

TELL YOUR MP ABOUT THE 100 DAYS MISSION

THE UK MUST INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE 100 DAYS MISSION!

This year is an important one for global health. In September, the United Nations is hosting three 'High-Level Meetings' (HLMs) - on Tuberculosis (TB), on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and on Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response (PPPR). Collectively, these provide a unique chance for governments around the world to agree to concerted efforts to strengthen health systems and tackle the most serious health risks we face. In April, many of you campaigned for G7 leaders to support CEPI, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, when they met in May. While they restated their support for CEPI and the '100 Days Mission' for developing new vaccines for diseases with pandemic potential, no new resources were pledged. Without more funding for research and development (R&D) into epidemic diseases, their aspirations for strong 'global health architecture' cannot be met and the promise of the HLMs will not materialise. This month, please follow up with your MP, asking them to urge the UK Government to put its money where its mouth is!

- 2023 is a vital year for strengthening global health systems, with three High-Level Meetings at the United Nations in September, where governments must step up to the challenges we face, including diseases such as TB and new pandemic threats.
- There's a plan to develop new vaccines within 100 days of a pandemic threat being identified. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) is working on this '100 Days Mission' to ensure that everyone around the world has access to the vaccines that are developed.
- Additional financial resources are needed to make the 100 Days Mission a reality, as part of Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response (PPPR).
- The Government has made research and development a priority, and should ensure that the UK commits its share of the funding that CEPI needs. This additional investment should not come from the UK's already overstretched Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget.



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It took just 79 days for the first doses of a vaccine candidate to arrive in Uganda after the outbreak of the Sudan Ebolavirus. CEPI played a central role in the response, working with vaccine developers and supporting the Ugandan Ministry of Health and WHO to establish clinical trials. [Read more in our new report.](#)

Image: Colourised scanning electron micrograph of a single filamentous Ebola virus particle. Credit: [NIAID](#).



What are the UN High-Level Meetings and why do they matter?

The United Nations General Assembly, held in New York every September, regularly hosts 'High-Level Meetings' (HLMs) of world leaders to address issues of global public concern, including health threats such as epidemic diseases. This year, the UN is hosting three HLMs: on TB, on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and on Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response (PPPR). Together, these provide a unique opportunity for governments to commit to taking collective action on global health.

How can Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response be achieved?

The chance of another pandemic happening in the next 25 years is between 47% and 57%, so all countries need to have strong health systems that are accessible to everyone - so-called 'Universal Health Coverage' (UHC) - so that everyone can benefit from research and development into infectious diseases. In 2021, G7 and G20 governments committed to the '100 Days Mission', to enable diagnostics, treatments and vaccines to be deployed around the world within 100 days of a pandemic threat being identified - a vital part of PPPR.

What should the UK Government do?

In April, we asked you to write directly to the Prime Minister to support the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), which is firmly focused on the 100 Days Mission. But no additional financial commitment to CEPI has since been made, yet this is a vital part of the UK's role in helping to strengthen the resilience of health systems - a key ambition of the HLMs in September. **So this month, we'd like you to share this briefing with your MP about this important opportunity, and ask them to write to the Government in support of CEPI. You can also invite them to this event in Parliament to learn more.**

TAKE ACTION! This month:



Please write to or visit your MP, sharing this briefing about the importance of funding CEPI and the 100 Days Mission. Please ask them to write to Rt. Hon. Chloe Smith MP, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, asking the Government to increase its investment in CEPI to £300 million for the period 2022-26.

If you can, please point out that supporting future vaccine development is a flagship policy for the Government, and that the new Department for Science, Innovation and Technology aims to ensure the UK is a hub for research and development, including into disease threats. The UK also officially endorsed the 100 Days Mission during its G7 presidency in 2021. Please also mention that this additional investment should not come from the UK's already overstretched Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget.

Find your MP's contact details here.

Thank you if you can take action! We'd love to see any responses you get from your MP.

Let us know that you've taken this month's action by emailing:

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