

Review: The activities of the Global Health Hub Germany in 2022

Dear Members and friends of the Hub,

Looking back at the past twelve months, one can say it has been a dynamic and successful year for the Global Health Hub Germany. Thanks to the commitment of our more than 1,500 members and supporters, we are constantly evolving and growing as a network. We bring the diverse global health community across Germany more closely together to strengthen exchange and cooperation across stakeholder groups and sectors. We accompany current global health debates and developments in our various events in order to allow for public engagement. And we give room to share expertise and perspectives of non-state actors with the policy level. We do this with the ultimate objective to strengthen Germany's engagement for better health worldwide and to advance global health as a political priority.

Based on [our strategy for 2022-2024](#) that has been launched a year ago, the Hub organized its activities along three pillars. The first pillar is the **Community Organizer**. It opens spaces for exchanging perspectives, best practices, and working on joint outputs in one of our [12 Communities of Practice](#). The second pillar, **Impact Catalyst**, convenes expertise from various stakeholder groups to share their perspectives on complex political relevant issues such as [global health architecture](#) and [climate change and health](#) in 2022. The last pillar, **Policy Contributor**, builds relationships with political representatives to facilitate exchange among our members and political decision-makers. Likewise, the Hub has an open ear for questions and requests from the policy side, ensuring our work and expertise are of value.

We have **relaunched our website** and launched two newsletters: the bi-weekly **Global Health Hub UPDATE** and the quarterly **Global Health Hub INSIDE**, ensuring you remain up to date on what is happening across the global health landscape and within the Hub. The **re-election of our Steering Committee** was another important step this year. The [Steering Committee](#) is supporting the Hub in its strategic and long-term decisions in the next two years. Their first meeting took place on the margins of our annual conference: the **Global Health Talk (GHT)**. After two years of virtual gathering due to the pandemic, this hybrid event allowed for over 160 members and friends of the Hub to meet in person.

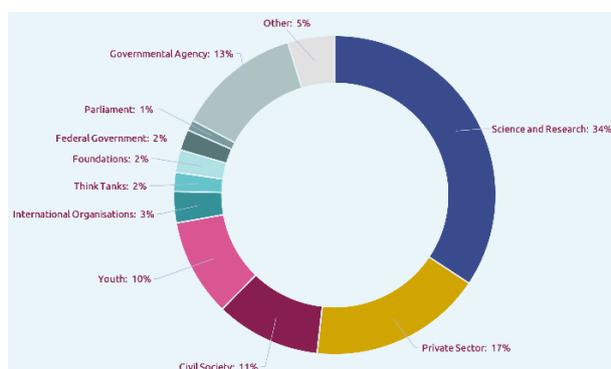
We thank you for joining us during the Global Health Talk, our online events, round tables at the World Health Summit, and informal exchanges throughout the year. We want to share an update on where we stand to allow for transparency. If you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns, you are welcome to reach out to the [Hub Management Team](#).

Best regards,

Kristina Knispel, Managing Director, Global Health Hub Germany

Community Organizer:

We are a vibrant network of different actors



Our network consists of around 1,500 global health actors from civil society, youth, academia, think tanks, private sector, foundations, international organisations and parliament. Supporting and engaging our members is therefore the priority of our work and diversity is our core value. We want to ensure that a range of perspectives is heard so that we can learn from each other and reveal different positions and expertise to be considered in policy decisions.

12 Hub Communities of Practice, 33 Hub Community Manager, 300 Hub Community Members

Our community is continuously evolving and learning. We foster this development by encouraging members to collaborate within our 12 Communities of Practice. So far, around 300 members are active within these Hub Communities. 33 voluntary managers are leading the Hub Communities and organize the meetings and activities of these groups. This year, we have (re)launched four Hub Communities: on non-communicable diseases, on migration and global health, on digital health and on climate change and health. We introduced new standards for the Hub Communities to define the purpose, goal and work plan of each Community. In quarterly meetings the Hub Community Managers have exchanged their experience and best practice.

Overview of Hub Communities



Partnerships and outputs of Hub Communities

Our communities are initiated and organized by members themselves based on their priority topics. They work in a collaborative spirit, providing space to explore connections, learn from each other and generate outputs if desired. We encourage partnerships with other institutions to support the Hub Community Management. Good practice examples are our community on non-communicable diseases which collaborates with the Center for Global Health at the Technical University Munich, and our community on Woman's health, which collaborates with Women in Global Health Germany. As a result of their collaboration, two of our communities have published policy briefs this year addressing the topic of mental health in times of Covid-19 and the Early Warning and Response System (EWARS) for infectious diseases. In addition to these, three further Communities have conducted Hub Community events, exceptionally open to public, with policy makers on climate change and health, non-communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistances.

In person meetings during Hub Community Day

After two years of mainly virtual collaboration the Hub members had the chance to meet in person during the Community Day of the Global Health Talk in June 2022. In ten Community workshops they advanced their respective agendas and developed plans for further action.

More than 80% of the participants indicated they were able to broaden their perspective on the specific topic they addressed in the sessions and 66% will apply learnings in their daily work.

Annual Community topic: Global Mental Health and Well-being

For the first time, the Hub Communities selected a joint annual theme: “Global Mental Health and Wellbeing” to encourage collaboration across Communities and explore the topic from the different angles that the Hub Communities embody. Each Community shared the relevance of global mental health for its respective field and in an online workshop with United for Global Mental Health they developed recommendations for the role of Germany. The results will be published in a policy paper early next year.

Impact Catalyst:

Based on the idea to share the diverse expertise and perspectives of non-state actors on current global health questions of political relevance, the Hub has set up Catalyst Dialogues as part of its second pillar, the Impact Catalyst. This year for the first time, the Hub convened two groups of renowned experts from different stakeholder groups to share their knowledge and ideas regarding two key topic which were chosen by the Steering Committee: global health architecture and climate and health. In cooperation with the knowledge platform [Healthy DEvelopments](#), interviews and group discussions were conducted with the experts providing the foundation for two policy briefs. These are not only an interesting read but give a well-balanced overview on two complex topics, presenting insights, challenges and opportunities, and identifying where action is needed. The Hub has shared these papers and recommendations widely and offers opportunities to discuss the outcomes with policy makers. With this we want to foster considerations of non-state actor perspectives and contribute to informed decision making and good global health policies.

The first Catalyst Dialogue: Global Health Architecture

In the context of the COVID pandemic and the challenges that it revealed for an efficient and effective global health response, the Hub’s Steering Committee decided to address the global health architecture, discussing the fragmentation and roles and power dynamics in the first Catalyst Dialogue. Guided by the overarching question ‘Which global health architecture do we need?’, seven distinguished representatives of academia, development cooperation, foundations, the Global South and the private sector participated in the dialogue. In the paper [Towards a global health architecture that works for all](#) the insights from a debate on where we stand, what must change and how Germany can contribute were shared. The Hub offered a preview of the results during a [panel discussion](#) at the Global Health Talk 2022 and shared the recommendations with political decision-making like the parliamentary subcommittee on Global Health.



The second Catalyst Dialogue: Climate and Health

Being a topic that spans across disciplines, sectors, and stakeholder groups, the Hub has addressed the nexus between climate and health since a while in various discussions. In 2022, the Steering Committee made it the priority topic for the second Catalyst Dialogue. Led by the question ‘How can a holistic understanding of health guide a holistic response to the climate crisis?’, the seven experts explored the interrelation of these two sectors to spark a shift in thought by encouraging to consider both aspects in all policies. In the resulting paper



A holistic understanding of health strengthens climate action it becomes clear why the human-induced climate change is a health emergency and what needs to be done. The findings were presented and discussed with parliamentarians and representatives of five different ministries in round table events conducted in partnership with the Centre for Planetary Health Policy on occasion of the World Health Summit.

Policy Contributor:

This year, the Hub expanded its relationship to political decision-makers with the objective to learn about political priorities in order to take these up in the work of the Hub and to promote dialogue of non-state actors and politicians. This way Hub members – including those who might otherwise not be heard – can contribute their experience and expertise. At the same time politicians have the possibility to raise their questions and use diverse perspectives in their decision-making processes.

Relation with the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Global Health

The German parliamentary sub-committee on Global Health was initiated early this year and forms part of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development of the German parliament.

Within the current legislative period, the Sub-Committee has almost doubled in size, making it a relevant policy instrument for Global Health in Germany. To foster a working

relationship, the Hub had the opportunity to present itself and the priorities of its stakeholder groups during one of the first Sub-Committee meetings. Moreover, two representatives of the Sub-Committee were elected as part of the Hub’s Steering Committee, thereby strengthening the dialogue and relationship between the two bodies. The Hub provides the Sub-Committee with expertise from its discussions and publications and suggests experts upon request.



In a parliamentary evening under the patronage of MP Prof. Dr. Andrew Ullmann the Hub shared a preview of the results of the Catalyst Dialogue on climate and health with seven members of parliament and provided room for networking with key non-state actors.

Addressing priority topics of the ministries

Having six ministries participate in the Steering Committee meetings as observers, the Hub makes an effort to learn about the key global health topics of interest to the Federal Government. As one of these issues the Hub identified the international Pandemic Treaty that is being developed by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Body at WHO until 2024. The Hub informed the public in an [online event with the Federal Ministry of Health and WHO](#) in March 2022 about the negotiation process and objective of the treaty. Additionally, the Hub conducted a survey among German non-state actors on their priorities for the Pandemic Treaty to enhance participation of non-state actors in this process. Single persons as well as groups from six different stakeholder groups took part in the [survey](#), offering ministries insights into concerns and priorities related to the treaty.

Similarly, the Hub took up the interest of the German Federal Ministry on Economic Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry on Foreign Affairs (AA) to learn about the challenges and success factors in implementing the German Last-Mile Initiative on the ground. The initiative was launched by the

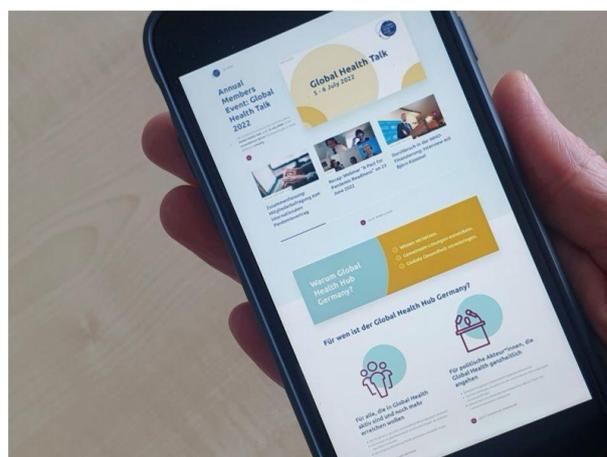


two ministries to enhance vaccination coverage worldwide. In an [online discussion with experts from Somalia, South Africa, and Bangladesh](#) lessons learned and pathways for delivering vaccines to those most needed were shared with Director General Günter Sautter (AA) and Director General Dirk Meyer (BMZ).

Public Relations – the Hub on the Outside

2022 was an eventful year within the Hub! We have relaunched [our website](#), progressed in our social media presence, and reached more than 1000 people during our more than 20 events. Most of our events have been recorded and can be viewed online on [our YouTube channel](#).

On [LinkedIn](#) we share updates on current developments within the Hub and the global health community. We have grown by 2000 followers this year reaching now 2800 persons on LinkedIn while doubling our followers on [Twitter](#) where we now reach over 2100 followers and up to 15000 impressions.



Keeping our members informed with our UPDATE Newsletter



As a service to our members, we launched the bi-weekly newsletter [Global Health Hub UPDATE](#). In this newsletter, we inform about upcoming events and publications of the Hub. Additionally, we carefully curate relevant events, jobs announcements, publications and calls for proposals from the global health landscape. 13 newsletters were published this year with opening rates of 40%, thereby making global health

resources more easily accessible for our community and those interested.

Looking inside the Hub with our INSIDE Newsletter

As a special service to our active members, we initiated the members-only [Global Health Hub INSIDE](#) newsletter to share information on the work of our Hub Communities, increase transparency on the Hub's activities and provide opportunities to become involved. It includes interviews with political stakeholders, news from our Hub Communities and the Steering Committee – The newsletter appears every three months. Contact [us](#) if you would like to receive it.

