

# Global Health Policy Priorities: for the new Biden Administration

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# US Domestic Political Challenges

- Domestic opposition to international efforts
- -nationalism, anti-science
- Scapegoating of minorities and vulnerable groups
- Assault on public institutions
- Disinformation networks
- Undermining the press
- Economic situation

# General Challenges-Opportunities

- Rebuilding Trust
- Reengagement internationally e.g WHO, Covax Facility
- Rebuilding alliances
- Reentering international agreements (Paris Climate Change Accord)
- Allocating Resources
- Domestic economic situation

# Specific Challenges-Opportunities (1)

## SARS-COV-2 pandemic:

- Equitable access to vaccines
- Public health strengthening
- Vaccine disinformation
- Global health security agenda

# Specific Challenges-Opportunities (2)

- Equity, discrimination, racism in global health
- Noncommunicable diseases
- Infectious diseases- TB, HIV, Hepatitis, NTDs etc.
- Environmental challenges- climate change, biodiversity losses, pollution, ecosystem degradation
- Social determinants of health
- Food security

# Academia's-Opportunities

Education- agent to address disparities

- Increase access for minority & disadvantaged groups
- Engage local low-income communities
- Student debt
- Capacity building in LMICS
- Increase supervised service-learning opportunities

Research- equitable partnerships

- Increase efforts in research translation
- Connect research to local needs
- Rethink tenure incentives in academia

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# The Hard Facts

- Global Health Funding in 2021 dopped by 4 billion dollars (11-7)
- Need to be strategic in approach for global health advocates --- linked to US priorities



# Biden Global Health Proposals

- Re-enter WHO and embrace global alliances (Paris)
- Restore National Security Council's Directorate for GHS and Biodefense
- Develops a Global Health Emergency Board of US and G7 to offset vaccine costs for vulnerable countries
- Relaunch USAID-Predict
- Develop an Office of GH, Security and Diplomacy to be run in the State Department
- Call for a Permanent Facilitator of UN Sec General Response to High Consequence Biologic Events
- Bolster CDC and DOD overseas disease detection and prevention

# Potential Wish-list for Biden Team

- Enter COVAX –advance market commitment incentive for vaccines
- UN COVID-19 humanitarian plan needs to be strengthened—for vulnerable countries
- USAID Foreign Aid- some budget!
- Malaria/TB /HIV/ --cross the goals
- World Food Program
- CDC-depoliticize and reestablish foreign offices
- UN Human Rights Council re-entrance
- Climate Science at CDC and NIH levels (J Kerry and G McCarthy---federal and domestic diplomacy)

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