Annual Report 2022

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The Health Action International (HAI) Annual Report for 2022, <u>New Challenges and New Horizons</u>, provides a detailed overview of the progress, achievements and challenges throughout our projects over the last 12 months.

We will look back on 2022 as a year of change for HAI. Finally, after two years of working remotely, the team could be back together under one roof as we embarked on a new way of working that allows for the flexibility of working from home with the camaraderie of sharing an office with friends and colleagues.

In HAI's core work, we introduced a new project, Supporting Healthy Adolescents and Rights Protection (SHARP), working with partners to improve adolescents' sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) and address their high unmet need for family planning across six countries in Africa's Great Lakes region. Our work on SRH also continued in Burundi as part of our contribution to the Dutch Embassy's 'Solutions' programme there to improve access, demand, and availability of family planning commodities.

Elsewhere, we continued to book advocacy successes in our work on <u>Artificial Intelligence</u> (AI) and Medicines, and in a year which marked 100 years since the first use of insulin, we could celebrate the adoption of ambitious <u>diabetes targets</u> by the World Health Assembly.

On snakebite, our work with communities continued with the introduction of an exciting new prevention tool aimed at school-age children, the comic book Safiya's 8 Secrets. Finally, as alluded to above, HAI was proud of the work done to push for a waiver of intellectual property on COVID-19 related health technologies. While ultimately the result of an agreement reached at the World Trade Organization fell well short of what was needed, we could take some comfort from the fact the issue is now well and truly on the table when negotiating an instrument on preparedness and response to future health emergencies.

These are just a handful of highlights from yet another busy year for the team – read on to find out more.

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