sup> 지역심뇌혈관질환센터 신규 10개소 선정. 보건복지부 (Seoul) 16 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3093</sup> 국립정신건강센터, ‘학생 마음건강 증진 협력체계 구축’ 위한 업무협약 체결. 보건복지부 (Seoul) 7 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

<sup>3094</sup> 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.

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<sup>3095</sup> 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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<sup>3096</sup> 첨단재생의료 치료제도 시행으로 희귀, 난치 질환자에게 새로운 치료기회 제공. 보건복지부 (Seoul) 19 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3097</sup> 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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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.<sup>3098</sup> 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.<sup>3099</sup> 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."<sup>3100</sup> 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."<sup>3101</sup> The ministers also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to increase healthcare cooperation.

On 26 March 2025, Minister Cho inaugurated the Ansan Mental Health Center which will support individuals and families impacted by the Sewol Ferry Disaster.<sup>3102</sup> 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.<sup>3103</sup> 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

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<sup>3098</sup> 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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<sup>3099</sup> 보건복지부 소관 17개 법률안 3월 13일 국회 본회의 통과, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 13 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3100</sup> 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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<sup>3101</sup> 대한민국, 루마니아와 보건산업 협력 강화, 보건복지부 (Seoul) 21 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=1485050&tag=&nPage=14](https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1485050&tag=&nPage=14)

<sup>3102</sup> 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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<sup>3103</sup> 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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Support Project.<sup>3104</sup> 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.<sup>3105</sup> 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.<sup>3106</sup> 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.”<sup>3107</sup> 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.<sup>3108</sup> The project will include a total of 100 local governments to improve integrated people-centered health services around the country.

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.<sup>3109</sup> 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.<sup>3110</sup> 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.

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 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

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<sup>3104</sup> 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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<sup>3105</sup> 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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<sup>3106</sup> 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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<sup>3107</sup> 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.

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<sup>3108</sup> 100개 시군구가 함께, 의료양돌봄 통합지원 기반을 구축한다. 보건복지부 (Seoul) 2 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 June 2025.

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<sup>3109</sup> 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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<sup>3110</sup> 울산-경북-경남 산불 이재민 심리지원 강화. 보건복지부 (Seoul) 20 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=1486023&tag=&nPage=3](https://www.mohw.go.kr/board.es?mid=a10503010100&bid=0027&act=view&list_no=1486023&tag=&nPage=3)

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: +1**

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.<sup>3111</sup> 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.<sup>3112</sup> 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.<sup>3113</sup> 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.<sup>3114</sup> He also encouraged sexually active individuals to get tested for HIV and 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.

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<sup>3111</sup> 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>

<sup>3112</sup> 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>

<sup>3113</sup> 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>

<sup>3114</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3115</sup>

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.<sup>3116</sup> 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.<sup>3117</sup> 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.<sup>3118</sup> 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.<sup>3119</sup> 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.<sup>3120</sup> 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 University of Mexico to support the mental health of Mexican nationals in the US.<sup>3121</sup> 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.

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<sup>3115</sup> 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>

<sup>3116</sup> 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>

<sup>3117</sup> 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>

<sup>3118</sup> 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>

<sup>3119</sup> 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>

<sup>3120</sup> 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>

<sup>3121</sup> 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>

On 19 February 2025, COFEPRIS and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property signed a cooperation agreement for the sanitary registration process.<sup>3122</sup> 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.<sup>3123</sup> 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.<sup>3124</sup> 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.<sup>3125</sup> 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.<sup>3126</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3127</sup> 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.

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<sup>3122</sup> 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>

<sup>3123</sup> 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-2025>

<sup>3124</sup> 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>

<sup>3125</sup> 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-alanzas-internacionales-para-fortalecer-el-sistema-de-salud-en-mexico?idiom=es>

<sup>3126</sup> 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>

<sup>3127</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3128</sup> 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.<sup>3129</sup>

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.<sup>3130</sup> 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.<sup>3131</sup> The Secretary also held several bilateral meetings to discuss healthcare cooperation.

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.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

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### **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.

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<sup>3128</sup> 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>

<sup>3129</sup> 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>

<sup>3130</sup> 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>

<sup>3131</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3132</sup>

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.<sup>3133</sup> 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 Szijjarto had a working meeting.<sup>3134</sup> 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.<sup>3135</sup> 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.<sup>3136</sup> 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.<sup>3137</sup> The decision will make 13 Russian regions capable of attracting hundreds of medical workers and specialists, ensuring the demand for healthcare services is met.

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.<sup>3138</sup> The countries reviewed the performance of their bilateral cooperation in various aspects, including healthcare.

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<sup>3132</sup> 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>

<sup>3133</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53408/>

<sup>3134</sup> Denis Manturov meets with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto, The Russian Government (Moscow) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53594/>

<sup>3135</sup> 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>

<sup>3136</sup> 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/>

<sup>3137</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53768/>

<sup>3138</sup> rd 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/>

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.<sup>3139</sup> 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.<sup>3140</sup> 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.<sup>3141</sup> 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.<sup>3142</sup> 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.<sup>3143</sup> 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.<sup>3144</sup>

On 17 April 2025, Minister Murashko and Qatar's Minister of General Health Mansour bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud signed an agreement for healthcare cooperation.<sup>3145</sup> 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.

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<sup>3139</sup> Government meeting, The Russian Government (Moscow) 27 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/53868/>

<sup>3140</sup> 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>

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<sup>3142</sup> 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/>

<sup>3143</sup> 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>

<sup>3144</sup> 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>

<sup>3145</sup> 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-soglashenie-o-sotrudnichestve-v-oblasti-zdravoohraneniya>

On 23 April 2025, Russia and Ethiopia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in the health sector.<sup>3146</sup> 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.<sup>3147</sup> 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.<sup>3148</sup> 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.<sup>3149</sup> Russia aims to expand global access to affordable vaccines for the prevention of infectious disease.

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. 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.

*Analyst: Dzhafar Kabidenov*

### **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.<sup>3150</sup> 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

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<sup>3146</sup> 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/>

<sup>3147</sup> 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>

<sup>3148</sup> 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>

<sup>3149</sup> 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/>

<sup>3150</sup> 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>

National Unified Procurement Company and Huawei.<sup>3151</sup> 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.<sup>3152</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3153</sup> 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.<sup>3154</sup> 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.<sup>3155</sup> 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.<sup>3156</sup> 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.<sup>3157</sup> 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.

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<sup>3151</sup> 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>

<sup>3152</sup> 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>

<sup>3153</sup> 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>

<sup>3154</sup> 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>

<sup>3155</sup> 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>

<sup>3156</sup> 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>

<sup>3157</sup> 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>

On 2 March 2025, Saudi Arabia's healthcare system launched the "Fast Healthily" campaign to promote healthy habits during Ramadan.<sup>3158</sup> 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.<sup>3159</sup> 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 Responsibilities."<sup>3160</sup> 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.<sup>3161</sup> 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.<sup>3162</sup> 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.<sup>3163</sup> 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.<sup>3164</sup> 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

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<sup>3158</sup> "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>

<sup>3159</sup> 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>

<sup>3160</sup> 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>

<sup>3161</sup> 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>

<sup>3162</sup> 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>

<sup>3163</sup> 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>

<sup>3164</sup> 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>

biotechnology.<sup>3165</sup> 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.<sup>3166</sup> 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.

On 29 April 2025, the Ministry of Health launched field operations for the 2025 World Health Survey using the World Health Survey Plus methodology.<sup>3167</sup> 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.<sup>3168</sup> 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.<sup>3169</sup> 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.

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 and agreements with the WHO for malaria, cholera and dialysis treatment. 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.

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<sup>3165</sup> 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>

<sup>3166</sup> 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>

<sup>3167</sup> 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>

<sup>3168</sup> 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>

<sup>3169</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3170</sup> 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.<sup>3171</sup> Once complete, this program will enable all South African citizens to gain equal access to immediate health care, regardless of their ability to pay.

On 1 December 2024, Deputy President Paul Mashatile and the South African National AIDS Council launched the country's commemoration of World AIDS Day.<sup>3172</sup> 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.<sup>3173</sup> 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.<sup>3174</sup> 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.<sup>3175</sup> 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.<sup>3176</sup> This helped advance South Africa's leadership role in developing Africa's own vaccine

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<sup>3170</sup> 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>

<sup>3171</sup> 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>

<sup>3172</sup> 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>

<sup>3173</sup> 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/>

<sup>3174</sup> 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>

<sup>3175</sup> 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>

<sup>3176</sup> 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](https://africacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Communique_Final-EN.pdf)

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.<sup>3177</sup> 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.<sup>3178</sup> The Department recognized that suicide remains a 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.<sup>3179</sup> 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.<sup>3180</sup> 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.<sup>3181</sup> 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.<sup>3182</sup> This campaign supports the government's commitment to addressing the gender-health intersection, which is essential to building an equitable and inclusive health system.

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<sup>3177</sup> 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/>

<sup>3178</sup> 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>

<sup>3179</sup> 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](https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/pressreleaseandstatementarchive/2025/february/20250225_1-1-million-people-treatment-south-africa)

<sup>3180</sup> 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://unitaids.org/news-blog/south-africa-and-unitaids-partner-to-accelerate-access-to-health-innovations-for-hiv-tuberculosis-and-cervical-cancer>

<sup>3181</sup> 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>

<sup>3182</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3183</sup> 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.<sup>3184</sup> This funding will be used to equipment and machinery needs in hospitals within the province.

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. 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.

*Analyst: Suneet Bains*

### **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.<sup>3185</sup> 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.<sup>3186</sup> 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.

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<sup>3184</sup> 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>

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<sup>3186</sup> 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>

On 25 December 2024, Minister Memişoğlu announced the government's plans to provide comprehensive healthcare support to Syria.<sup>3187</sup> 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.<sup>3188</sup> 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.<sup>3189</sup>

On 28 January 2025, the Ministry of Health launched a comprehensive inspection process in public hospitals across seven provinces.<sup>3190</sup> 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.<sup>3191</sup> 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 Güral Faculty of Dentistry and Hospital.<sup>3192</sup> 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.<sup>3193</sup> 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.

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<sup>3189</sup> 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.

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<sup>3191</sup> 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>

<sup>3192</sup> 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>

<sup>3193</sup> 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>

On 12 February 2025, Minister Memişoğlu attended the opening of Kahramanmaraş State Hospital which will have a 2,630-bed capacity.<sup>3194</sup> 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.<sup>3195</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3196</sup> 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.<sup>3197</sup> 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.<sup>3198</sup> 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.<sup>3199</sup> 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.<sup>3200</sup> This agreement will focus on improving the province’s medical, health sciences, pharmacy and dentistry services.

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<sup>3194</sup> 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/kahramanmaras-devlet-hastanesi-acildi.html>

<sup>3195</sup> 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-memisoglunun-katilimiyla-alti-bilesenli-karma-asinin-ilk-uygulamasi-yapildi.html>

<sup>3196</sup> 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>

<sup>3197</sup> 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>

<sup>3198</sup> 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>

<sup>3199</sup> 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>

<sup>3200</sup> 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-memisoglunun-yalova-ziyareti.html>

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.<sup>3201</sup> 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.<sup>3202</sup> 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.

On 30 May 2025, Minister Memişoğlu announced that the City Hospital in Mardin will open within the first three months of 2026.<sup>3203</sup> The hospital will have a 750-bed capacity to support healthcare resilience for the region.

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: +1**

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.<sup>3204</sup> 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

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<sup>3201</sup> 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>

<sup>3202</sup> 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>

<sup>3203</sup> 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-memisogulunun-mardin-ziyareti.html>

<sup>3204</sup> 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>

Dialogue.<sup>3205</sup> 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.<sup>3206</sup> 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.<sup>3207</sup> The governments allocated GBP16 million in joint funding towards 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.<sup>3208</sup> 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.<sup>3209</sup> 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.<sup>3210</sup> 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.<sup>3211</sup> 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.

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<sup>3205</sup> 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.

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<sup>3206</sup> 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>

<sup>3207</sup> 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>

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<sup>3210</sup> 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>

<sup>3211</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3212</sup> 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.<sup>3213</sup> 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.<sup>3214</sup> This initiative aims to benefit patients with hearing loss by providing them access to new and convenient technologies and devices.

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.<sup>3215</sup> 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.<sup>3216</sup> 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.<sup>3217</sup> 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.<sup>3218</sup> This ensures such technologies are reliable and safe and supports public access to information regarding digital mental health tools.

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<sup>3212</sup> 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>

<sup>3213</sup> Winter 2025: Health 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>

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<sup>3215</sup> 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>

<sup>3216</sup> 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>

<sup>3217</sup> 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>

<sup>3218</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3219</sup> 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.<sup>3220</sup> 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.<sup>3221</sup>

On 26 February 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that it is allocating GBP100 million to hospices across England.<sup>3222</sup> This aims to modernize facilities, improve operational systems and upgrade patient rooms.

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.<sup>3223</sup> 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.<sup>3224</sup>

On 13 March 2025, Prime Minister Starmer announced major reforms to reduce bureaucracy and increase efficiency within the NHS.<sup>3225</sup> 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.<sup>3226</sup>

On 31 March 2025, the Department of Health and Social Care announced a GBP617 million funding package for community pharmacies.<sup>3227</sup> 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.

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<sup>3219</sup> World-leading AI trial to tackle breast cancer launched, Department of Health and Social Care (London) 4 February 2025.

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<sup>3220</sup> 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>

<sup>3221</sup> 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>

<sup>3222</sup> 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>

<sup>3223</sup> 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>

<sup>3224</sup> 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>

<sup>3225</sup> 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>

<sup>3226</sup> 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>

<sup>3227</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3228</sup> 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.<sup>3229</sup> 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.<sup>3230</sup> 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 1 December 2024, Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced GBP27 million to support the government's commitment to ending HIV transmission in England by 2030.<sup>3231</sup> 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.<sup>3232</sup> 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.<sup>3233</sup> 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.<sup>3234</sup> This action will receive GBP1.5 million in funding and aims to advance the government's objective to end HIV transmission by 2030.

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<sup>3230</sup> 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.

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<sup>3232</sup> 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>

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data.<sup>3235</sup> 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.<sup>3236</sup> 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.<sup>3237</sup> 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.<sup>3238</sup> The 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.<sup>3239</sup>

On 20 May 2025, the United Kingdom adopted the World Health Organization's Pandemic Agreement at the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.<sup>3240</sup> 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.<sup>3241</sup> This action will support improved cancer treatment by providing modern medical technologies to reduce wait times for over 4,500 patients.

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, 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. It has also supported the provision of integrated people-centered health services through support for community-oriented care through community pharmacies, launching guidance

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<sup>3238</sup> 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>

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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.<sup>3242</sup> 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.<sup>3243</sup> 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.<sup>3244</sup> 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.<sup>3245</sup> This cap is meant to increase the number of people that can access and afford quality healthcare.

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.<sup>3246</sup> This initiative aims to ensure that effective disease responses are structured and so the nation is prepared to address potential threats in the future.

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On 17 January 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services funded Moderna with USD590 million to advance a bird influenza vaccine.<sup>3247</sup> 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.<sup>3248</sup> 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.<sup>3249</sup> 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.<sup>3250</sup> 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.<sup>3251</sup> 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.<sup>3252</sup>

On 30 January 2025, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved an oral non-opioid pain medication from Vertex Pharmaceuticals.<sup>3253</sup> This medication is meant to treat adults experiencing pain and is associated 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.<sup>3254</sup> It will also limit funding for anti-malaria efforts and stop grants for 5,341 international development projects which were set to receive USD76

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<sup>3254</sup> 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/>

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.<sup>3255</sup> 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.<sup>3256</sup> 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.<sup>3257</sup> 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.<sup>3258</sup> 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).<sup>3259</sup> 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.<sup>3260</sup> 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 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."<sup>3261</sup> This action aims to support the NIH's objective of ensuring comprehensive, transparent and effective pandemic preparedness.

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<sup>3257</sup> 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/>

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<sup>3260</sup> 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>

<sup>3261</sup> 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>

On 2 May 2025, the United States released its proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year.<sup>3262</sup> 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.<sup>3263</sup> 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.<sup>3264</sup> The partnership aims to support research about the fundamental causes of autism spectrum disorder.

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.<sup>3265</sup> 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.<sup>3266</sup>

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 and ending funding for Gavi. These 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  $-1$ .<sup>3267</sup>

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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.

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.<sup>3268</sup> 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.<sup>3269</sup> 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.<sup>3270</sup> 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.<sup>3271</sup> 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.<sup>3272</sup>

On 13 December 2024, Africa CDC announced a plan to build smarter health supply chains to respond to the ongoing mpox outbreak.<sup>3273</sup> 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.

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On 17 December 2024, the African Union Development Agency and Senegal announced a formalized partnership to strengthen Senegal's healthcare system.<sup>3274</sup> 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.

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.<sup>3275</sup> 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.<sup>3276</sup> 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.<sup>3277</sup> 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.<sup>3278</sup> 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.<sup>3279</sup> 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.<sup>3280</sup> 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.

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<sup>3280</sup> 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/>

On 11 February 2025, Africa CDC announced a plan to end cervical cancer in Africa by 2030.<sup>3281</sup> 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.

On 13 February 2025, Africa CDC allocated USD1.6 million to nine National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) Centers of Excellence.<sup>3282</sup> 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.<sup>3283</sup> 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.<sup>3284</sup> 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.<sup>3285</sup> 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.<sup>3286</sup> 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.<sup>3287</sup> The directors discussed their shared commitment to global health security and plans to expand public health cooperation between the European Union and African Union.

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<sup>3285</sup> 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/>

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<sup>3287</sup> 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/>

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.<sup>3288</sup> These 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.<sup>3289</sup> 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.<sup>3290</sup> 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.<sup>3291</sup> 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.<sup>3292</sup> 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.<sup>3293</sup> 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 Unitaid announced a new partnership to improve healthcare resilience and sustainability through increased regional production and supply of medicines, diagnostics, medical oxygen

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<sup>3291</sup> 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/>

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<sup>3293</sup> 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](https://au.int/sites/default/files/pressreleases/44592-pr-Communique_-_High-Level_Side_Event_on_Malnutrition_and_Nutrition_Commitments_in_Africa-1.pdf)

and other medical countermeasures in Africa.<sup>3294</sup> 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 signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding during the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva.<sup>3295</sup> 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.<sup>3296</sup> 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.<sup>3297</sup> 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.<sup>3298</sup> 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.

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, communicate to address malnutrition, partnership with the Red Cross and Red Crescent and mental health and advocacy courses.

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<sup>3296</sup> 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/>

<sup>3297</sup> 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/>

<sup>3298</sup> 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/>

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.<sup>3299</sup> 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.<sup>3300</sup> 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.<sup>3301</sup> 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.<sup>3302</sup> 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.<sup>3303</sup> 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.<sup>3304</sup> Over three years, this partnership will focus on vulnerable groups and address low vaccination rates, mental health issues, obesity, vaping and alcohol consumption affecting children.

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<sup>3301</sup> 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>

<sup>3302</sup> Commission approves €52 million Slovenian State aid measure to 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_6265)

<sup>3303</sup> 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>

<sup>3304</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3305</sup> 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.<sup>3306</sup> 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.<sup>3307</sup> 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.<sup>3308</sup> 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.<sup>3309</sup> 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.<sup>3310</sup> 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.<sup>3311</sup> 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.<sup>3312</sup> The facilities will be used to manufacture up to 300 million vaccine doses per year, contributing to strengthened resilience and sustainability in health systems within the EU.

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<sup>3305</sup> 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>

<sup>3306</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_262)

<sup>3307</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_271)

<sup>3308</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_282)

<sup>3309</sup> 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](https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/hera-delivers-mpox-vaccines-support-ugandas-outbreak-response-2025-01-21_en)

<sup>3310</sup> 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](https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/commission-signs-joint-procurement-contract-covid-19-vaccines-ensure-preparedness-and-continued-2025-01-24_en)

<sup>3311</sup> 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>

<sup>3312</sup> 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](https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/new-pandemic-preparedness-facilities-inaugurated-under-heras-eufab-network-2025-02-03_en)

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.<sup>3313</sup> 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.<sup>3314</sup> 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.<sup>3315</sup> 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.<sup>3316</sup> 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.<sup>3317</sup> 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.<sup>3318</sup> 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.<sup>3319</sup> This funding will support healthcare resilience by increasing primary health care facilities, ensuring essential medications, improving emergency preparedness and response capabilities and enhancing reproductive and women’s health.

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<sup>3314</sup> 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>

<sup>3315</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_627)

<sup>3316</sup> 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>

<sup>3317</sup> 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>

<sup>3318</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_639)

<sup>3319</sup> €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>

On 10 March 2025, the European Commission proposed a regulation to diversify supply chains and increase pharmaceutical manufacturing in the European Union.<sup>3320</sup> 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.<sup>3321</sup> 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.<sup>3322</sup> 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.<sup>3323</sup> 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."<sup>3324</sup> 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.<sup>3325</sup> 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.<sup>3326</sup> Through the InvestEU programme, this funding will enable research and development, digitalization in healthcare and artificial intelligence advancements for health.

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."<sup>3327</sup> The roadmap outlines how regulatory and

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<sup>3320</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_733)

<sup>3321</sup> 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>

<sup>3322</sup> 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>

<sup>3323</sup> 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>

<sup>3324</sup> 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>

<sup>3325</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1096)

<sup>3326</sup> 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>

<sup>3327</sup> 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>

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.<sup>3328</sup> The agreement focuses on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, aligned with the One Health approach.

On 27 May 2025, the EIB announced EUR30 million in funding for TreeFrog Therapeutics, a French biotechnology company.<sup>3329</sup> 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.<sup>3330</sup> Funds will be used for healthcare, food, sanitation and other needs, with a goal of addressing malnutrition and epidemics.

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 and acquiring medications for Covid-19, distributing mpox vaccines. 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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<sup>3329</sup> 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>

<sup>3330</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1254)