

### 11.3 Global vaccine action plan

The People's Health Movement believes that a Global Vaccine Action Plan can be a key tool to support MS to overcome barriers and advance access to vaccines. Equitable access to vaccines demands a comprehensive strategy that includes health systems strengthening, promoting research and development and supportive manufacturing policies.

The recently ended 10-year plan had correctly addressed research and development issues, but the new version fails to emphasize that intellectual property rights, such as patents and data exclusivity are barriers to access. Countries should be encouraged to make full use of TRIPS flexibilities.

In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic has shown the importance of scaling up local production of vaccines, through innovation support, manufacturing capacity building, and technology transfer. State owned production facilities play a key role in ensuring access to vaccines.

The plan fails to promote market transparency, including with regard to R&D costs, procurement prices, mark ups and full disclosure of clinical trials data.

A country-focused approach is missing in the new Action Plan. Immunization campaigns have to consider local conditions and specificity. Social determinants of health and a primary healthcare approach, including community participation are foundational.

Finally, the Action Plan does not recognise the importance of health systems strengthening. Well-structured and strong public health systems are essential. The health workers involved, including community health workers, are the backbone of vaccination campaigns and deserve decent work.