

## GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION ON PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE PREVENTION

**Pneumococcal disease is the most common vaccine-preventable cause of death worldwide.** According to the World Health Organization (WHO), this disease kills more than a million people — including more than 500,000 children under age five — each year. Despite its enormous impact, awareness of pneumococcal disease and its burden remains low.

**Safe, effective vaccines are available to prevent this disease.** The need for widespread use of pneumococcal vaccines has never been greater. Antibiotic resistance and HIV infection are making pneumococcal infections harder to treat and more common. Taking action now will save millions of lives.

**As professional societies, organizations and institutions dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children and families worldwide,** we support the application of proven, effective health interventions to combat infectious disease. We recognize the need to increase awareness of the social and economic burden of pneumococcal disease, and the need for coordinated global action toward its prevention. And we support the recent recommendation of the WHO for inclusion of pneumococcal vaccines in routine immunization programs based on their proven efficacy for prevention.

**Together, we issue a call to action to prevent pneumococcal disease:**

- **We call upon governments and their leaders, international institutions and officials in philanthropy** to make financing available to assure access to pneumococcal vaccines for every person worldwide who needs them. These institutions should also support the expansion of health systems to deliver the vaccines, and surveillance systems to monitor their impact.
- **We call upon leaders in health, science and related fields** to raise awareness of the burden of pneumococcal disease and the opportunities for its prevention, and to continue research into its prevention.
- **We call upon vaccine manufacturers** to continue developing effective vaccines and to invest in capacity to meet increasing global demand for pneumococcal vaccines.
- **We call upon all parties to work together** in a coordinated fashion to make sure that vaccines are available at affordable, sustainable prices and with credible long-term financing to support their procurement.

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