



**The 6th Global Health Security Agenda Ministerial Meeting
“Bridging Cooperative Action for Global Health Security”
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STATEMENT OF THE GHSA CONSORTIUM

The GHSA Consortium would like to express our collective appreciation for the leadership of The Netherlands as the outgoing Steering Group Chair. Their thoughtful direction has created momentum for clear and measurable progress toward the GHSA 2024 Framework. As Steering Group Chair, the Netherlands GHSA team has increased the representation of governmental and non-governmental key stakeholders across disciplines and sectors.

We also express our appreciation to the Government of Thailand for their innovation, inclusivity, and leadership in hosting this 6th Ministerial Meeting and providing opportunities to share lessons and promising practices through the Side Meetings. We look forward to working with our distinguished Thai colleagues to continue this momentum as they assume the role of Steering Group Chair.

This Ministerial Meeting has offered an opportunity to learn about tested practices and measures to strengthen health security at the national level. We call upon all GHSA Country and Non-Country Members to act now, and to make concrete commitments to follow through on these promising measures at the subnational, national, regional, and global levels.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that collaboration among governments and non-governmental partners, as well as across sectors, is essential to addressing gaps in prevention and preparedness efficiently, developing innovative approaches, and reaching civil society and communities.

Non-governmental institutions have played significant roles before and during the COVID-19 pandemic in collaborating across disciplines and sectors to train personnel and strengthen systems, develop predictive and projection models for COVID-19, understand the biology of the virus and the course of disease, provide technical and logistical support for response, and support development of diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics.

The Consortium commits to sharing lessons, practices, and opportunities for partnership across our global membership, to promote awareness of and support for building back better through public and private sector partnerships.

We call on our distinguished colleagues in GHSA to draw on the expertise of non-governmental entities as we move forward together to strengthen practices and integrate lessons learned into more effective frameworks for global health security and resilient health systems.

We can prevent the next pandemic by acting now. In the words of WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, we need a new narrative. It is time to engage civil society and communities around the world to create a groundswell of support for investing in prevention and preparedness.

The Global Health Security Agenda Consortium (GHSAC) is a voluntary alliance of non-governmental entities dedicated to promoting implementation of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA).