



Call for Global Action at the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting 2024 on AMR

We, the global coalition of communities, civil societies, social organizations, health professionals, scientists, agroecologists, academic institutions, educators, artists, activists, and indigenous peoples' representatives, unite with the goal to amplify the collective voice at the UN General Assembly High-Level meeting on AMR. Building on the initiative “Empowered Communities to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)”, we call for a cohesive global response and for a recognition of the importance of community and civil society engagement within the UNGA HLM 2024 declaration on AMR.

Global Challenges of AMR:

- Recognize AMR as a global pandemic affecting all aspects of life worldwide, including human and animal health, economies, and ecosystems.
- Highlight the disproportionate impact of AMR on underprivileged populations due to social inequities like poor nutrition, lack of access to clean water, and inadequate health services.
- Stress the alarming data on antibiotic resistance - causing over 1.2M deaths yearly - and that cost of inaction will further exacerbate poverty and inequality, particularly in low-income countries.
- Acknowledge the global surge of antimicrobial resistance due to overuse in healthcare, animal husbandry, aquaculture, agriculture and waste from antimicrobial production plants.

Requests to Member States and their key stakeholders worldwide:

- **We urge Member States to include communities and civil society in governance structures at all levels** in a meaningful, systematic, and transparent manner, to enhance the effective design, implementation and monitoring of AMR action plans from a One Health perspective and ensure that governments allocate necessary resources towards this purpose.

- We urge Member States and international agencies to prioritize the identification of the most vulnerable communities investing in participatory, targeted interventions to understand and address their specific needs, thereby strengthening AMR responses.
- We urge Member States to promote equitable access to effective antibiotics, enhance stewardship efforts, incentivize rapid diagnostics, and reinforce infection, prevention and control practices.
- We urge Member States to enforce good practices and market regulations in the animal food-producing sector, including the ban of non-therapeutic antibiotic use (such as for growth promotion), the implementation of disease prevention and control protocols, and the development of transparent monitoring and surveillance systems.
- We urge Member States to implement environmentally sustainable waste treatment measures and policies to prevent healthcare facilities, slaughterhouses, wastewater management plants and antimicrobial manufacturing plants from releasing antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistant pathogens/genes into the environment.
- We urge Member States to promote educational, communicative, and artistic initiatives to raise awareness about AMR and support behavior change.

Closing Statement:

We conclude with a message of gratitude, enthusiasm, and a call for the human right to health and life. We affirm that holistic approaches to AMR, rooted in social participation and global collaboration, are the key to effective solutions. United in diversity, we stand committed to this global cause at UNGA 2024.