



MSF Statement on Agenda Item 21.6 – Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, for the Period 2008-2022

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MSF supports the extension of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property (GSPOA).

This strategy represents a work stream that, if fully funded and implemented by WHO and its member states, could have made a difference in addressing the inequities in the response to COVID. It could have informed policies for the coordination of research and development, sharing of know-how and technology, development of health tools as public goods, and the waiver of intellectual property rules needed to ramp up production and access to diagnostics, vaccines and medicines for COVID.

MSF looks forward to engaging in the policy space where best practices can be shared leading up to the full implementation of the GSPOA.

Thank you!