



Local Action, *Global Impact*
Our transformative journey since 2022

IMPACT REPORT 2023

Foundation S is at the forefront of *sparking transformative change*

This Impact Report highlights *progress and achievements* since our creation in 2022 to address global health disparities and champion innovative solutions. We look to 2024 and beyond, sharing how our work will continue to expand and evolve, guided by our vision of a healthier and more equitable world.

We are harnessing the power of collective action and community-based initiatives to improve the lives of vulnerable people, leverage our unique ‘think and do tank’ model to catalyze global conversations and make life-altering impacts where they’re needed most in communities worldwide.

Health resilience and climate action

Recognizing that climate change is a public health emergency, we focus on building health resilience and climate action for vulnerable communities. We have supported local adaptation projects, partnered with community-led organizations, advocated for global policy change and spearheaded efforts to provide real-world evidence on effective local solutions.

Children with cancer

Building on the legacy of the My Child Matters Program, we have made strides in increasing survival rates for children with cancer. This includes capacity building for healthcare professionals, supporting children and families with holistic care, and influencing the field through extensive knowledge sharing.

Humanitarian aid and medicine donations

Our humanitarian aid and medicine donations have supported vulnerable and displaced populations during times of crisis and beyond. We have partnered with diverse organizations at local, regional and global levels to strengthen coordination, broaden our reach and increase our impact.

Eliminating sleeping sickness

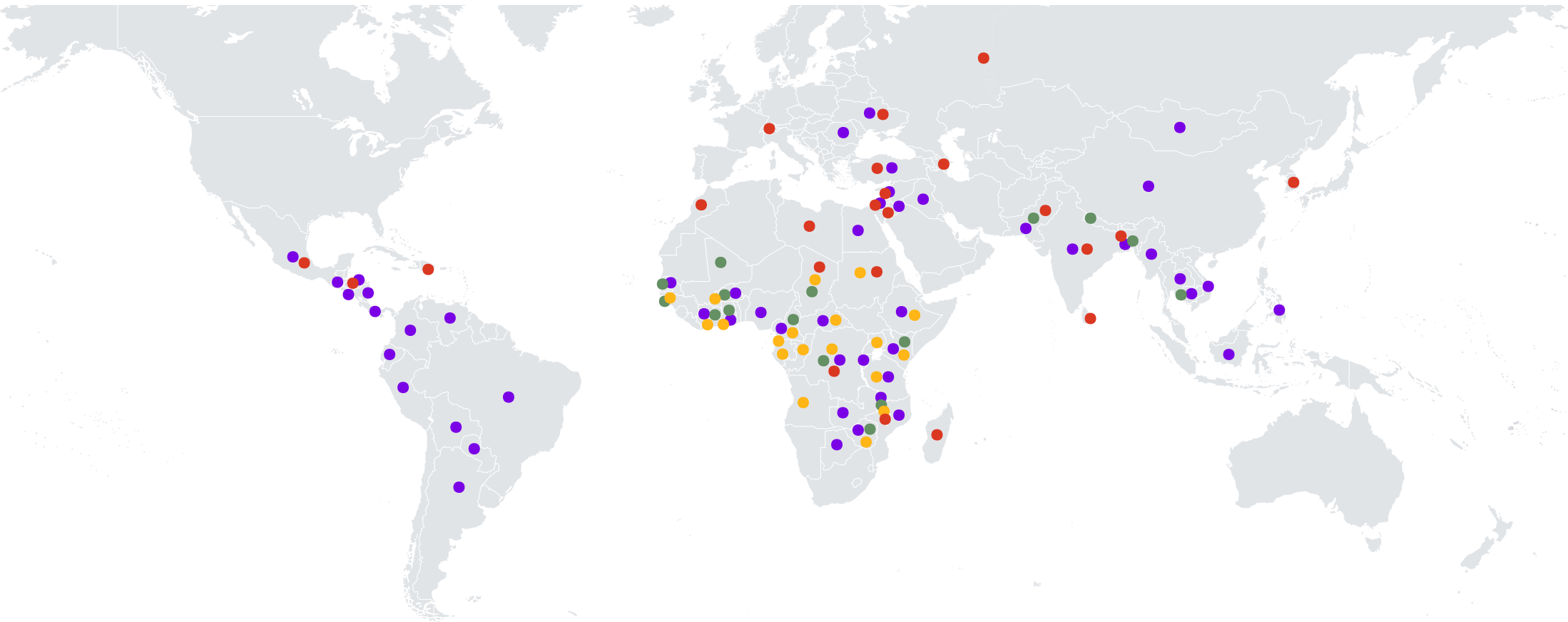
We have collaborated with WHO and DNDi to work towards eliminating sleeping sickness. Our alliance has developed and distributed radical new treatments that have moved the world closer to eliminating the disease by 2030.

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By harnessing the power of philanthropy, we are undertaking daring initiatives and uniting forces to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time. Through Foundation S and the Sanofi Collective, we are serving patients and communities that we would otherwise not be able to reach, and I could not be more pleased with what we have achieved since its inception in 2022.”

Frédéric Oudéa, Chairman, Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective

Our footprint: *63 active programs* in *70 countries*, and *millions of people* reached through product donations



● Climate Change & Health

● Childhood Cancer

● Humanitarian Aid

● Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

22 grantees

with a strong focus on community empowerment and local adaptation to climate change

140,000

children supported with cancer

22 million

people reached

97%

reduction in sleeping sickness cases since 2000's

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We cannot change the world on our own - intelligence of the heart can only be collective.

*The launch of **Foundation S - the Sanofi Collective** is the culmination of joint ideas and forces.*

Collaborating with diverse and multicultural partners and our people, the Sanofi Collective combines our energy and expertise to deepen our impact for communities in need.”

Vanina Laurent-Ledru, Director General, Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective

Reimagining philanthropy *for a better tomorrow*

Our mission is to improve the lives of underserved communities by focusing on locally led programs, ***supporting community-based initiatives***, and mobilizing collective action.



Rathnamma, Mahadevi and Prema, community health workers at the hospital, Karnataka, India

It's time we re-evaluate our partnership with society *and rethink how we approach philanthropy*

As the world continues to evolve and modernize,
underserved populations still struggle for equitable access to healthcare.

Today, an estimated 2.5 billion people have limited access to quality healthcare, and the number is expected to increase as the world's population approaches 8.5 billion by 2030. The world faces multiple challenges, from wars, climate change, health crises, and famine. It's time we re-evaluate our partnership with society and rethink how we approach philanthropy.

Foundation 
THE **sanofi** COLLECTIVE

We are at the forefront of
sparking transformative change.

We are committed to
harnessing the power of collective action
to actively create healthier tomorrows for
generations to come.

Reneilwe Sibiya with her son Melokuhle, collects the laundry in her family's courtyard in Bela-bela, Johannesburg, South Africa



Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective is focused on *creating better futures in four key areas*

1



Climate Action & Health Resilience

Support community-led climate adaptation programs that strengthen community health resilience and provide real-world evidence that can help advocate for global and national policy reform.

2



Childhood Cancer

Support the World Health Organization's goal of achieving a survival rate of 60% for all children with cancer by 2030 by ensuring access to care, supporting their families and training healthcare professionals.

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Humanitarian Aid & Medicine Donations

Support displaced and vulnerable populations worldwide in times of emergency and crisis.

4



Neglected Tropical Diseases NTDs

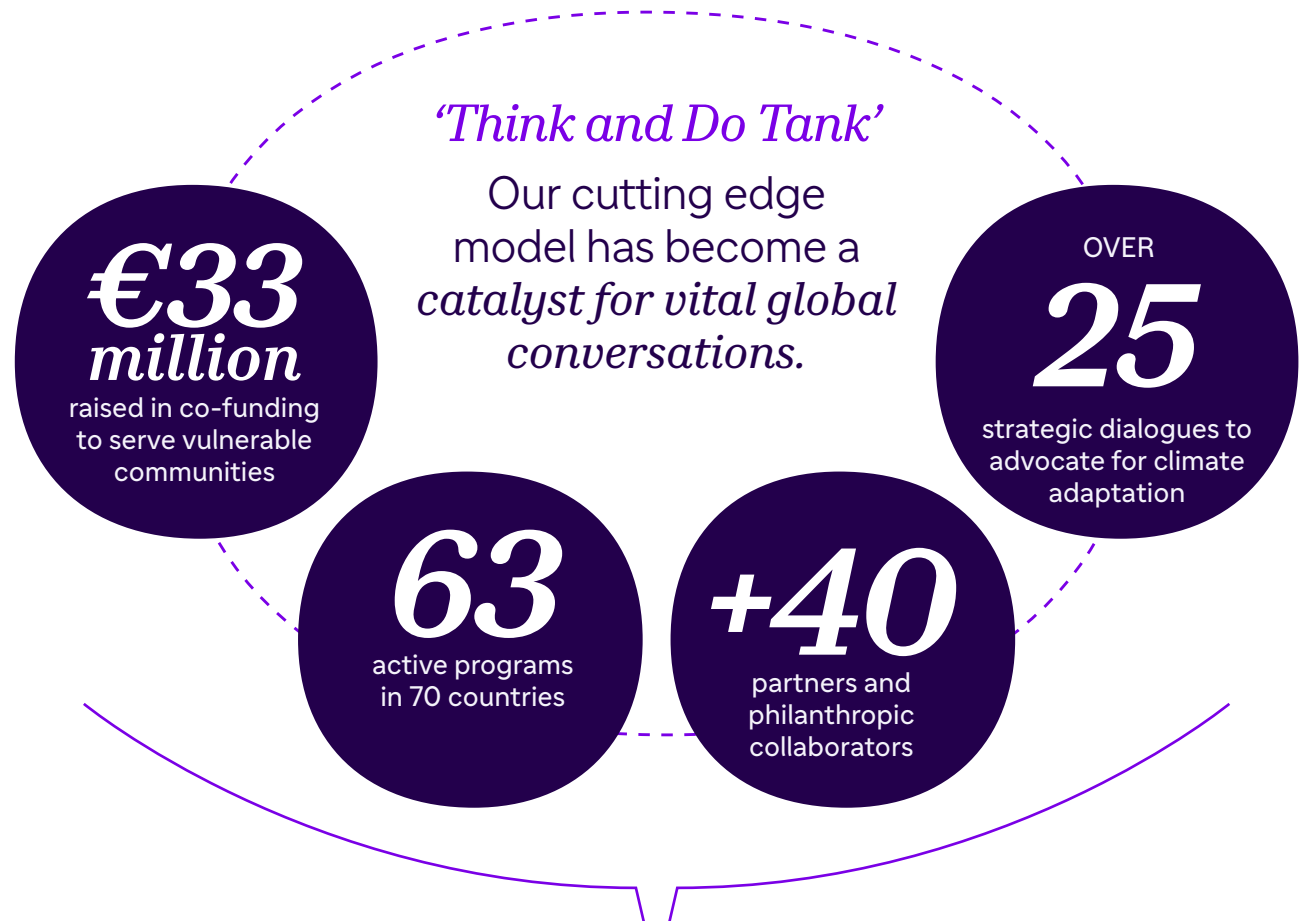
Leverage innovative partnerships to eliminate sleeping sickness by 2030 and support broader global efforts to fight NTDs.

Redefining the boundaries of conventional philanthropy with our *'Think and Do Tank'* model

Through this unique dual philosophy, we work with global experts and thought leaders, fostering a *'Think Tank'* style exchange of cutting-edge ideas to tackle health challenges in low and middle income countries. We go beyond being a forum for dialogue to actively translate these insights into action.

As a *'Do Tank'* we address these challenges through robust collective action, spirited advocacy and raising awareness, and we work with communities to bring great ideas to scale that address the health challenges they face. Our approach is grounded in data and evidence, ensuring each step we take is informed and impactful.

We've taken center stage in international forums, igniting urgent dialogues on critical issues like climate adaptation and health, the fight against sleeping sickness, reducing cancer treatment abandonment, and expanding medicine donations.



Foundation S is not just participating in change; we are *actively driving it*, leveraging our unique model to make tangible, *impacts* where they're needed most.



Together, we are committed to improving the lives of vulnerable people through *community-based solutions* that are both innovative and evidence-based

At the heart of Foundation S is a *powerful mobilization* of Sanofi's workforce and an alliance with diverse partners

- The Foundation S team is dedicated to bringing about our vision, ensuring effective operation and success, and inspiring collective action.
- Our team of leaders oversees each of the four commitment areas as well as cross-cutting initiatives. Despite being an independent entity,

Foundation S also leverages the know-how and expertise of Sanofi employees, also known as The Sanofi Collective, to strengthen its work and ensure effective strategic implementation.

- Mobilizing and engaging Sanofi employees is central to how Foundation S operates.

In 2023, *over 1,000* Sanofians committed to supporting Foundation S, including taking part in the Imagine for Margo childhood cancer race, *raising over €100,000*.



Watch the video

Our five-step strategy tackles challenges at the individual, public health, and system levels

1



Step 1 Tools

Foundation S adopts an entrepreneurial spirit and agile methods, utilizing several levers to *jumpstart our impact journey*. We leverage our existing networks and access to diverse stakeholders for know-how, expertise and resources, tap into established networks, convene diverse stakeholders, and form strategic partnerships with a specific focus on community focused and led programming.



Step 2 Programs

Our activities span grant-making for sustainable, local initiatives, education and training programs, advocacy to influence policies, and collaborations with local partners and experts for collective action. We work with partners to develop medicines for neglected tropical diseases and provide aid in crises through medicine and financial donations.

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Step 3 Results

We work to bolster healthcare workforce capacities and community resilience to health and climate challenges. We promote equitable access to diagnosis and treatments, enhance health outcomes through digitalization, and generate vital data for tackling health and climate issues.



Step 4 Goals

Our initiatives lead to four key outcomes: reinforced public health ecosystems, improved health across our commitment areas, data-informed policymaking, and demonstration of an optimized philanthropic model.

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Step 5 Impact

Foundation S ultimate goal is to significantly improve public health in low- and middle-income countries through four critical impacts

Climate Action and Health Resilience

Communities in climate impacted countries are able to predict, respond, and adapt to the health impacts of climate change

Childhood Cancer

Achieving a survival rate of 60% for children with cancer by 2030

Humanitarian Aid Medicine Donations

The health needs of vulnerable and displaced populations are addressed during times of emergency and non-emergency

Neglected Tropical Diseases

Eliminate sleeping sickness by 2030

OVER
140,000
children supported
who are suffering
from cancer
since the inception
of My Child Matters

OVER
1.8
million
vulnerable people
benefited in low and
middle income
families

70
countries reached,
directly working with
local communities

€33
million
raised in
co-funding

OVER
200
scientific papers
published
since the inception of
My Child Matters

+25
strategic dialogues
to advocate for
climate
adaptation

*Delivering on a
bold agenda
since 2022*

+40
partners and
philanthropic
collaborators



Our Impact

Supporting vulnerable communities *to adapt and build health resilience to the impacts of climate change*

In 2023, Foundation S made significant strides in bolstering community-level climate adaptation and driving global advocacy for climate action.



Water access in a climate impacted community in Casamance - Senegal

Empowering communities, strengthening health resilience

Climate change is a public health emergency. In many vulnerable countries, the harmful effects of climate change severely impact already weak primary healthcare systems and compromise people's ability to access essential health services.

Foundation S aims to increase the health resilience of these communities impacted by climate change, focusing on the thirty countries listed in the [Notre Dame climate vulnerability index](#).

Our approach involves grants for community adaptation projects, collaborating with regional

strategic partners, and gathering data for policy change.

Twenty-two grantees working on community health systems and climate resilience – including capacity building of healthcare professionals, developing local early warning systems and community preparedness, climate-smart agriculture and food security, water, sanitation and hygiene – were selected out of 137 project submissions, each with a strong focus on community empowerment and local adaptation to climate change for improved health outcomes.

Foundation S
has committed
€40 million
to 2030

to address the devastating impacts of climate change by supporting vulnerable communities



Our strategic objectives include:

Empowering communities

Work with partners to advocate for increased investment in climate health adaptation and policies focusing on support for vulnerable populations.

Capturing data for collective action

Collect data to better understand the health impacts of climate change in LMICs and document community experience and stories for use in implementation science.

Data-driven advocacy and policy action

Advocate for increased investment in climate health adaptation and policies focusing on support for vulnerable populations and working with partners for collective action.

Children at the Wamba Girls Rescue Center in Samburu County (North), Kenya using the wash station made possible by Foundation S and With My Own Two Hands

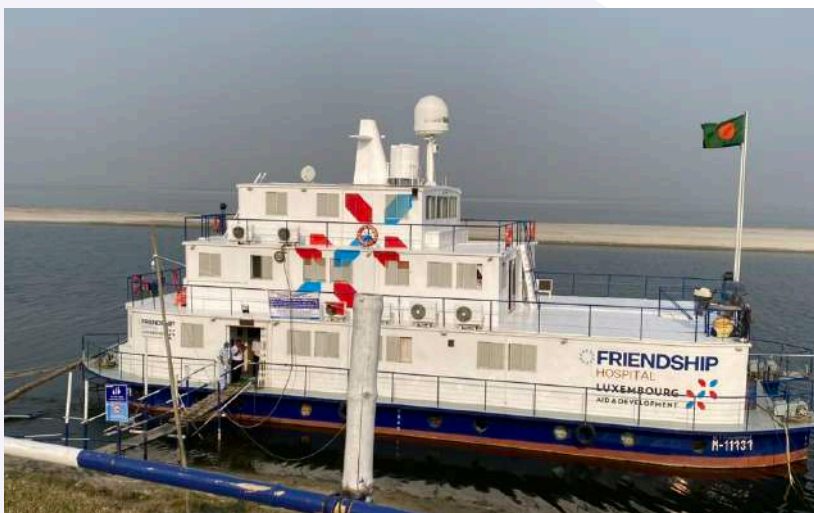


“*The climate crisis is a health crisis.*”

We need urgent collective action now to adapt to its devastating impacts. The Collective Minds Climate x Health Council is a culmination of Foundation S’s efforts to convene a diverse group of global experts to advocate to drive this urgent action.

As a Council, we are spearheading efforts to provide real-world evidence on effective local solutions, support and fund locally-led climate adaptation programs, to accelerate policy change for climate adaptation and ensure the most vulnerable communities around the world build health resilience to ultimately save lives.”

Vanina Laurent-Ledru, Director General,
Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective



Grantee projects in action

Improving climate resilience in Bangladesh and Kenya

In the remote Gaibandha region of Bangladesh *Foundation S* support has enabled *Friendship* to deploy 700 community health workers, benefiting 10,000 individuals during environmental crises and helping to provide sustainable capacity strengthening for a more climate-resilient health system. Using healthcare boats, *Friendship* has provided essential healthcare to remote populations otherwise inaccessible because of climate change.

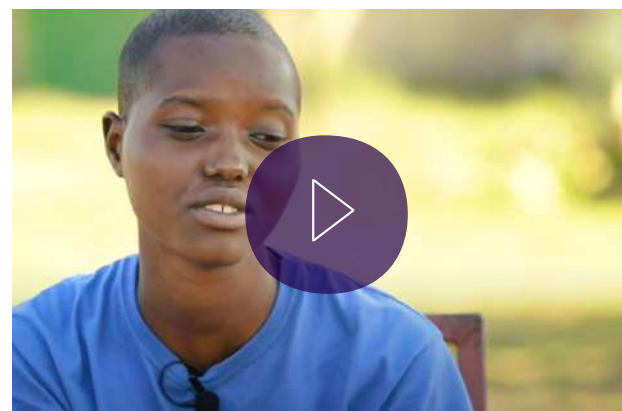
“What I’ve seen in Bangladesh is not a fixed health system for all, but it is an organized ecosystem for health adapted to the seasonality, the different way climate hits, and the way communities themselves are the first line of the response”

Daouda Diouf

Head of Climate Action and Health Resilience - Foundation S

Enhancing community-owned WASH and agriculture projects in Kenya

By supporting *With My Own Two Hands* in Kenya, Foundation S contributes to community-owned and led climate adaptation projects focused on enhancing WASH and agricultural practices in East Africa. This project has a strong gender component, empowering women to lead and ‘own’ community initiatives to increase climate resilience.



Watch the video

Driving global advocacy

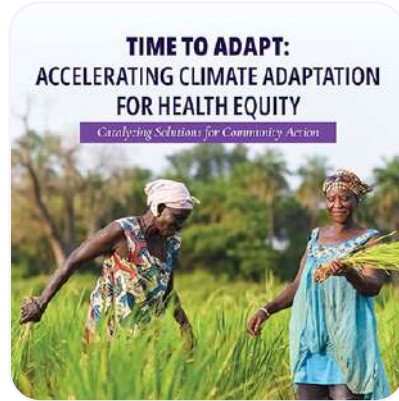
for climate action, global health & climate agendas



Foundation S identified two strategic partners as Regional Accelerators, leveraging their extensive multi-country reach. These partners act as ‘big brothers and sisters’ to smaller local organizations, aiding in capacity building and their community-driven projects.



> **Watch** Foundation S and the Africa-Europe Foundation have convened the Collective Minds Climate Council to outline the urgent need to elevate community-led climate adaptation.



In 2023, the Council highlighted the multifaceted impacts of climate change on health and the essential need for supporting and financing local communities. Their year-long strategic dialogue culminated in the publication of “Time to Adapt: Accelerating Climate Adaptation for Health Equity,” an action report launched on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. This event brought the report to the attention of global leaders and policymakers, underscoring Foundation S’s commitment to health equity and resilience in communities most affected by climate change.

> **Download** the report



Complementing this, Foundation S established the Collective Minds Climate x Health Council. Comprised of a diverse group of climate and global health thought leaders and experts from foundations, governments, academics, and NGOs. The Council is an inclusive platform driving collective action for climate change and health.

The 2023 Council members are:

Elhadj As Sy, Kofi Annan Foundation

Dr. Awa Marie Coll Seck, Minister of State for the Republic of Senegal; Galien Forum Africa

Dr. Alan Dangour, Wellcome Nathalie Delapalme, Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Dr. Vanessa Kerry, Seed Global Health

Jack Leslie, Duke University

Anil Soni, WHO Foundation

Dr. Agnès Soucat, Division of Health and Social Protection, Agence Française de Développement

Paul Walton, Africa-Europe Foundation

Calling for action at the highest levels

Between 2022 and 2023, Foundation S convened high-level events, spearheading crucial dialogues on integrating health into climate finance and policy. We facilitated the exchange of best practices and rallied global partners at significant gatherings, including the World Health Summit, the Summit for a New Global Financial Pact, the Paris Peace Forum, and the inaugural Health Day at COP28.

Furthermore, Foundation S collaborated with Foreign Policy and the Africa-Europe Foundation at the 78th UN General Assembly, spotlighting climate change’s detrimental impact on global health. The event, attended in-person and virtually by over 1,000 people, facilitated crucial dialogues on the global health climate crisis, emphasizing the need for comprehensive strategies to tackle this growing challenge.



Looking forward

→ *We are committed to continuing to equip communities to effectively handle climate challenges and bolster their enduring resilience.*

Our focus

We will prioritize projects that are both led by and beneficial to the long-term resilience of local communities. This involves backing initiatives that enable communities to autonomously tackle climate-related challenges, placing control and decision-making power directly in their hands.

We aim to accomplish this by ensuring financial resources are directly accessible to these communities, actively involving them in the process, and empowering them to lead the way towards a sustainable and resilient future.



● Childhood Cancer

A brighter future for young lives

Reducing child mortality and improving healthcare for childhood cancer

Our ambition: Support the World Health Organization (WHO) goal of achieving *a survival rate of 60% for all children with cancer by 2030* by ensuring access to care, supporting families and training healthcare professionals.



A young child fighting cancer being held by his mother in Senegal. Photo credit: James Mollison, My Child Matters Exhibition

Bridging *the gap*

 *Every 3 minutes, a child's life is cut short by cancer*

There are 400,000 new cases in children and adolescents annually. This stark reality highlights a **critical global health disparity**: while over 80% of young cancer patients in high-income countries access treatment that leads to a cure, in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), this rate plummets to 20 to 30%.¹

This gap underscores the **urgent need** for more pediatric cancer research, care and funding.

The challenges in LMICs are complex: late detection, scarce well-trained healthcare professionals, limited pain management and palliative care, and less focus on childhood cancer among other health priorities. Appropriate treatments are often unavailable or financially out of reach for many.

Foundation S is determined to bridge this gap.

We are dedicated to transforming pediatric cancer care in LMICs, working alongside local health systems, NGOs, and regional and international stakeholders to adapt resources to regional needs and enhance pediatric cancer support.

Our strategic focus is twofold

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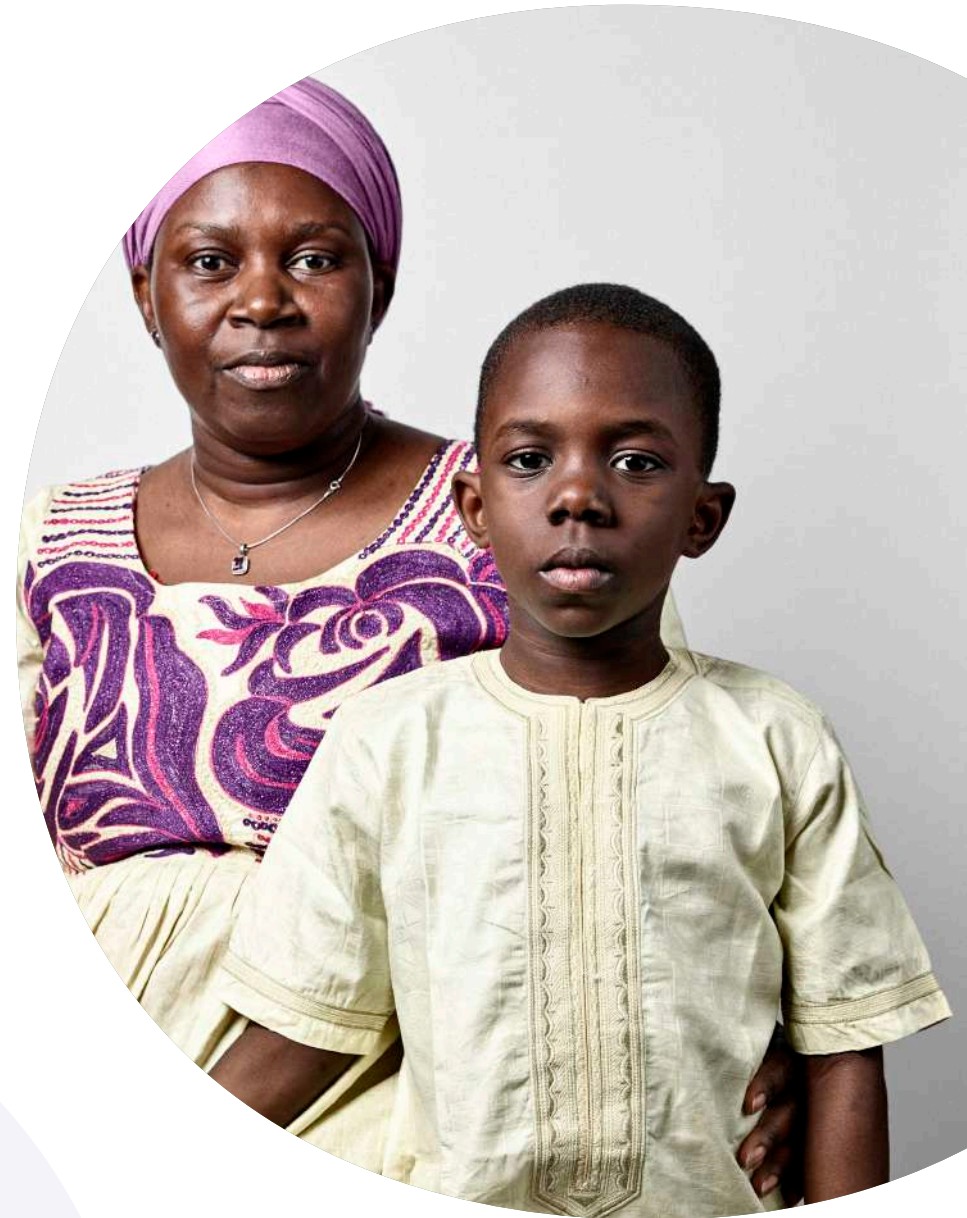
→ **Quality of life:**

Improve the quality of life for children with cancer and their families in LMICs, from diagnosis to treatment.

2

→ **Local capacity building:**

Invest in the training and capacity-building of doctors and nurses and empower local healthcare professionals to deliver high-quality pediatric cancer care and treatment.



A young boy fighting cancer standing with his mother in Senegal. Photo credit: James Mollison, My Child Matters Exhibition

¹ Source: Childhood cancer (who.int)

Locally-rooted solutions *for sustained impact*

At the heart of Foundation S' philosophy is a deep trust in local expertise

We recognize that context is crucial: a project that thrives in Ghana, may evolve differently in Ukraine. Instead of viewing these variations as challenges, we embrace them as opportunities for learning and enhancing our impact.

Our approach is not rigid but adaptive, valuing the unique insights and expertise that local knowledge brings.

Foundation S works flexibly alongside partners to collectively pursue the goal of improving survival rates for children with cancer. The journey is a collaborative effort, with grantees

equally engaged in setting benchmarks for reporting and knowledge creation right from the project's inception.

This synergy ensures that every step we take is informed, impactful, and tailored to the needs of those we serve.

We have strong partners across Latin America, Africa and Asia. They strengthen our work at both global and regional levels and bring a balance between scientific, policy and civil society focus.

One step forward in healthcare strengthening in Africa



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*“The Teleo program evolved thanks to the flexibility and support from Foundation S during the Covid-19 pandemic. The project is more than a training programme to practitioners working in paediatric oncology in LMICs. It became a learning community with **1,400 health care professionals currently enrolled**”*

Sant Juan de Déu Hospital, Partner

Grantee projects

Early diagnosis Access to care Capacity building Pain or palliative care Treatment abandonment Psychosocial support Cancer awareness

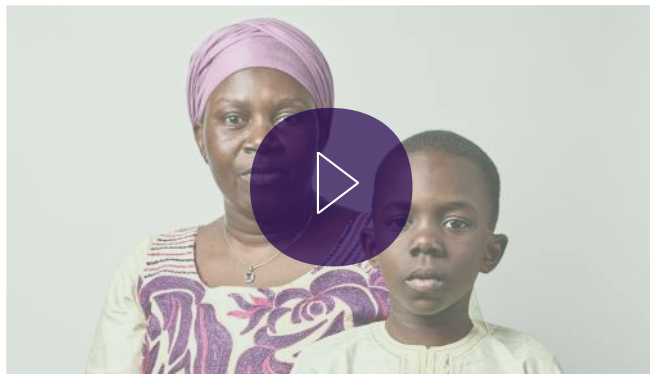
A *pioneering program* on childhood cancer

Foundation S builds on the legacy of the 'My Child Matters' program

Aligning with the World Health Organization's ambitious global target, our strategic goal is clear: to level the playing field so that every child diagnosed with cancer, regardless of where they live, has an equal chance at survival.

This commitment directly supports WHO's crucial objective of achieving a 60% survival rate for all children with cancer, reflecting our dedication to this life-saving mission.

See how the My Child Matters program has made a difference



Watch the video

Since its inception in 2005, the My Child Matters program has made monumental strides in the battle against childhood cancer.

The program has:



Supported over
140,000
children with cancer



Trained nearly **50,000**
healthcare professionals across
88 countries

My Child Matters extends beyond immediate care; it has influenced the field through extensive knowledge sharing



200

Scientific publications



38

Manuscripts

My Child Matters: *advancing care through digital innovation and collaboration*

Since 2022, Foundation S has built on the work of 'My Child Matters' program, enhancing access to pediatric cancer and palliative care, supporting families to prevent treatment abandonment, and strengthening health systems through capacity building and training.

Our comprehensive advocacy for childhood cancer doesn't stop there. We have generated new scientific evidence and created an Open Data platform that enhances healthcare practitioners' capabilities in low- and middle-income countries. It facilitates networking, discussion, and project design, enabling practitioners to pinpoint common challenges and craft effective solutions.

Foundation **S**
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Global programs funded since 2022

28

National projects
in 23 countries

13

Regional projects
*(1 in Asia, 2 in Latin America,
10 in Africa)*

41 New projects in
21 countries

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My Child Matters Open Data Platform is made for doctors and healthcare professionals in low-resource countries. It's designed to stimulate interaction and networking so that we don't have to rethink projects from scratch every time. It helps identify common problems and solutions that can be duplicated.”

Eric Bouffet, Former President of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology,
Member of the International Union Against Cancer Board of Directors,
My Child Matters Expert Committee Chairman

*Elenah plays in the Bela-Bela Township,
Johannesburg, South Africa*



The Childhood Cancer *Expert Committee*

The Childhood Cancer Expert Committee is a diverse, high-level international expert committee comprising pediatric oncologists, nurses, family members of children undergoing cancer treatment, global health specialists, and other key stakeholders in childhood cancer.

The Committee advises Foundation S and is involved throughout the My Child Matters Grant Program from reviewing initial applications to the selection process, offering mentorship and ongoing support to grantees.



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*“The decisions are made **collectively** and involving **different stakeholders** in the decision-making - that is what I value the most. The decisions are taken very democratically”*

Pr. Guillermo Luis Chantada

Paediatric Oncologist, Worldwide specialist on Retinoblastoma,
President of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology

Looking forward

We will continue working towards critical milestones in childhood cancer care, aligning with the World Health Organization's goal of a 60% survival rate.

→ *Home Away from Home Initiative with Childhood Cancer International*

Foundation S is committing to supporting children with cancer and their families by investing in the Home Away from Home initiative. This programme aims to reduce treatment abandonment and enhance wellbeing by supporting organizations to provide a second home for patients and their caregivers close to health services.

→ *Focus on Latin America*

We aim to amplify our impact in Latin America by organizing a childhood cancer conference in the region. This effort will be complemented by monitoring visits to ensure the success and sustainability of projects.

→ *Embracing Digitalization*

We will continue to invest in and leverage the Open Data platform. This strategic decision reflects Foundation S commitment to utilizing digital tools to expand the reach and effectiveness of our initiatives, ensuring a modern, impactful approach.



Teenager taking a break while facing a cancer journey, Morocco. Photo Credit: James Mollison, My Child Matters Exhibition

● Humanitarian Aid and Medicine Donations

A collective impact in crisis response

Supporting vulnerable and displaced populations during emergencies

Our focus is on *dismantling barriers* to collaboration, aiming for a collective impact in crisis response.



The Foundation S team on WeVolunteer Day at Tulipe

Dismantling *the barriers to collaboration*

 *Humanitarian crises are escalating worldwide*

The situation for displaced people, especially in low- and middle-income countries, is reaching a critical point due to war, persecution, and violence.

Climate change is increasingly recognized as a catalyst for migration and conflict, with projections indicating that Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia could see as many as 143 million climate-related migrants by 2050.²

In response to these growing needs, Foundation S supports strategies for maximum effectiveness. Our focus is on dismantling barriers to collaboration, aiming for a collective impact in crisis response.

We've made progress, including developing emergency preparedness protocols and being an inaugural member of WHO Foundation's Health Emergencies Alliance.



We aim to

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Aid vulnerable populations:

Support vulnerable populations and leverage resources effectively to save lives during emergencies.

2

Streamline delivery:

Optimize the distribution of medicines and financial aid for rapid response.

3

Enhance preparedness:

Strengthen emergency readiness and develop predictive tools to address health challenges proactively.

Foundation S plays a role beyond immediate crisis response at a more strategic level. As well as donating medicines, we're contributing to the strengthening of international donation guidelines.

We aim to facilitate a transition from a reactive to a proactive medicine donation approach and boost efficiency, even in less severe ongoing crises.

²Source: Groundswell: Preparing for Internal Climate Migration. The World Bank. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/29461>

Foundation S amplifies its *humanitarian impact*

Collaborating with a diverse range of NGO partners at global, regional, and local levels.

These include the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD), Tulipe, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Direct Relief, Ordre de Malte, Friends for Health, Helping Hands Korea, HelpUkraine, AiFD20, various ministries of health and development agencies across the globe. This network of partnerships broadens Foundation S' reach and enhances the effectiveness of its aid efforts.

Since May 2022, Foundation S has coordinated 71 donations, including financial and medicinal aid, across 23 countries, amounting to €52 million. This

work involved over 9,000 committed Sanofi employees, resulting in 55 million daily treatments and positively affecting the lives of 22 million people.

In prolonged conflict zones such as Ukraine, Sudan, and Karabagh and in emergencies like the Turkey/Syria and Morocco earthquakes and Hurricane Otis in Mexico, Foundation S has worked on multiple fronts, from logistics and research and development to commercial divisions. This collaboration enabled the rapid and efficient distribution of life-saving medications to communities in need during these crises.



> **Watch** Foundation S and Direct Relief donated medicine as part of the response to Hurricane Otis

22 million
patients reached

55 million
medicines donated

Streamlined emergency response time from
3 weeks to 48 hours



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“We’ve been really pleased with our growing relationship with Foundation S. The relationship between Direct Relief and Foundation S enabled us to make donations out of Europe, preventing waste and allowing us to reach the most underserved patients.”

DirectRelief, partner

● Humanitarian Aid and Medicine Donations

Looking forward

We will continue to optimize our humanitarian aid and medicine donation mechanisms both in emergency response and non-emergencies. We will bolster our collective capacity and strengthen our ability to address urgent health challenges with timely and impactful support in humanitarian aid and medicine donations.

→ *Continue to learn and adapt ways of working*

We aim to ensure effective and timely emergency responses, rapidly tailoring interventions to meet critical needs.

→ *Upholding a commitment to operational excellence*

We will maximize efficiency in the donation process by swiftly assessing feasibility and optimizing supply chain coordination to ensure waste reduction and broader reach.

→ *Leveraging the potential of digital infrastructure*

We will streamline operations and maximize impact in the realm of medicine donation and emergency response.



● Neglected Tropical Diseases

Eliminating sleeping sickness by 2030

Supporting broader global efforts to fight NTDs

Our vision to 2030 is to revolutionize the treatment landscape for vulnerable communities, making the sustainable elimination of sleeping sickness a tangible reality.



The battle against *sleeping sickness*

 *Harnessing innovation and partnerships to overcome Neglected Tropical Diseases*

Sleeping sickness, or Human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), poses a significant threat in remote African communities. This fatal disease, caused by parasites transmitted by tsetse flies, requires urgent treatment.

Despite a significant reduction in cases thanks to improved control and treatment options, the complexity of administering these treatments remains a hurdle in hard-to-reach populations.

Foundation S' work on sleeping sickness is supported by strong public and private partnerships, including our long-term collaboration with WHO and the non-profit Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi).

This cooperative approach is pivotal in revolutionizing the treatment landscape, ensuring sustainable access to care, and aligning with WHO's ambitious goal of eliminating sleeping sickness by 2030.



Our strategy focuses on:

Saving Lives

Collaborating with WHO, we are dedicated to ensuring that every patient with sleeping sickness can access safer and more effective medicines.

Innovating for the Vulnerable

In partnership with DNDi, we aim to introduce Acoziborole as a novel and effective treatment for adult patients.

Our ambitions will be pursued through educational programs, drug donations, and the development of new, simplified treatment methods.



Foundation S, Sanofi, WHO and DNDi developed fexinidazole, the first-ever complete multi-dose oral treatment for sleeping sickness.

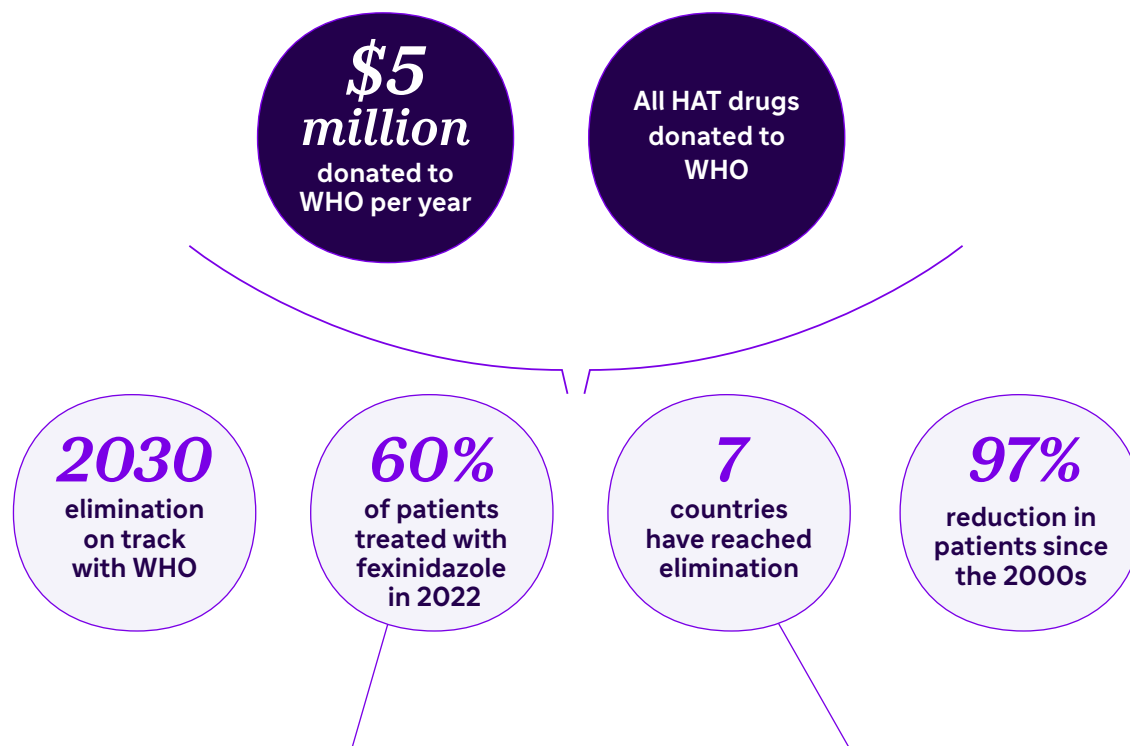
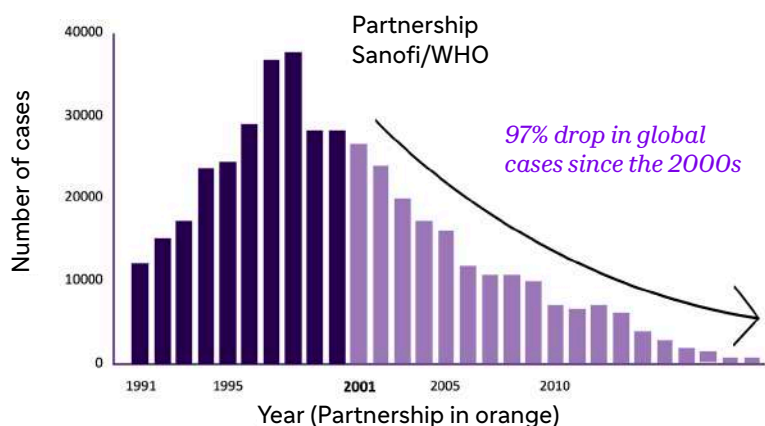
Building on this success, we are now focused on introducing an investigational innovative single-dose oral treatment (Acoziborole) for patients.

Over the last decade, the fight against sleeping sickness has undergone a *transformative shift* towards elimination and better treatment access

Central to this shift are collaborations between Foundation S, Sanofi, WHO, DNDi, Médecins Sans Frontières, and national sleeping sickness control programs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Guinea, among others.

This coalition has adopted a multi-faceted approach, integrating sleeping sickness control into national health systems. Efforts include raising awareness, training health workers, advancing treatments through research and innovation, and maintaining a stable supply chain.

Sanofi and Foundation S have been instrumental in ensuring medication supply, especially to remote regions typically overlooked by the pharmaceutical market. Their 20-year partnership with WHO has significantly contributed to a 97% drop in global cases since the early 2000s, moving the world closer to eliminating sleeping sickness – a historic feat potentially achievable without a vaccine. This ongoing commitment underscores the power of global collaboration in public health.



Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, and South Sudan have successfully integrated fexinidazole into their treatment protocols.

Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Ghana have proudly announced their success in eliminating the Gambiense strain of sleeping sickness, while Rwanda has shown progress in eliminating the Rhodesiense strain.

Foundation S, Sanofi and DNDi: *a longstanding partnership*

Foundation S, Sanofi, and DNDi form an important alliance in the fight to eliminate sleeping sickness by 2030. In November 2022, we announced the successful trial of Acoziborole, a single-dose oral treatment for the disease. If approved, Acoziborole will be a game-changer, simplifying treatment with its one-day treatment and enabling a ‘screen-and-treat’ approach, which is crucial for remote and underserved communities.

This breakthrough, due to DNDi’s extensive research and Sanofi’s production expertise, represents *a significant step towards eliminating sleeping sickness* and making treatment more accessible and efficient for all, especially children.

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“The word alliance is stronger than partnerships. This alliance is moved by a common vision - elimination of the disease. We take risks individually and together.”

DNDi, partner

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“We, together with Sanofi, the Gates Foundation and the health ministries gradually developed a drug that today is a pill that you take for 10 days and it cures you completely. Imagine the change. And we hope very soon (we already have very good results) to be able to move to a one-day pill and cure people definitively. Thanks to this we hope to eliminate sleeping sickness completely in a few years.”

Luis Pizarro, DNDi CEO



Three young children playing in Malawi

Looking forward

Our overarching goal for NTDs and sleeping sickness in 2024 is to expand the scope of our battle against NTDs while reinforcing collaborative efforts through community-led initiatives and global partnerships.

→ ***Securing regulatory approval for Acoziborole:***


We will continue to work towards this significant milestone in eliminating sleeping sickness.

→ ***Proactively addressing the impact of climate change on NTDs through community-based projects:***

We will work and speak with communities directly and create sustainable solutions at the grassroots level, recognizing the interconnectedness of environmental factors and public health.

→ ***Reinforcing our partnerships with global actors to address other NTDs:***

We will significantly emphasize reinforcing partnership channels on NTDs beyond sleeping sickness.



Sleeping sickness remains a health challenge in Malawi

Looking to *the future*



We will focus on empowering communities through locally led programming, strengthening community capacity, building long-term resilience, and driving global change.



We have committed to rigorously evaluating our impact by implementing robust measurement mechanisms, which we recognize as crucial for accountability, transparency, and strategic learning.

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THE **sanofi** COLLECTIVE

In 2024, Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective will continue to pursue our vision of improving health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries, contributing to *a transformative shift in philanthropy to reduce global health disparities.*

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Continuous learning
By adopting a comprehensive approach to impact assessment, Foundation S is dedicated to continuous learning and strategy refinement, ensuring resource use that drives meaningful, sustainable change.



Evidence-based
This approach highlights our commitment to evidence-based decision-making and achieving tangible, positive outcomes in line with our mission to improve the lives of vulnerable communities.