

**Election new member organisation**  
**Child-Help**  
**Michel Coenen (Board Child-Help)**



# Child-Help - How it started



# Child-Help's vision and mission



## Vision

By 2050 all children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus have a fair start in the world.

‘Fair’ in our vision means: fair with the cultural and economic context of the country. Fair means also non-discrimination in the context of Universal Human Rights. Fair means non-discrimination based on disability.

## Mission

CH's mission is to enable a generation where children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus become thriving adults in an inclusive society working with parties worldwide.



# Child-Help's strategic goals



## Strategic goals for the next 5 to 10 years

***Strategic goal 1:*** Child-Help supports support groups and their network to change their societies themselves in our partner countries and in Belgium.

***Strategic goal 2:*** Access to treatment, care and other social services is improved in partner countries and in Belgium.



# Child-Help in the world



## RESULTS 2023

Members of Child-Help International

- Project countries
- Material support

- Parent Group
- Hospital project
- Outreach project
- House of Hope
- Continenence Mgmt

### UKRAINE

708 children followed-up  
47 new in 2023  
38 surgeries  
121 professionals trained  
77 family members trained

22.564 children followed-up worldwide

18.354 mothers worldwide received a year's supply of folic acid

5.725 pieces of surgical material provided (shunts, EVD, ...)

17.450 catheters provided worldwide

### GUATEMALA

139 children followed-up  
21 new in 2023  
63 surgeries  
2 professionals trained  
195 family members trained

### PERU

775 children followed-up  
8 new in 2023  
41 professionals trained  
2 clinics

### UGANDA

5.835 children followed-up  
617 new in 2023  
1.606 surgeries  
56 professionals trained  
1.203 family members trained  
77 clinics  
1.137 shunts

### IVORY COAST

116 children followed-up  
66 surgeries

### DR CONGO

300 children followed-up  
4 new in 2023  
42 surgeries  
4 professionals trained  
112 family members trained  
36 clinics  
49 shunts

### ZAMBIA

2.816 children followed-up  
370 new in 2023  
601 surgeries  
19 professionals trained  
159 family members trained  
17 clinics  
606 shunts

### SUDAN

22 family members trained

### ETHIOPIA

337 children followed-up  
253 surgeries  
36 family members trained

### KENYA

5.296 children followed-up  
413 new in 2023  
229 surgeries  
76 professionals trained  
897 family members trained  
142 clinics  
501 shunts

### TANZANIA

2.953 children followed-up  
825 new in 2023  
702 surgeries  
14 professionals trained  
2.293 family members trained  
51 clinics  
201 shunts

### MALAWI

3.027 children followed-up  
468 new in 2023  
606 surgeries  
59 professionals trained  
411 family members trained  
111 clinics  
551 shunts

### SOUTH-AFRICA

1.262 children followed-up  
29 new in 2023  
24 surgeries  
9 professionals trained  
71 family members trained





# Child-Help and Be-cause health



We believe that our **core areas of expertise** would greatly contribute to the goals of the “Because Health” network, particularly in the following ways:

- **Specialized Care for Vulnerable Children**
- **Community Empowerment**
- **Innovative Solutions in Low-Resource Settings**
  
- **We are interested in participating in the working groups:**
  - **Access to quality medicines**
  - **Social Health Protection**



**Thank  
you**



**Election new member organisation**  
**Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)**  
**Lisa Goerlitz (Head of DSW's EU Office)**









DSW focuses on the **needs and potential of the largest youth generation in history**. We are committed to creating demand for and access to health information, services and supplies, and to securing their right for a brighter future.

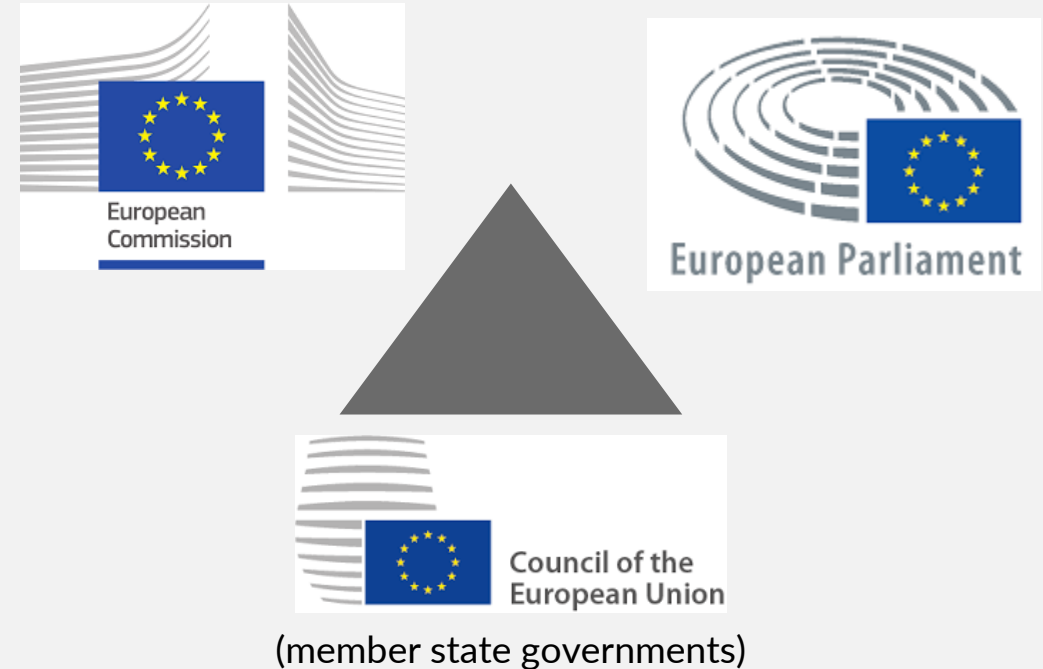
DSW promotes **universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)** in low- and middle-income countries by undertaking SRHR advocacy, developing initiatives, and engaging in capacity development and family planning projects.

DSW advocates for investment in **research and innovation to fight poverty-related and neglected tropical diseases**, which disproportionately affect women and girls, and to further advance the global health agenda.

# DSW advocacy at EU level

- **Objectives:** Improved policies and increased funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and global health research and innovation (GH R&I)
- **Approach:** DSW works in coalition with partners from academia, research institutes, product development partnerships, and other NGOs
- **Processes:** EU external action instruments, EU-Africa relations, annual budget, R&I instruments; pandemic preparedness and response policies.
- **Some of our partners & networks:**
  - **Informal Global Health CSO group:** ONE Campaign, Oxfam, Global Health Advocates, Aidsfonds, Wateraid, Save the Children, etc.
  - **Countdown 2030 Network:** IPPFEN and EPF
  - **Global Health Research Institutes and Universities:** EGHRIN, Institut Pasteur, Institut Mérieux, Heidelberg University, University Bonn, ITM, AIGHD, ISGlobal, etc.
  - **Product Development Partnerships:** DNDi, PATH, IAVI, FIND, etc.
  - **Affiliations:** DSW is a member of HERA's civil society advisory forum

## Advocacy targets:



Engaging politicians and experts in capitals (Berlin, Brussels, etc.) is essential for EU advocacy, but equally important is to engage the EU because it shapes the actions of its Member States.

## Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

- **EU-Africa cooperation:** Strengthening Africa-EU cooperation and increased investments on health, gender, and youth. Promoting EU support to Sub-Saharan Africa is driven by local needs and scientific evidence, and implemented transparently, with clear accountability and monitoring mechanisms.
- **Development Cooperation:** Increasing EU development funds and improving coherence between Team Europe (EU + Member State) ODA investments. Ensuring ODA prioritises poverty eradication and the promotion of human development, including health, education, gender equality, and social protection.

## Global health research and innovation (GH R&I)

- **EU-Africa cooperation:** Protect and promote investments in poverty-related and neglected diseases, including support for regulatory authorisation and affordable access in Africa. Advocate for the EDCTP (European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership with sub-Saharan Africa).
- **Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR):** Ensure that the EU's PPR actions and new agency, HERA, considers global health equity alongside EU health security, for example, by supporting African countries to better prepare for and respond to disease outbreaks, and to address the effects of climate change on vector-borne diseases.

## Gender equality in global health and women's health R&I:

- Advocating for greater prioritisation of gender equality in development cooperation as a key driver of sustainable development and improved health and wellbeing.
- Promoting gender-transformative science that addresses women's specific unmet needs and delivers better outcomes for women's health.





# Engagement with BeCause working groups and Membership benefits

- We expect to be actively engaged in the **Access to Quality Medicines** and **SRHR** working groups.
- DSW's expertise is recognised through effective engagement with public authorities and experts:



**SPEAK UP!**  
FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

## IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH GLOBALLY:

A SMART RESEARCH INVESTMENT FOR THE EU



### Better tools are need to end tuberculosis and anti-microbial resistance

DISCLAIMER: All opinions in this column reflect the views

By Nicolae Stefanuta



We need better tools to end TB and AMR, and the EU can and must lead these efforts, writes Nicolae Ștefanu

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“The EDCTP has been a success story for EU-Africa research and innovation cooperation. Our partnership offers a renewed opportunity to deepen cooperation in tackling some of the world's most devastating infectious diseases, essential in the face of converging threats such as climate change and emerging resistance. In developing new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics for key infectious diseases affecting sub-Saharan Africa, the partnership is accelerating economic and social transformation for the benefit of us all.”

**Mariya Gabriel**

Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

“A highly skilled workforce is necessary to strengthen healthcare systems in Africa, and for our collective health security. The Africa CDC and the EDCTP have worked closely over the last six years to accelerate action on this, including through a jointly funded programme to train highly skilled epidemiologists and biostatisticians in sub-Saharan Africa.”

**Dr John Nkengasong**  
Director Africa CDC



Photo: Africa CDC Communications Team

- We value collaboration and believe that systemic change can only be driven and achieved collectively!







Thank you!

**Election new member organisation**  
**Fraternité Médicale Guinée (FMG)**  
**Abdoulaye Sow (Director FMG)**



**Election new member organisation**  
**PalliaFamilli (PF)**  
**Alain Kabemba (Coordinator PF)**  
**Gilbert Mukandila (Spiritual Advisor PF)**



## **Election new member organisation**

**Sciensano**

**Dominique Vandekerckhove (One Health Coordinator,  
Sciensano)**



# Organisational overview

## Vision

*We are a **key player in human and animal health** thanks to the **excellence** of our scientific research, our high-level services and the **integration of interactions between humans, animals and their environment** in our activities, advice and recommendations.*

*We base our actions on **global and interdisciplinary approaches**, scientific excellence, innovation and on the quality of our **collaborations** with our partners.*

## Mission

*Sciensano supports human and animal health policies from a One Health perspective*

- by making use of its expertise in **research and surveillance**, also in the context of **crisis management**,*
- by providing high-quality **scientific advice, recommendations and services**,*
- by collecting, analysing and making available validated **health data**,*
- by **collaborating** with external partners and*
- by **liaising with relevant actors** in Belgium and internationally*



# Organisational overview

## Values

- *Collaboration*
- *Excellence*
- *Independence*
- *Goodwill*
- *Responsibility*

## Primary objectives

- ***One Health institute***  
*interdisciplinarity, collaboration, coordination, communication, capacity building*
- *The aim of Sciensano's research is that its results can be applied in practice to **improve and support human and animal health and health care**. Sciensano therefore focuses in particular on **translational research**, so that scientific data and evidence can be optimally used in health policy making.*
- *Means :*  
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## **Sciensano**

- endorses the Be-cause health vision and mission, as well as its values and principles, and the Health(care) for all declaration
- cooperates with low- and middle-income countries, and has an interest in offering support to combat global poverty and inequality
- has a clear interest in what is happening in Belgium in the field of global health

# Engagement in Working Groups

## Planetary Health

- transdisciplinary networks are a fruitful mechanism for understanding and tackling the multiple effects of the climate crisis and environmental degradation impact on health ('One Health')
- such a complex issue needs to be tackled via transdisciplinary international groups
- sharing resources and information, and engaging in research, education, and programmes
- 'Climate crisis is a health crisis'
- Be-cause health offers a flexible space for
  - convening a planetary health working group and contributing to better understanding, information, and action on climate and health in polycrisis and syndemic times
  - technical exchanges and to facilitate joint initiatives
- since 2023, Sciansano's One Health Coordinator participates in the Planetary Health WG.

# Membership benefits

## For Sciensano

- Communication, collaboration, coordination and capacity building in One Health context
- Reinforce inter-/multi/transdisciplinary networking at (inter)national level
- (Further) break down knowledge silos
- Further include environmental and climate aspects in One Health activities

## For Be-cause health

- Collaboration with the Be One Health institute
- Access to top of the line expertise
  - human health (incl. NCD)
  - animal health
  - environmental health
- Access to Sciensano's network
  - at the regional, federal, European and international level
  - including scientists, policy makers, interdisciplinary research consortia and networks, private sector, ...

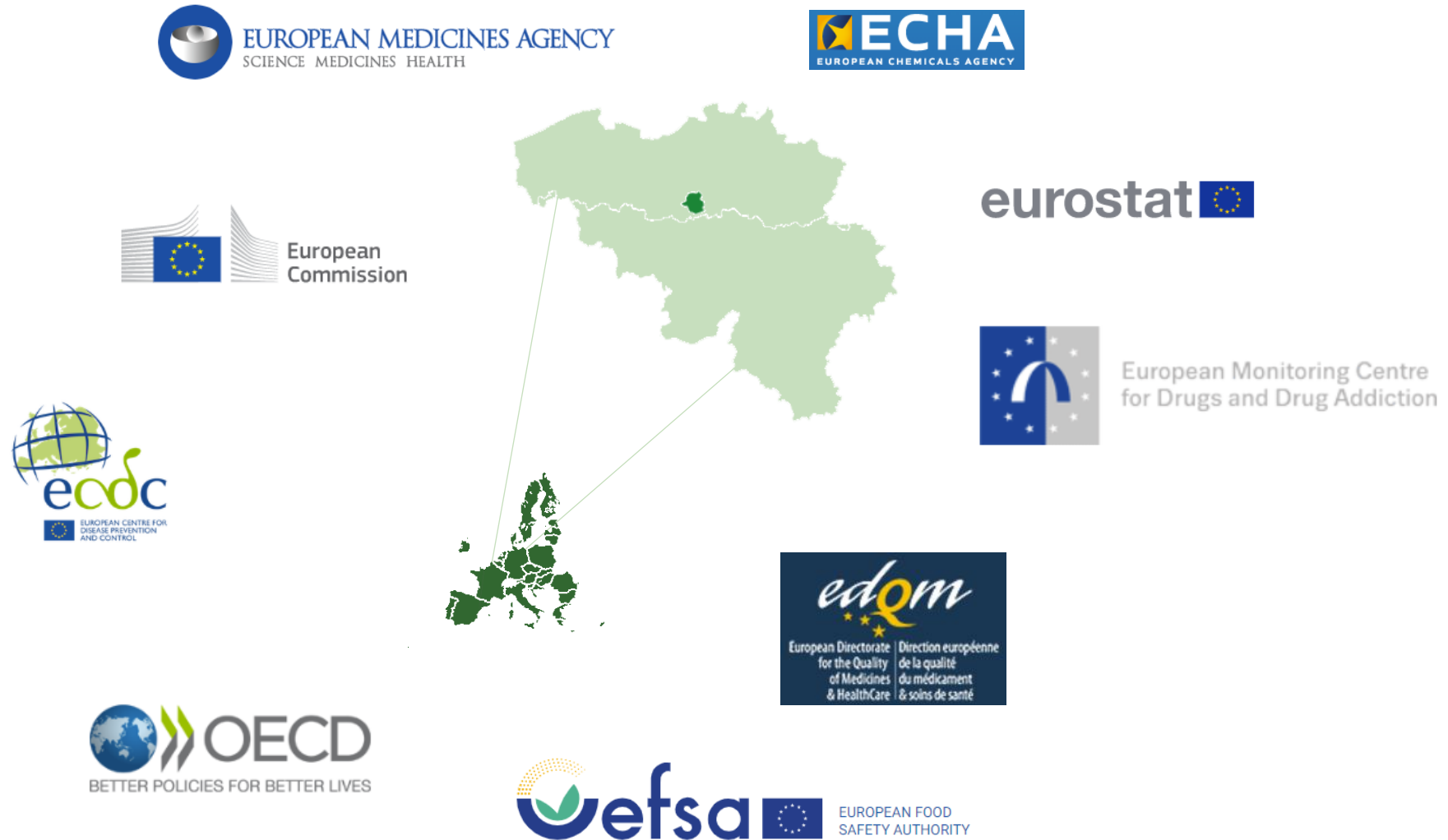


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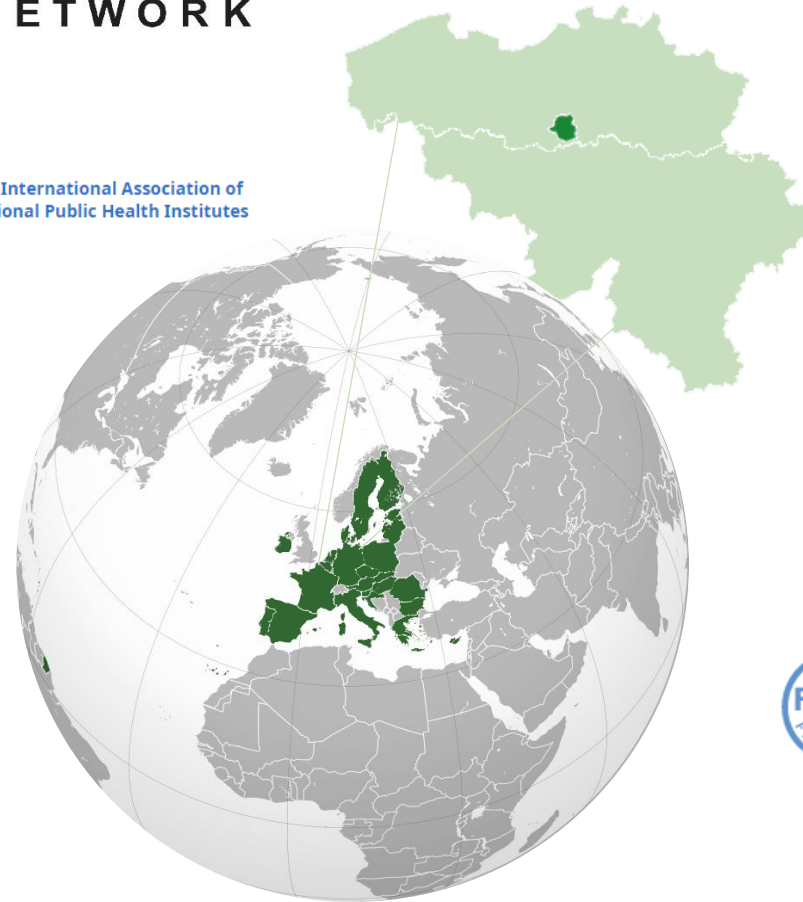
# Field of action & collaboration - EU

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# Field of action & collaboration - GLOBAL

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# Research collaborations

And other partnerships

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Universities, institutions, hospitals, foundations & organisations

Some examples



# Private sector

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## Private companies are also among our clients

- for **batch releases** or **controls**
  - of vaccines, medicines,
  - chemical products,
  - foodstuffs,
  - containers and others
- Often due to a **legal obligation**
- Measures are taken to avoid potential conflicts of interest

Some examples

The logo for GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), consisting of the letters 'GSK' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font.The logo for Merck & Co. (MSD), featuring a green and blue circular emblem with a white cross-like shape inside, followed by the letters 'MSD' in a black, sans-serif font.The logo for Pfizer, featuring a blue circular emblem with a white 'P' shape inside, followed by the word 'Pfizer' in a blue, sans-serif font.The logo for Ceva, featuring a blue circular emblem with a white 'C' shape inside, followed by the word 'Ceva' in a white, sans-serif font.

*Ceva Santé Animale*

The logo for Janssen, featuring the word 'Janssen' in a blue, sans-serif font, with a blue stylized 'J' shape to the right. Below it, in smaller text, are 'PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES OF' and 'Johnson & Johnson'.The logo for Omrix, featuring the word 'omrix' in a green, sans-serif font, with 'Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.' in smaller text below it. Below that, it says 'a Johnson & Johnson company'.The logo for Sanofi Pasteur, featuring the words 'SANOFI PASTEUR' in a black, sans-serif font, followed by a small circular emblem with a green and blue design.The logo for Huvepharma, featuring a green circular emblem with a white 'H' shape inside, followed by the word 'HUVEPHARMA' in a green, sans-serif font.The logo for Zoetis, featuring the word 'zoetis' in a lowercase, orange, sans-serif font.The logo for MSD Animal Health, featuring a green and blue circular emblem with a white cross-like shape inside, followed by the letters 'MSD' in a black, sans-serif font, and 'Animal Health' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.

# Additional information

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## Linking into

- <https://www.sciensano.be/en>
- Belgian Biodiversity Platform (BBPf)  
<https://www.biodiversity.be/>
- Belgian One Health (BeOH)  
<https://www.biodiversity.be/4033/>

