



Médecins Sans Frontières - Access Campaign

Open Letter

We would like to share our concerns and propose a review of some critical aspects considering your decision to close the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Access Campaign and transition it to a new institutional structure. As an organization dedicated to advancing health initiatives through diplomacy and fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders, we recognize the rationale behind the decision but note the significant impact this will have on global efforts to address healthcare inequities, particularly in regions affected by humanitarian crises and climate change.

The Access Campaign's multidisciplinary expertise in legal, policy, and regulatory areas is vital for overcoming obstacles to healthcare access, especially for vulnerable groups like migrants, those facing discrimination, and communities impacted by disasters, conflict, and war. The new structure must retain the expertise, capacity, and institutional memory built through the staff's experiences over the past 25 years. Strengthening community capacity to identify health needs and eliminating barriers across the healthcare supply chain is essential for achieving affordable, sustainable, and inclusive health solutions.

Your decision to bring the Access Campaign closer to the locations it serves offers you a platform for ensuring patient and community-centered advocacy efforts toward healthcare access. However, continuing proactive engagement in international forums and organizations in New York and Geneva is critical. These efforts are necessary to complement local initiatives and ensure international political cooperation, foster partnerships, and support the creation



of legal and policy frameworks that build long-term resilience in supply chains and capacity-building for humanitarian needs.

We believe the new Campaign must adopt this holistic approach to ensure broader access to essential medicines. As the world develops measures to build resilience against health emergencies, this becomes increasingly necessary. Past health crises—such as HIV/AIDS, Ebola, SARS, MERS, and COVID-19—have shown the importance of a strong global response, ensuring that fragile populations are not left without access to healthcare during emergencies.

Global policy shifts and emerging public health threats, exacerbated by climate change, underscore the need for the MSF Access Campaign to continue and expand its role in the access ecosystem. Our Alliance is eager to collaborate strategically with the Campaign to further our shared mission of achieving global health equity. Together, we can create an environment that enables states to ensure all populations have access to the healthcare products they need.

We believe the decision to transition to a new institution for access, with dedicated leadership, governance, and a strategic plan, could be well supported by long-term partners, collaborators, and beneficiaries of the Campaign if such an institution continues, sustains, and builds the momentum created by the Campaign.

A new institution can benefit from consultations with these stakeholders as it takes on expanded responsibilities in tackling evolving crises like antimicrobial resistance and climate change, ensuring access and equity in healthcare. While we appreciate the



intentions behind the reform, we urge MSF to ensure the new Access Campaign continues to lead in critical areas of healthcare access and global health equity.

We value the Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign's grassroots mobilization and community-driven advocacy, which have successfully lowered drug prices and improved access to essential medicines. We share MSF's belief in a collective approach, engaging both the public and private sectors to tackle global health challenges. We are confident that the Access Campaign's decades of experience will contribute to addressing current and future threats to healthcare access.
