Despite progress in recent years, millions of people still do not have access to the health technologies – including medicines, vaccines and diagnostics – they need to survive and thrive. Largely due to a lack of attention and funding, we still haven’t developed enough health technologies to address many of the diseases that plague the world’s poorest people, including neglected tropical diseases, malaria and tuberculosis. In other cases, medicines, vaccines and diagnostics are developed, but ultimately don’t reach the people who need them the most.

Improving people’s health and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its health-related targets, including universal health coverage, requires uniting efforts across the innovation, access and delivery of health technologies. R&D funders, innovators, governments, civil society, and other actors involved in the innovation, access and delivery of health technologies all have essential roles to play in developing and delivering health technologies, yet opportunity for dialogue across these actors are rare.

Uniting Efforts for Innovation, Access and Delivery is a new initiative to bring together partners who are involved in innovation, access and delivery—helping to drive the dialogue and collaboration that is essential to getting lifesaving health technologies to the people being left behind. The initiative was launched by the Government of Japan, the UNDP-led Access and Delivery Partnership and the GHIT Fund in January 2019 at the partnership’s first Global Dialogue: Uniting Efforts for Innovation, Access and Delivery.
“Japan supports dialogue among key stakeholders on access and delivery of new health technologies, which are needed to achieve Universal Health Coverage and other global health goals.”

Sumi Manabu
Government of Japan

“Now more than ever, it is critical we link the discussions around global health R&D with conversations on access and delivery.”

BT Slingsby
The GHIT Fund

“If countries are to deliver on the commitment embodied in the 2030 Agenda, including to leave no one behind, it is critical that we build and scale innovative partnerships that bring key actors to the table to accelerate progress.”

Mandeep Dhaliwal
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