



MAPUTO DECLARATION



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES COMMIT TO JOINT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY, EQUITABLE AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES TO TACKLE CURRENT AND FUTURE THREATS

Statement from IANPHI Annual Meeting, hosted by Mozambique's National Institute of Health

WE, members of the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI), gathered physically and virtually on April 9 and 10, 2025 in the city of Maputo, Mozambique for the IANPHI annual meeting.

RECOGNIZE THAT:

We are at an historic turning point for global public health, with continued vulnerability to pandemic disease, war and conflicts, the growing burden of non-communicable diseases, under-funded and fragile health systems, increasing environment and climate driven hazards, growing global inequalities, and significant cuts to funding for health, seriously threatening progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the realization of Universal Health Rights.

Misinformation and disinformation are undermining trust in the science, jeopardizing the effective health promotion efforts for communities to understand health risks and protect their own health.

The decrease in global solidarity for health presents a substantial risk to community cohesion and resilience and to planetary health, requiring urgent action.

CONFIRMED the need to build strong, well funded, resilient and sustainable public health systems to promote health and well being while protecting life-saving public health programs from any form of crisis.

REAFFIRMED the importance of all countries having a National Public Health Institute (NPHIs) and the workforce capacity to deliver the World Health Organization Essential Public Health Functions.

WELCOMED the ambition clearly articulated by Africa Centers for Disease Control to support all countries in Africa develop a National Public Health Institute, and the WHO's strong commitment in building public health institutions and workforce capacity at country level.

WE CALL FOR ACTION to ensure:

- NPHIs are strengthened or established to deliver science based solutions under the umbrella of the WHO Essential Public Health Functions to protect lives and promote health and well being.
- Networks between NPHIs and the development of collaborative surveillance are strengthened, with all countries having the capacity to prevent, detect and respond to public health hazards.
- The scientific independence of NPHIs is cherished and protected to generate the evidence needed for health policy and in building public trust in science.
- The available global funding is used to protect essential public health programs and maximize national public health capacity, with regional and global support increasingly focused on supporting the norms, standards necessary for effective inter-country, regional and global collaboration to protect and promote health and wellbeing.
- Agreement is reached on the metrics, indicators and methodologies needed to monitor population health and the social determinants of health and to evaluate policies to improve health for at-risk populations is prioritized.
- Investment is increased in building the competencies of a multidisciplinary health workforce to deliver the essential public health functions and address current and future challenges to health.

WE COMMIT TO:

- Strengthening and expanding global and regional networking and partnerships; accelerating the generation of scientific evidence to inform health policy and empower communities; promoting equity and addressing social inequalities; promoting global solidarity as an essential pillar of worldwide health and wellbeing; strengthening collaboration between IANPHI Members and with all other public health organizations to reinforce the global public health community; promoting NPHIs as an essential component of a resilient public health system; enhancing prevention, health promotion and health security; and to supporting and preparing countries to deal with uncertainties associated with current and future crises.