



MSF Statement
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As a humanitarian organisation providing medical assistance in more than 70 countries, MSF welcomes the resolution to improve diagnostic capacity in countries.

This important resolution must be implemented and brought to practice. MSF encourages Member States to develop national diagnostics strategies and ensure nationwide access to essential diagnostics, at all healthcare levels and for all diseases relevant to the local context, including neglected diseases. Donors and global health actors must support Member States towards adequate implementation of the commitments made in the resolution, including enhancing the local production of diagnostics in LMICs and ensuring affordable prices of diagnostics.

Critically, actions and investments should not be reactive to pandemic threats alone but address all diseases affecting LMICs.