



**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC—The Global Health Innovation Alliance Accelerator (GHIAA) is pleased to announce a new grant from the Wellcome Trust to support the growth of its online Master Alliance Provisions Guide (MAPGuide).**

Previous support from the Wellcome Trust facilitated the development of the MAPGuide, a user-friendly online platform that allows global health practitioners and policy-makers to access a variety of contractual agreements and provisions used in global health agreements. The MAPGuide is an annotated index of actual and template contractual provisions that allows users to compare a wide range of approaches to addressing the key issues critical to global health agreements.

“Global health practitioners—and the public—get excited about innovations in technologies and drugs,” said Julia Barnes-Weise, executive director of GHIAA. “But many don’t realize that these innovations would not be possible without legal contracts and carefully worded provisions that guide the partnerships. We are thrilled that Wellcome Trust is continuing to invest in this sometimes under-appreciated part of the global health partnerships puzzle.”

As the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically illustrated, global health challenges demand international solutions related to diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines. Legal agreements among partners from across sectors form the foundation for the collaborations that are essential to developing and equitably delivering those life-saving tools. The MAPGuide supports practitioners and policymakers in selecting appropriate contractual levers to address key issues such as equitable access, ownership of intellectual property, data sharing, transparency, and other major partnership terms. By providing actual and template contractual provisions comparing a wide range of approaches, the MAPGuide supports alliance partners and policymakers in selecting the best agreement options to guide their collaboration.

“We know that global equitable access to new vaccines, treatments and tests is our best chance of ending the pandemic,” said Will Hall, Global Policy and Advocacy Manager at Wellcome Trust. “If organisations take a clear and, where possible, consistent approach to equitable access when entering into new funding relationships, we increase the chances that those most in need of these tools will benefit from them. That’s why Wellcome Trust is so happy to be supporting the MAPGuide.”

The MAPGuide’s database of provisions draws on real-world examples from public, corporate, philanthropic, and multilateral institutions, including the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), CARB-X, the European Union’s Innovative Medicines Initiative, the Medicines Patent Pool, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others.

The MAPGuide can be found online at: <http://ghiaa.org/mapguide-home>. 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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“The MAPGuide informs 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):** 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.