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## Welcome to 2024: Another crucial year for the global healthcare ecosystem

This first issue of the year opens with an important [message from Aidspan's Chairman of the Board](#), extending his warmest wishes to all readers and supporters of the Global Fund Observer (GFO).

The [second article](#) centers on the October 2023 recommendation by the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding the introduction of a second malaria vaccine, prompting a number of concerns in Africa. These concerns revolve mainly around the inherent problem of the availability and accessibility of these vaccines, particularly in regions and for individuals urgently requiring this intervention. This undoubtedly raises the delicate issue of technology transfer.

The Global Fund, a key player in global health architecture for the past two decades, is at the heart of our concerns. While directing substantial resources towards the fight against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, it grapples with an insidious adversary: corruption. Our [third article](#) explores the complex nuances of corruption's impact on the effectiveness of Global Fund programs. It sheds light on existing anti-corruption measures and underscores the continuing challenges in the ongoing quest for transparency and integrity.

The issue also reflect on a significant event held in Ouagadougou from November 21 to 23, 2023. Community players from nine French-speaking countries engaged in discussion on community

involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis, particularly in difficult intervention contexts and among migrants. The [fourth article](#) presents the key moments and resolutions of this crucial workshop, underlining the importance of community involvement in often complex contexts.

The crucial issue of the disproportionate impact of climate change on women's health is explored in our [fifth article](#). We highlight the specific inequalities and threats facing women and girls around the world, underlining the urgency of integrating gender considerations into climate change policies and programs.

Finally, the Pandemic Fund announces its second call for proposals, with a budget of \$500 million. This bold initiative aims to build resilience in low- and middle-income countries by encouraging innovative proposals for high-impact investments in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. Eligible countries are invited to submit proposals, marking a new momentum in the global fight for health. Find out more in our [sixth and final article](#) in this issue.

We invite you to explore these informative and analytical articles, hoping that this issue of the Global Fund Observer will contribute to a deeper understanding of current and future global health issues. We remain committed to providing you with enlightening perspectives throughout this year and beyond.

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