

China-Africa Joint Prevention and Control Initiative for Tropical Diseases

Tropical diseases are widely prevalent in tropical and subtropical regions, posing long-term threats to public health and impeding socioeconomic development. With increasing globalization and population mobility, the risk of cross-border transmission of tropical diseases has grown significantly, emerging as a critical challenge to global health security and health equity. China and Africa share a solid foundation and vast potential for cooperation in the prevention and control of tropical disease. Under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), we declare the necessity to further strengthen China-Africa collaboration in the joint prevention and control of tropical diseases. This will not only enhance regional health capacities and promote global health equity, but also demonstrate the solidarity, mutual assistance, and shared responsibility among developing countries.

Guided by the principles of "collaborative prevention and control, resource sharing, and mutual learning", and based on the developmental stages, health strategies, and local needs of both China and Africa, we propose the following initiatives:

1. Enhance Policy and Technical Coordination

Strengthen communication and collaboration between China and Africa in prevention and control policies, technical standards, and action plans. Facilitate dialogue and cooperation among public health institutions, research organizations, and enterprises to share achievements and experiences.

2. Strengthen Capacity Building and Personnel Exchanges

Accelerate technical and talent reserves through joint training programs, project implementation, and expert exchanges. Promote synergistic development in tropical disease prevention and control capabilities among technical personnel from both sides.

3. Advance Joint Research and Technology Application

Address key challenges in tropical disease control by innovating approaches and methodologies. Facilitate the local translation and application of appropriate technologies, and support the establishment of China-Africa joint laboratories and demonstration projects.

4. Explore Multilateral Cooperation Mechanisms

Call upon the international community to prioritize tropical disease control, enhance

technical collaboration among developing countries, and actively engage international organizations, foundations, NGOs, and other stakeholders to jointly promote tropical disease prevention efforts.

We firmly believe that deepening China-Africa cooperation in tropical disease prevention and control will not only significantly improve Africa's regional public health capacity but also contribute substantially to global health. We advocate for sustained, open, and equitable collaboration to explore pragmatic pathways, foster mutual understanding and trust, and jointly address global health challenges. Together, we will improve the health and well-being of Chinese and African peoples and build a Global Community of Health for All.