



## **Somalia Global Health**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia reaffirms its unwavering dedication to addressing global health challenges as a core component of its foreign policy, recognizing the shared responsibility to ensure the well-being of all nations through inclusive and cooperative approaches.

Somalia is committed to fostering stronger collaboration with the international community to advance equitable and sustainable solutions that address pressing health challenges worldwide, underscoring the importance of solidarity and collective action in achieving global health security.

### **Global Health as a Pillar of Somalia's Foreign Policy**

Somalia understands the essential role of collaborative efforts in protecting global health, a need emphasized by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response, the country has made health diplomacy a priority to strengthen resilience, ensure fairness, and foster international stability through building stronger global partnerships and encouraging cooperation, with the aim of tackling health challenges that improve the well-being of its citizens and contribute to worldwide peace, security, and shared prosperity.

Somalia recognizes the strong links between health, economic progress, and national security and through its diplomatic initiatives aims to incorporate health considerations into foreign policy while working to strengthen global health systems by collaborating internationally and ensuring its efforts support a broader movement that benefits both its citizens and global communities with a focus on unity and collective accountability in advancing global health security.

### **Strategic Priorities in Global Health Diplomacy**

#### **1. Strengthening Health Systems**

Somalia is dedicated to developing resilient and inclusive health systems capable of addressing both current and future health challenges, striving to enhance the nation's healthcare infrastructure while collaborating with international partners to ensure accessible and quality services for all.

With the support of global allies, Somalia is focused on advancing its disease surveillance mechanisms, improving access to essential healthcare, and strengthening the healthcare workforce to effectively manage health emergencies, while also fostering long-term health security and empowering communities to take an active role in their well-being.

#### **2. Promoting Vaccine Equity and Pandemic Preparedness**

Somalia is dedicated to promoting equitable access to vaccines and medical treatments, especially for vulnerable populations in resource-poor settings, striving to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to benefit from essential health interventions while working

in partnership with international organizations to address healthcare disparities and ensure that no one is excluded in the fight against global health threats.

### **3. Countering Health Misinformation**

Somalia recognizes the critical importance of accurate information in fostering trust in public health initiatives. To address the growing challenge of health-related misinformation, Somalia will engage in multilateral efforts to promote transparency, evidence-based communication, and public confidence in global health interventions.

### **4. Addressing Health and Climate Change Intersections**

As a nation uniquely affected by climate change, Somalia underscores the urgent need to integrate climate resilience into global health strategies. Somalia will advocate for international cooperation to address health challenges exacerbated by environmental factors, particularly in vulnerable regions such as the Horn of Africa.

## **Somalia's Multilateral Engagements**

Somalia is deeply committed to working within multilateral frameworks to address global health challenges. The nation values its partnerships with organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the African Union, as well as regional bodies like the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). These collaborations enable Somalia to contribute meaningfully to global efforts to advance health security and equity.

Somalia also supports initiatives such as the International Health Regulations (IHR) and welcomes dialogue on pandemic preparedness and response to strengthen international coordination. Through its diplomatic channels, Somalia seeks to amplify the voices of developing nations in shaping global health policies that leave no one behind.

## **Looking Ahead**

The Federal Republic of Somalia envisions a world where global health is a shared priority and health equity is a reality for all. By leveraging the tools of diplomacy, Somalia aims to address the root causes of health insecurity, including migration, regional instability, and climate-related risks, while fostering collaboration and unity among nations.

Somalia stands ready to engage with its partners to build a healthier, more resilient, and equitable global community. Together, through collective action and shared purpose, we can ensure that health security remains at the forefront of international cooperation and solidarity.