



PHM Statement at the WHA78 – 17-29 May 2025

Agenda Item 16.1

Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience (HEPR)

Strengthening health emergency preparedness, response, and resilience architecture in LMIC must be more than a technical effort. We call on MS to evaluate these efforts based on the IHR and Pandemic Agreement.

We raise serious concerns about various activities mentioned and their financing. Is multiplication of surveillance initiatives a prudent financial choice? Do these initiatives provide us with a clear understanding of what mechanisms trigger when? What are the implications for national sovereignty and obligations of governments with respect to interacting with these initiatives?

The overemphasis on biosurveillance overshadows ecological and social determinants of pandemic. HEPR must be integrated into agroecological, environmental, and Primary Health Care strategies.

Lastly, digital epidemic intelligence must be inclusive. Open-source tools must not replace traditional surveillance systems and should not lead to cross border extraction of biological information and samples. Equity means meeting people where they are.

