

EPHA Statement at the UN High Level Meeting on AMR at UNGA 79, New York

There is nothing silent about the "silent pandemic". Antimicrobial resistance is a roaring crisis that transcends borders, sectors, and species. Its costs are measured in millions of lives lost, in weakened health systems, in diminished global development, in environmental degradation.

In the battle against AMR, the role of civil society and communities is indispensable. They raise awareness, drive change, and reach those often referred to as "difficult to reach". They push for policies that are inclusive, equitable, and effective, they hold governments and commercial sector accountable.

At the [European Public Health Alliance \(EPHA\)](#), we recognise that addressing AMR requires a fully integrated One Health approach, with equity at its core.

We welcome the political declaration on the AMR approved by global leaders today, at UNGA 79 High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance, committing to a clear set of targets and actions, including reducing the estimated 4.95 million human deaths associated with bacterial antimicrobial resistance annually by 10% by 2030.

We call upon governments, international organisations, and the private sector to invest in independent public research that fosters innovation, and that prioritises health over profit. We call for incentivisation of innovative strategies for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. We call for keeping the One Health approach at the core, with innovative stewardship in veterinary and agricultural practices. We call for decisions rooted in science and equity.

We stand ready to deliver on our commitment - to keep raising awareness, advocating for inclusive and equitable policies, holding policy makers and private sector accountable, and supporting fellow CSOs in the critical work they do.