



## INVESTING IN GLOBAL HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CANNOT WAIT: Civil society recommendations for the EU budget for 2022, conciliation period

COVID is one of the worst global health emergencies this world has ever seen, and new variants continue to increase the urgency of quickly minimizing the virus' spread. Significantly more funding is needed for the global fight against COVID. The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) is still facing a [USD 16.4 billion funding gap](#) for 2021, and the latest estimates anticipate that it will cost at least USD 50-66 billion to fully vaccinate the world — likely much more when end-to-end delivery costs are factored in. **The EU has shown global leadership and solidarity committing 500 million euros in grants to support global access to vaccines. However, not all of these commitments have been turned into actual payments yet.** Time is of the essence: the EU must mobilise those resources without delay.

The fight against COVID must not be funded to the detriment of other global health and human development priorities or we will be trading off one crisis for another. More than 2 billion people remain affected by diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases. **COVID has also posed an unprecedented shock to human development, which is [in course to decline](#) for the first time in 3 decades.**

This is why we have identified four priority budget lines that play a vital role in mitigating the effects of the pandemic and that we're urging you to protect in the conciliation period.

- The **Global Challenges - People budget line of the NDICI - Global Europe Instrument** is the main budget line funding human development through multilaterals in the EU budget.
- The **Emerging Challenges and Priorities Cushion under the NDICI** was designed to address crises and, as argued in a [CSO statement](#), should be used to meet the EU's fair-share to ACT-A.
- The **EU4Health and Horizon Europe health cluster budget lines** will help us tackle the pandemic by supporting the development of new and improved health tools, and the strengthening of health systems.
- The **Humanitarian Aid budget line** and the **Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve (SEAR)** guarantee timely, predictable, and flexible funding for humanitarian aid

Ahead of the vote in the European Parliament Plenary, we urge you to support the following **amendments to restore the Draft Budget for 2022**, reverting the cuts made by the Council.

Line	Change vs 2022 Council Position	EP position
<b>Heading 6:</b> 14 02 04 – Emerging challenges and priorities cushion	+ €400 000 000	€1 463 311 470

We also urge you to **champion the following amendments to reinforce the European Commission's Draft Budget for 2022, as voted by the EP Budget Committee.**

Line	Change vs 2022 DB	EP position
<b>Heading 1:</b> 01 02 02 10 – Horizon Europe – Cluster Health	+ €30 000 000	€601 730 809
<b>Heading 2:</b> 06 06 01 – EU4Health Programme	+ €80 000 000	€844 213 775
<b>Heading 6:</b> 14 02 02 40 – NDICI – People – Global Challenges	+ €100 000 000	€237 191 715
<b>Heading 6:</b> 14 03 01 – Humanitarian aid	+ €301 380 382	€1 808 282 295