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Headline: New GHIAA tool supports alliance formation to improve access to lifesaving products

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The **Global Healthcare Innovation Alliance Accelerator** (GHIAA) is pleased to announce the launch of its Master Alliance Provisions Guide (**MAPGuide**) to support partnerships that accelerate the development and distribution of new global health technologies. The MAPGuide can be found online at: [ghiaa.org/mapguide-home](https://ghiaa.org/mapguide-home).

The MAPGuide provides a user-friendly online platform that lets practitioners and policymakers access a curated collection of actual, template and model contractual provisions from global health alliance agreements, as well as funder policies, that address key principles upon which partnerships are built.

Efficiently established alliances that support the development and distribution of new lifesaving products and tools are essential to ensuring equitable global access to these products. These alliances are particularly critical today in helping the world control the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet past large-scale global health crises have shown us that negotiating agreements to advance research and development (R&D) can cause substantial delays in the product development process. The MAPGuide aims to help R&D partners navigate the process of forming alliances more easily by providing real-world examples that show how a variety of alliances, across all sectors, approach issues around access, intellectual property ownership, data sharing and safety, liability, risk and benefit sharing, and more.

“We are excited to share the MAPGuide with our global health colleagues, stakeholders and policy makers. We believe that they will find it a valuable tool as they consider the interaction of policies and agreement provisions, especially as alliances are rapidly forming in response to the need for vaccines and treatments for COVID-19,” Said Julie Barnes-Weise, the Executive Director of the GHIAA, which is launching the MAPGuide with support from the Wellcome Trust.

“Global equitable access to new vaccines, treatments and tests is our best chance of ending the COVID-19 pandemic. The MAPGuide, launched today, will enable organizations to take a clearer and more consistent approach to issues like equitable access, when entering into new funding agreements. We hope that the MAPGuide will prove to be a practical tool that ultimately helps

to facilitate access to vital innovations for COVID-19 and beyond. We're pleased to be supporting it and excited to see how it develops." - William Hall, Global Policy & Advocacy Manager, Wellcome Trust

GHIAA invites users to submit entire agreements, individual provisions, and policies for inclusion in the MAPGuide (with redaction if necessary or preferred). To submit materials, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MAPGuideContribution>

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#### Additional Quotes:

"A searchable online tool that shares global health agreement provisions will be valuable in comparing alternative language for addressing significant policy and contractual issues." - Richard Wilder, General Counsel, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

"Tools like the MAPGuide can streamline contract discussions in global health, allowing everyone to focus on the most important issues." - Kevin Outtersen, Executive Director, CARB-X

"We look forward to both contributing to and using the MAPGuide tool. As global health agreements increasingly impact the world's population, transparency on their provisions grows in importance." Chan Park, General Counsel, Medicines Patent Pool

"The MAPGuide will inform discussions with partners on the range of solutions to address key issues in global public health alliances." - Catherine Hennings, Director, Commercialization, Center for Vaccine Innovation and Access, PATH

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About the Global Health Innovation Alliance Accelerator (GHIAA): The GHIAA was established in 2017 as an independent resource, curator, interdisciplinary think tank, and consultancy to facilitate efficient establishment of alliances to advance research, development and marketing for new biomedical technologies to address global health challenges. To achieve this objective, GHIAA develops and promotes the use of tools, best practices, and agreement provisions for global health alliance formation. GHIAA serves as an international source for research, training, education, advocacy, and support, dedicated to improving the health of the world's communities through development alliance formation. We seek to engage academia, governmental, business, and nonprofit organizations in this collaborative effort.