



World Health Assembly 2024

Foundation S's Climate-Health Action at the Heart of the Issues

During this event, the philanthropic organization of Sanofi:

- **reaffirmed its commitment to invest 40 million euros by 2030 across all climate-health programs.**
- **announced the creation of a new fund for community health resilience.**
- **welcomed six new members to the *Collective Minds Climate & Health Council*.**

Geneva, May 30, 2024 - At the 77th [World Health Assembly](#) (WHA77), held in Geneva from May 27 to June 1 under the theme "*A World Mobilized for Health, Health for All*", Foundation S reaffirmed its commitment to allocate **40 million euros by 2030** to fund its various climate-health initiatives.

Sanofi's philanthropic organization, which has made the impact of climate change on health one of its main focuses, also celebrated the adoption of **the first WHO resolution on climate and health**. This new resolution, entirely dedicated to the links between climate change and health, aims to encourage global political engagement in collective actions and highlight the need for funding to promote international cooperation for concrete climate-health solutions led by countries.

"According to the World Health Organization, climate change, expected to cause an additional 14.5 million deaths by 2050, or one person every minute, is the greatest health threat humanity will face. While the relationship between climate and health is now better established, the international community has been slow to measure all its consequences. The adoption of this resolution, the very first of its kind, is a tremendous signal of an urgent and necessary awareness and the first step towards funding integrated health solutions", said Vanina Laurent-Ledru, General Manager of Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective.

A New Fund for Resilience

Another highlight of this Assembly for Foundation S was the announcement of the creation of a Community Health Resilience Fund (CHRF). This fund aims to strengthen community resilience to the health impacts of climate change in low- and middle-income countries.

This fund will particularly focus on **aiding women**. By 2050, the UN estimates that climate change could push up to 158 million more women and girls into poverty and expose 232 million of them to food insecurity. Climate change also threatens to reverse progress in maternal and perinatal health.

This new fund (CHRF) aims to amplify gender-sensitive, inclusive, and locally-led climate actions that mitigate the vulnerability of women and girls and support the action and

leadership of women and their organizations in strengthening community resilience and adapting local and national climate and health policies.

During this same World Health Assembly, *Foundation S* participated in organizing **three strategic round tables** bringing together experts, public officials, private sector actors, and NGOs: high-level exchanges that *Foundation S* continues to encourage, convinced that only the union of these forces will be able to face the significant and growing threats to the health of populations, particularly the most vulnerable, due to climate change:

- *"One Health: From Ambitions to Action"* in partnership with the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in Geneva;
- *"Climate-Health Dialogue"* in partnership with the Global Fund, WHO, the Clinton Global Initiative, AMREF, and the Rockefeller Foundation;
- Finally, for the third exchange, *Foundation S* brought together the [Collective MindS Climate & Health Council](#), created to direct decision-makers' attention to the impact of climate change on community health, around a reflection on ways to promote flexible financing solutions.

On this occasion, Vanina Laurent-Ledru announced **the arrival of six new members** to this committee:

- **Yacine Djibo**, Founder and Executive Director of Speak Up Africa, Senegal
- Pascal Lamy, Vice-President of the Paris Peace Forum and former Director-General of the WTO
- **Dr. Omnia El Omrani**, Health Envoy for the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference
- **Dr. Marina Romanello**, Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown
- **Dr. Monique Vledder**, Head of Practices for the Global Health, Nutrition, and Population Unit at the World Bank, alternating with
- **Dr. Tamer Rabie**, Program Leader for Climate and Health at the World Bank

About Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective

The philanthropic organization supported by Sanofi has been working since May 2022 in four areas: combating childhood cancer, Sanofi's historical commitment, emergency humanitarian aid, eradicating tropical diseases, and finally, the major current health challenge, the impact of climate change on health. To act effectively in these four areas, Foundation S - led by Vanina Laurent-Ledru and chaired by Frédéric Oudéa - adopts a methodology based on the articulation between global and local and encourages collective action through various forms of partnerships, the mobilization of top experts, and its think & do tank.

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