

STATEMENT

76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa: Strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region, 2026–2035

26 AUGUST 2026, ADDIS ABABA – IFPMA welcomes the strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region and its focus on sustainable, efficient, and inclusive financing systems to advance Universal Health Coverage, financial protection, and improved access to quality care.

We strongly support its objectives to strengthen national health financing systems, improve equitable and efficient resource use, reduce out-of-pocket spending, reinforce governance and accountability, and integrate health financing into national and regional development agendas.

We welcome the emphasis on accountability and stronger health financing capacity to support evidence-based decision-making and strategic purchasing. Stronger coordination between ministries of health and finance, anchored in joint planning, is essential to align funding with national priorities, improve efficiency, and maximize the impact of available resources.

The innovative pharmaceutical industry stands ready to contribute through partnerships, innovation, and expertise that support access to quality-assured medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and health technologies.