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Abbreviations

OHS - One Health Society

AMR - Antimicrobial Resistance

NTDs - Neglected Tropical Diseases

RCCE - Risk Communication and Community Engagement

CLA - Continuous Learning, Adaptation, and Collaboration

NGO - Non-Governmental Organization

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

One Health Society extends its heartfelt gratitude to all individuals and organizations that have contributed to the success of our mission and the initiatives within this Annual Report.

First and foremost, we would like to recognize our dedicated staff, volunteers, and interns whose unwavering commitment and hard work have been pivotal in implementing our programs. Your passion for improving health systems and addressing global health challenges using the One Health approach is truly inspiring.

We express our sincere appreciation to our partners and collaborators, including governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, and community-based organizations, for their invaluable support and collaboration. Your trust and partnership have enabled us to extend our reach and impact.

We are grateful to the communities we serve, including livestock keepers, healthcare workers, and local leaders, for your enthusiasm, engagement, and feedback. Your active participation has been crucial in ensuring the success of our initiatives, particularly in promoting awareness and behavioral change regarding health practices.

We also acknowledge the contributions of various stakeholders and experts who have shared their knowledge and insights, helping us to synthesize evidence and inform our policy advocacy efforts. Your expertise has strengthened our capacity to address the complex challenges we encounter.

Finally, we would like to thank the board of advisory for their strategic guidance and support, as well as our donors whose generous contributions have made our work possible. Your belief in our vision for a resilient health system underscores our collective commitment to promoting the health of humans, animals, and the environment.

Together, we look forward to continuing our efforts to create a healthier future for all.

One Health Society
Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
2025

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



As we reflect on our achievements and challenges over the past year, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all stakeholders, partners, technical advisors, and staff of One Health Society (OHS). Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to integrate the One Health approach in addressing pressing health issues, including Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), while also promoting climate health and pandemic preparedness.

In 2025, we strengthened our grassroots engagement by empowering communities and facilitating transformative social behavioral change. Our advocacy efforts have paved the way for knowledgeable policy decisions that are vital for the health and sustainability of our ecosystems. Training healthcare workers and youth leaders remains a cornerstone of our mission, ensuring that our interventions are grounded in local realities and foster long-lasting benefits.

We are proud to witness the growing collaboration among our partners and the various stakeholders who have joined our cause. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in amplifying our impact across Tanzania and beyond. Together, we are not only addressing immediate health challenges but also building resilience for the future.

Looking ahead, we recognize that the tasks before us are significant yet essential. Our vision of a healthy coexistence among humans, animals, and the environment drives us forward. We remain committed to innovation, evidence-based action, and inclusivity as we continue to tackle the complexities of global health.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and commitment as we strive to create a healthier future for all. Together, let us advance our mission and make a tangible impact in our communities.

Sincerely,
Hamisi Msagama
Executive Director
One Health Society



ABOUT ONE HEALTH SOCIETY (OHS)

Is a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in Tanzania committed to strengthening health systems by addressing global health challenges using One Health Approach.

Areas of Focus



- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)
- Climate and Health
- Pandemic Preparedness and Response



What we do

- Engage grassroots communities to influence Social Behavioral Change and uptake of health interventions
- Advocating for policy actions by translating evidence and engaging policymakers,
- Training and equipping healthcare workers, Community Health workers, Youth and Policymakers to build their capacity
- Synthesizing evidence through research to inform policy and practice
- Using innovative approaches to maximize impacts, inclusions or innovating new tools and approaches to maximize impacts & Inclusion



Vision

A resilient Health system and Community where humans, animals, and the environment coexist in optimal health.



Mission

Influencing and implementing the One Health Approach through community engagement, Capacity development, Research & innovation, Policy advocacy



Core Values

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Collaboration
- Openness
- Empowerment.

OHS AT GLANCE

600+

Trained Livestock keeper
on antibiotic use, WASH & IPC

10

Onboard to Global and High-Level
Discussions

120+

Trained Youth

4

Recognitions
/Awards

50+

Distributed Hygiene/
Handwashing facilities

15

High-Level Leaders and International
partners visited our Office

2

Formalized long-term
partnership

17

Partners
Engaged

4

Supported Tanzania
Parliamentarians
Workshops & Training

4

National Technical
Working Group Joined

4

Project
Implemented

\$60000

Fund
Mobilized

3

Staff received
full funded
scholarship

4.8+ Millions

Impression on Social Media

2

Staff
Published
Papers

2

Co-Hosted Side Event (NNN2025-Uganda;
7th Continental WAAW2025) on Financing

CHAPTER ONE



ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR) INITIATIVES

A photograph of two men outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a brown cowboy hat and a light blue shirt, holding a small green bottle. The man on the right is wearing a tan hat and a dark blue polo shirt with a logo, standing with his arms crossed. A large green rectangle with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Health Farming; NO AMR

In 2025, we implemented the “Healthy Farming; No AMR” campaign funded by The Trinity Challenge to raise awareness and promote positive behavior changes on antibiotic use to combat the growing public threat of antimicrobial resistance

Employing a multimedia and multisectoral Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) strategy, the campaign effectively promoted preventive measures including biosecurity, vaccination, and best practices in animal care. Targeting livestock keepers, veterinary professionals, and the general public, the campaign integrated Continuous Learning, Adaptation, and Collaboration (CLA) approaches to maximize its impact.

Key achievements

- Engaging over 600 livestock keepers through three community outreach events.
- Training 15 AMR champions to enhance local advocacy.
- Linking 25 farmers to vaccination programs for improved livestock health.
- Conducting physical visits to 96 broiler keepers to promote best practices.
- Host five radio sessions and coverage in The Guardian newspaper
- Generated over 80k+ impressions on social media
- Handled handwashing equipment for farmers.



Watch Full Documentary Here

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About Alliance

The Tanzania Parliamentarian Alliance for Antimicrobial Resistance is a platform established on 20th June 2024, championed by One Health Society as a strategic policy translation initiative to strengthen political leadership in response to the growing AMR threat in Tanzania. This landmark initiative successfully resulted in the launch of the first Parliamentarian Alliance for AMR in Africa and the third globally, positioning Tanzania as a continental leader in AMR governance.

About Alliance



The Alliance brought together Members of Parliament and technical health experts to create a dedicated platform for dialogue, policy coordination, and accountability on AMR. Through targeted awareness and advocacy engagements, the program has enhanced parliamentarians' understanding of AMR challenges, particularly those related to implementation gaps in national action plans, antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention and control, and sustainable health systems.

The initiative successfully mobilized 15 Members of Parliament into an active Parliamentary Alliance on Antimicrobial Resistance, supported by One Health Society's secretariat. High-level policy dialogues enabled parliamentarians to address key barriers to implementing Tanzania's National AMR Action Plan and identify practical legislative and oversight solutions.



Onboarding of MPs

Since its establishment, the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance for Antimicrobial Resistance has achieved significant progress. Over the past one and a half years, the Alliance successfully engaged 15 Members of Parliament (MPs) who have actively championed the AMR agenda.

Following the October 2025 national general elections, the Alliance onboarded 15 MPs, strengthening its representation and influence. 15 MPs committed to advancing AMR priorities.

Speakers at The Africa Biennial Biosciences Communication Symposium

In 2025, Members of the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance on AMR and One Health Society (OHS) representatives participated in the 6th Africa Biennial Biosciences Communication Symposium (ABBC 2025), held in Lusaka, Zambia. The 2025 symposium, themed “The War on Science: How Can We Overcome the Burden of Misinformation and Disinformation?”, addressed one of the most pressing global risks identified by the World Economic Forum.

MPs' participation contributed to shaping dialogue on how misinformation and disinformation undermine Africa's progress in health and climate resilience. As a panelist, the Secretary of the

Parliamentarians Alliance emphasized the growing threat posed by distorted or weaponized information in the digital age, where social media and artificial intelligence accelerate the spread of false narratives. The intervention highlighted the urgent need for stronger public trust in science and more coordinated communication strategies.

Read more: Africa Biennial Biosciences Communication Symposium (ABBC2025) Report

Link: <https://africenter.isaaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/ABBC-2025-Report.pdf>

High-Level Parliamentarians Dialogue on Sustainable financing mechanism for AMR intervention

On December 2, 2025, the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), in collaboration with the One Health Society and the American Society for Microbiology, held a high-level workshop in Dar es Salaam. This event, coinciding with the 7th African Continental World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, gathered Members of Parliament, government officials, technical experts, civil society, and international partners to address the critical issue of sustainable financing for AMR interventions.

The workshop discussion focused on Sustainable financing for AMR intervention, highlighting the urgent need for innovative financing solutions in light of reduced global health funding and the closure of the Fleming Fund, a key supporter of AMR initiatives in Tanzania. By engaging Parliamentarians at the heart of budget custodianship, the workshop positioned them to advocate effectively for domestic resource mobilization.

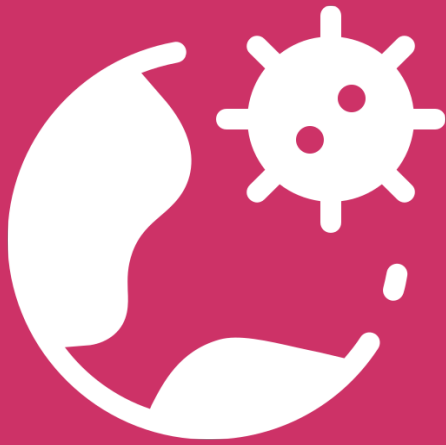
The outcomes of this workshop serve as a pivotal step in fostering political commitment and stakeholder collaboration, aiming to identify new channels for AMR financing and ensuring the sustainability of ongoing interventions. As Parliamentarians embark on their five-year tenure, this initiative is poised to significantly influence legislative priorities, thereby enhancing the country's efforts to respond to AMR.

Representative partners (American Society for Microbiology, MUHAS,

AFRICA CDC, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Health, Zanzibar.



CHAPTER TWO



NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDs) INITIATIVES



This is a community-based initiative launched in March 2025, dedicated to complementing Government efforts in addressing elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases and Empowering generation of youth in NTDs advocacy while honoring the legacy of Dr. Mwele Malecela, a Tanzanian leader and global champion for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

THREE KEY EVENTS WERE IMPLEMENTED:

A health outreach at Mbagala Roundtable Health Center where parents were provided with deworming education and donation,



Market-focused WASH intervention at Ilala Market, Dar es Salaam, where WASH education was provided, proper handwashing techniques were demonstrated, education on NTDs prevention was provided, and WASH tools were provided to the market leadership to ensure proper hygiene



Youth capacity empowerment on NTDs advocacy, combined with a public walkathon.



Each of these activities was designed not only to educate and engage, but to foster ownership, drive behavior change and inspire long-term action in the communities most affected by NTDs.

The program was funded by Uniting To Combat NTDs, ECSAHC, and NIMR Tanzania.

Key Achievements

- 70 Parents reached with the program
- 200+ food vendors reached Ilala market
- 100+ people registered for the walkathon
- 60 youths empowered with advocacy and public health skills
- 100k+ social media impressions and engagement



Building on this strong foundation, the 2026 edition of Mwele-DOA will operate under the theme: “Communities Leading the Fight Against NTDs.” The program focuses on schistosomiasis, one of Tanzania’s most persistent NTDs, while shining a spotlight on Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS), a neglected and underdiagnosed condition affecting over 56 million women and girls across Sub-Saharan Africa. Women and girls with FGS have a three times higher risk of acquiring HIV and two times higher risk for human papilloma virus (HPV), which is

a primary cause of cervical cancer. FGS can also lead to infertility, miscarriage, and stillbirth. FGS is treatable and preventable



FGS is often misdiagnosed as a sexually transmitted infection or cervical cancer, resulting in stigma, delayed treatment, and avoidable suffering.

Mwele-DOA 2026 will work to:

Increase awareness of FGS among communities and health workers. Promote integration of schistosomiasis and FGS screening into existing sexual and reproductive health services. Support the training of community health workers and educators. Engage schools and youth in prevention education. Advocate for the inclusion of FGS in national health guidelines and service

delivery platforms.

Through education, evidence generation, and systems integration, the program aims to transform how schistosomiasis and FGS are understood and addressed in Tanzania.





Youth NTDs Fellowship

The Youth NTDs Fellowship is an annual capacity strengthening program equipping young public health leaders with the knowledge and practical skills in One Health, WASH, advocacy, policy engagement, communication, innovation, and research needed to actively engage and contribute to the prevention, control, and elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

The Fellowship was implemented with the support of the Ministry of Health (MoH), Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYOF), Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), Africa Public Health Students Network (AfricaPHSN), the Centre for One Health Research and Development (COHERD), and the Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG).

As the first youth-focused programme of its kind in Tanzania, the inaugural cohort brought together emerging public health advocates for a three-month hybrid learning experience to design and deliver context-specific NTD solutions, reaching communities, policymakers and the wider public across Tanzania. The Fellowship directly aligns with the Tanzania National NTDs Master Plan (2021–2026) and the WHO NTDs Roadmap (2021–2030), recognizing youth as critical partners in achieving sustainable disease elimination.

Through a structured model combining 10 expert-led virtual training sessions, mentorship, practical assignments and community engagement, the Fellowship trained 28 youth fellows selected through a

competitive process from 142 applicants, achieving full gender parity. Fellows represented diverse disciplines including medicine, pharmacy, public health, veterinary sciences, environmental health and laboratory sciences, strengthening cross sectoral One Health collaboration.

YOUTH NTDs FELLOWSHIP

FACILITATOR & MENTOR

Mercy Mumo
Communications Manager
at DNDI

Mercy is a seasoned communications specialist from Kenya with over 15 years of experience in development, digital, corporate and behaviour change communication. She is currently the Communications Manager at Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDI), leading strategic, corporate and digital communications for the Africa region. Her experience cuts across leading content development and management, strategy development, media liaison, event planning and management, project management, developing and disseminating communication collateral and curating digital campaigns. She is also a mentor to upcoming communication professionals.

She is a passionate advocate for health equity who has played a pivotal role in advancing communication for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in Africa. She continues to help transform how stories around NTDs are told, driving impactful narratives that amplify the voices of affected communities, foster partnerships, and raise awareness about the urgent need for innovation and access to treatments for NTDs.

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Key Achievements:

- 28 Youth Fellows Trained
- 10 Virtual Training Sessions
- 2 Mentorship Engagements per Fellow
- 90% Assignments Completed
- 345K Social Media Impression and Engagement
- 100+ Children with hearing difficulties reached during community outreach
- 13 fellows (70% female) joined the structured one-year Internship and Mentorship Programme

At a global level,

The Fellowship was showcased at the Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network (NNN) Conference 2025 in Kampala, where OHS co-hosted a youth-led international workshop with participation from stakeholders across five continents. This positioned the Fellowship as a scalable and replicable model for youth-led NTDs capacity building and contributed to the development of a forthcoming youth capacity building toolkit and a joint publication.



NTDs NGOs Network (NNN) 2025.

One Health Society, in collaboration with seven global youth-led NTD organizations (GANE Kenya, Foot Impact Nigeria, Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, CAN 1.5°C, German Network Against NTDs, Alert Gursha, and NTDs Youth Japan), co-hosted a special youth-led workshop during the 16th NNN Conference in Kampala, Uganda. The workshop aimed to strengthen meaningful and sustainable youth engagement in the prevention, control, and elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). It brought together over 90 participants, including NTDs youth leaders, global experts, researchers, advocates, people affected by NTDs, and community stakeholders from multiple countries, to jointly address existing gaps in youth capacity development for NTDs prevention, control and advocacy.

Through interactive keynote sessions, presentation of pre-workshop survey findings, and facilitated breakout discussions, participants co-initiated the development of an NTDs Youth Capacity Development Toolkit. The toolkit focuses on priority skills, effective capacity building approaches, resource mobilization pathways and sustainability models to support youth-led action on NTDs.

Key Accomplishments

- Mapped priority skills and competencies required for effective youth leadership in NTDs
- Identified best practice models and innovative approaches for youth capacity strengthening
- Documented available and potential resources to support youth-led NTDs initiatives
- Established a clear framework and next steps for the development and validation of the NTDs Youth Capacity Development Toolkit
- Strengthened networks and partnerships among youth organizations, experts and policy aligned stakeholders

The workshop contributed directly to the WHO NTDs Roadmap 2021–2030 and national NTDs strategies by promoting community-driven and youth-inclusive approaches to disease prevention and control. By positioning youth as implementers, advocates, and future leaders, the initiative supports sustainable health systems strengthening and long-term progress toward NTDs elimination at both national and global levels.



CHAPTER THREE



Events, Workshop, and Stakeholders Engagement

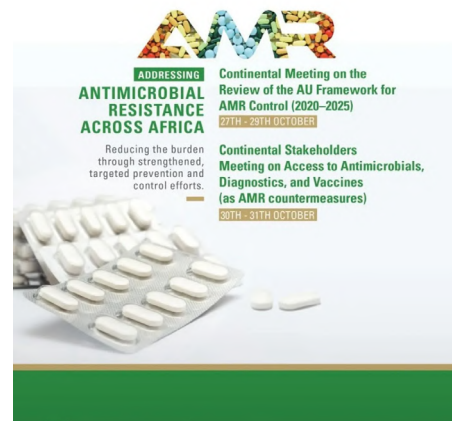
Africa CDC consultative meeting

In October 2025, the One Health Society (OHS) participated in the Africa CDC Continental Consultative Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The meeting reviewed progress under the African Union AMR Framework (2020–2025) and initiated the development of the next continental roadmap, AMR Framework 2.0 (2026–2031).

OHS contributed meaningfully to these deliberations by showcasing its parliamentary engagement model implemented through the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance for AMR. This model demonstrated how structured political advocacy can strengthen national commitment and

accelerate action on AMR. shared practical lessons and evidence from Tanzania, OHS helped position political commitment as a core pillar of the upcoming continental strategy.

Throughout the consultations, OHS collaborated closely with national AMR focal points, development partners, and technical experts. This engagement supported a comprehensive review of achievements and gaps while shaping priority actions for the next phase of AMR control in Africa. Our participation reinforced the value of multi-sectoral and multi-level engagement and highlighted the tangible impact of policy advocacy in driving sustainable, long-term AMR solutions across the continent.



The International Conference on NTD Research (INCORNTD2025) was held from January 20-22, 2025

The International Conference on NTD Research (INCORNTD2025), held from January 20–22, 2025 in Kigali, Rwanda, marked a pivotal moment in the global effort to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). Organized by the African Research Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ARNTD) and the Coalition for Operational Research on NTDs (COR-NTD), the event convened leading researchers, advocates, and innovators to accelerate progress in combating NTDs.

Key Contributions of One Health Society (OHS)

One Health Society played an active role in the conference, showcasing

its commitment to advancing NTD research and community engagement: Keynote Address

Yona Yangaza, our NTDs Program Lead, delivered a keynote highlighting OHS's dedication to community engagement and evidence-to-policy translation. As a panelist and presenter, Yona shared insights on the ICHORD Mentorship Program (2024), emphasizing its role in supporting young NTD professionals and fostering empowered youth leaders.

This session was delivered alongside Prof. Margret Gyapong (UHAS, Ghana) and coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Alison Krentel (University of Ottawa).

Side Workshop Participation

OHS contributed to the REACH Unreached workshop on youth advocacy for NTD awareness in underserved areas. Yona presented community-led examples and served as a panelist with distinguished

experts including Prof. Alison Krentel (Coordinator), Moussa Sangare (Moderator), Mustapha Immunura, Joyce Achan, and Prof. Margret Gyapong.

Impact

Through these contributions, OHS reinforced its leadership in advancing youth engagement, mentorship, and evidence-driven advocacy for NTD elimination. OHS active participation strengthened partnerships and positioned OHS as a key actor in shaping the NTD agenda for the coming years.



WHO Global Meeting on Skin NTDs (2025), Geneva

Representative from One Health Society (OHS) attended the Second WHO Global Meeting on Skin-related Neglected Tropical Diseases (Skin NTDs), held at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 24–26 March 2025. Building on the inaugural meeting of 2023, this pivotal event advanced the implementation of the WHO NTD Road Map 2021–2030, with a strong focus on integrating skin NTDs including scabies, leprosy, and mycetoma into broader health systems for more effective and holistic control. OHS Contributions

Country-Level Progress: OHS shared national experiences, highlighting successes in

surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment despite resource constraints.

Innovation: Demonstrated the use of AI-driven tools for early detection and epidemiological tracking of skin NTDs.

Challenges: Provided insights into barriers faced in integrated programming and emphasized the importance of sustained investment and collaboration.

Impact & Alignment

The meeting reaffirmed the global commitment to eliminate skin NTDs by 2030. For OHS, participation underscored opportunities to strengthen our policy advocacy, capacity-building, and community programs, ensuring alignment with international priorities and contributing to the collective resolve to end skin NTDs.



Tanzania Health Summit 2025

In 2025 the One Health Society (OHS) participated in the 12th Tanzania Health Summit (THS), one of the country's largest multi-stakeholder platforms for health dialogue, innovation, and policy exchange. The summit brought together government institutions, development partners, academia, civil society, private sector actors, and community representatives, offering a unique opportunity to strengthen collaboration across the health ecosystem.

OHS was represented by a delegate who also served as an abstract presenter, delivering a presentation titled "Engaging Policymakers in the Fight Against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): The Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance for AMR as a Model for Change." The presentation showcased Tanzania's pioneering approach to political engagement on AMR and demonstrated how

structured collaboration with parliamentarians can accelerate national action to fight AMR. Our participation generated meaningful engagement with key partners.

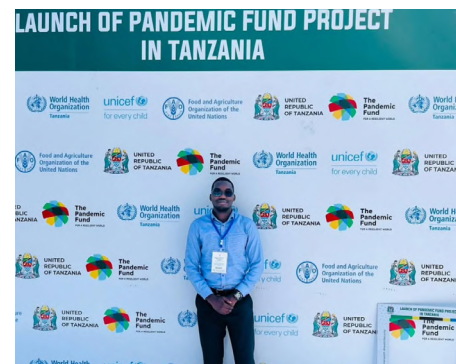


Launch of Pandemic Fund

Tanzania, as the recipient of the pandemic fund, conducted the official launch on 15th October, 2025. One Health Society had the opportunity to be invited and attend the launch event

in Mwanza, Tanzania. This provided a platform to engage with different stakeholders implementing health projects, especially those linked to the One Health approach.

The concept of One Health was very much mentioned to be the core of the implementation of the pandemic fund project. This positions OHS as an important stakeholder to continuously engage in the implementation of the project, especially reaching the communities and bridging evidence to inform policies and practices.



Youth Engagement in NTDs at TICAD9, Japan (2025)

At the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9) in Japan, youth involvement in Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) was prominently highlighted through collaborative efforts between African and Japanese young leaders. The events focused on empowering youth to drive NTD elimination through innovation, policy advocacy, and cross-sector partnerships.

The Japanese NTDs Youth Organization led sessions on open innovation and youth action, partnering with African advocates to shape the NTD agenda. Youth TICAD 2025 emphasized co-creation over aid, with 100 delegates collectively formulating

30-year action plans to address health challenges, such as NTDs.

OHS Contributions

A representative from One Health Society contributed to discussions on country ownership in NTD control, responding to questions from Yuya Kondo and engaging in interactive dialogue with WHO and global experts.

OHS reinforced the importance of youth leadership and evidence-based advocacy in advancing NTD elimination strategies.

In addition to TICAD9, One Health Society participated in the Innovation in Action event held at The Capitol Hotel Tokyu Ballroom in Tokyo. This conference focused on Japan's research and development contributions to global health challenges, with particular emphasis on Neglected

Tropical Diseases (NTDs), One Health approaches and Cross-continental partnerships.

The event showcased Japanese innovations in global health R&D and highlighted opportunities for collaboration with African partners, reinforcing the shared commitment to tackling NTDs and advancing global health equity.



Africa Health Tech Summit

In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) participated in the fourth edition of the Africa HealthTech Summit (AHTS), a premier continental platform convening Ministers of Health and ICT, National Public Health Institutes, regulators, technology innovators, healthcare professionals, development partners, investors, and academic institutions. The Summit serves as a catalyst for exploring how emerging technologies can strengthen resilience, improve health systems, and enhance well-being across African communities.

Held under the theme “Connected Care: Scaling Innovation Towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC),” the 2025 Summit focused on how intelligent, connected technologies can transform primary health care delivery, improve continuity of care, and integrate service delivery across health systems. Discussions

highlighted the potential of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, IoT, robotics, drones, and blockchain to expand access to essential services particularly for underserved populations and frontline health workers.

OHS used this platform to engage partners working at the intersection of health and technology, strengthening relationships with innovators, digital health startups, and public health institutions. Our participation sparked meaningful conversations on how digital tools can support AMR surveillance, enhance community engagement, and improve data-driven decision-making within the One Health framework.

Through networking sessions and thematic dialogues, OHS contributed to discussions on health system strengthening, emphasizing the importance of integrating digital solutions into national strategies to improve efficiency, responsiveness,

and equity. The Summit also provided an opportunity to explore collaborative pathways for leveraging technology to support community-level interventions and enhance early detection and response mechanisms.

Participation in AHTS 2025 reinforced OHS’s commitment to advancing innovation within the One Health agenda and positioned the organization as an active partner in shaping Africa’s digital health transformation. The connections and insights gained will inform future initiatives aimed at improving health outcomes through technology-enabled, people-centered solutions.



One Health workshop - Zanzibar

One Health Society participated in the two-day One Health System strengthening workshop in Zanzibar, which was an initiative by Unlimit Health from the UK. The workshop focused on assessing the One Health situation in Zanzibar and the challenges in implementing the One Health approach across different sectors.

As the outcome of the prior workshop, two gaps were identified: a lack of One Health-related competencies among the workforce in Zanzibar and a challenge in advocating for One Health. This was addressed by further exploring the key competencies needed by the workforce to implement One Health, particularly based on the 4Cs approach (Communication, Collaboration, Coordination, and

Capacity building).

The key learning from this workshop was the power of inclusivity, especially seeing participants from the tourism sector participating in the One Health workshop, which brought about different perspectives. The leadership journal that was used by the Unlimit Health team was a great resource for the One Health Society to adopt for other activities.



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7th Continental WAAW 2025

In December 2025, Tanzania co-hosted the 7th Africa Continental World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (WAAW), in partnership with the Regional Quadripartite (FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOA) and African Union agencies (Africa CDC and AU-IBAR). The One Health Society (OHS) played a central role throughout the week, contributing both technical expertise and strategic leadership.

OHS helped shape the event's agenda, branding material and registration. hosted an interactive booth with Tanzanian parliamentarians, creating a unique platform for dialogue on political influencing and AMR governance. OHS further shared two abstract presentations:

Engaging Parliamentarians as a Model for Change

Who Is Left Behind? Education and Equity Gaps in Tanzania's AMR

Campaign Reach

These presentations highlighted gaps in AMR awareness and demonstrated how political engagement can accelerate national action.

On the sidelines of WAAW, the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance on AMR, supported by the American Society for Microbiology, convened a high-level workshop on sustainable financing for AMR interventions. The workshop brought together ministry representatives, AU agencies, academic institutions, and civil society, resulting in a formal resolution presented during the ministerial roundtable. This resolution served as a call to action for long-term investment in the AMR fight.

A major milestone of the week was the recognition of the One Health Society by His Excellency Ambassador Emmanuel Nchimbi, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania. OHS received a continental trophy

honoring its pioneering role as the first organization in Africa to champion the establishment of a Parliamentarians Alliance on AMR, an achievement that has strengthened political commitment to the AMR agenda across the region.

Looking ahead, OHS remains committed to supporting the parliamentarians' five-year tenure and advancing evidence-based AMR interventions. Our continued leadership will contribute to stronger health systems, policy advocacy, and sustained political momentum in the fight against antimicrobial resistance.



CHAPTER FOUR



INNOVATION AND RECOGNITION

Continental Recognition for Leadership in AMR Advocacy

In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) was honored with a continental trophy as the first organization in Africa to champion the establishment of the Parliamentarians Alliance for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The award was presented by H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Nchimbi, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, during the 7th Continental World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, co-hosted by Tanzania and the regional Quadripartite organization together with AU agencies (Africa CDC and AU-IBAR).

This recognition underscores OHS's pioneering role in mobilizing

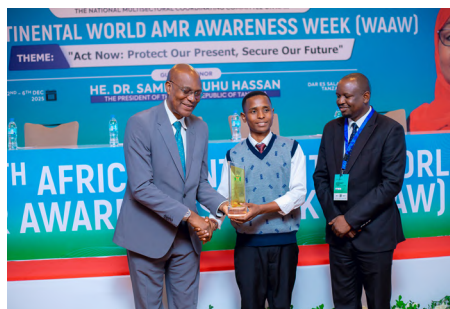
parliamentary leadership to advance the AMR agenda. By spearheading the establishment of the Parliamentarians Alliance, OHS has set a precedent for evidence-based advocacy, policy engagement, and continental collaboration in the fight against antimicrobial resistance.



Recognition for Contribution to Organizing the 7th Continental WAAW 2025

During the 7th Continental World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025 Our Operations Officer, Mr. Samwel Charles, was awarded a trophy of appreciation for outstanding role in organizing and coordinating continental activities. His responsibilities included: Coordinating the development of continental communication materials, Managing publicity and outreach efforts, Facilitating linkages between the national communication team and the regional communication

team from the Quadripartite and AU agencies (Africa CDC and AU-IBAR)



Award of Appreciation as Exhibitor at the 7th Continental WAAW 2025

At the 7th Continental World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025, One Health Society (OHS) was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Health for its role as an exhibitor.

OHS's presence at the event went beyond exhibition; the Society was actively engaged in shaping the continental agenda on antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Contributions included:

Serving as part of the organizing committee

Presenting abstracts that highlighted innovative approaches to AMR governance

Participating as a panelist, driving meaningful conversations with stakeholders

Connecting parliamentarians to strengthen future AMR governance

frameworks

Impact

This recognition reflects OHS's leadership in advancing AMR awareness and governance at the continental level. By combining exhibition, technical presentations, and policy dialogue, OHS reinforced its role as a trusted partner in Africa's collective response to antimicrobial resistance.



CHIA awards (Community Health Innovation (CHIA) Awards)

The CHIA Healthcare Innovation Awards, hosted annually by the Tanzania Health Summit, are a prestigious national platform that recognizes and celebrates the most innovative and impactful healthcare solutions developed in Tanzania. Dr Noni Tindigwe, grant officer at OHS, won the awards as the innovator for the year 2025 CHIA Innovation Awards as an outstanding healthcare innovation known as BAGAZI GAUZE a solution with the potential to transform wound care in Tanzania Health Services.

BAGAZI GAUZE is a sterile gauze and wound care pad developed from banana fibers, representing a groundbreaking and locally driven alternative to conventional wound care products. The innovation is supported by scientific evidence demonstrating that banana plants possess accelerated wound healing properties, making them a viable and effective option for medical use. The gauze is manufactured from banana fibers extracted from post harvest banana tree residues and agricultural waste, ensuring full biodegradability and leaving no harmful environmental footprint.

Following a highly competitive selection process, the project advanced to the top 3 finalists and ultimately emerged as the CHIA Award Winner for 2025. The innovation has

demonstrated a remarkable impact, including a reduction in hospital stays by more than 80% and a cost reduction exceeding 60%, while remaining fully locally produced and easily accessible.

Beyond clinical and economic benefits, BAGAZI GAUZE makes a significant contribution to the implementation of Tanzania's National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (2023–2028). By shortening hospital stays, the innovation reduces unnecessary antimicrobial exposure, supporting antimicrobial stewardship and resistance prevention. Reduced admissions also lowers the risk of healthcare-associated infections, strengthening infection prevention and control. Therefore, BAGAZI GAUZE successfully promotes national self-reliance, sustainable innovation, and evidence-based policy uptake, reinforcing Tanzania's leadership in combating antimicrobial resistance.





Staff Continuous Professional Development

Photo: One Health Society

Learning Panel Initiatives

In 2025, One Health Society launched the Monthly Learning Panel Initiative to strengthen organizational capacity and professional growth. Although only two sessions were held, they provided valuable platforms for knowledge exchange, leadership development, and mentorship. Focused on applying the One Health Approach, highlighting opportunities and barriers in translating evidence into action. Participants enhanced skills in evidence translation, leadership, and communication of health data to professionals and communities.

Overall, the initiative fostered a strong learning culture, improved staff competencies, and reinforced OHS's commitment to inclusive leadership and youth-centered engagement.



One Health Modular & Modelling Course - Ghana

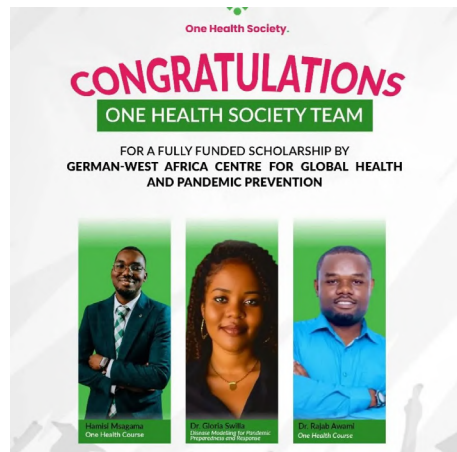
From 3–10 September 2025, OHS staff received a scholarship to participated in the One Health Modular Course and the G-WAC Short Course on Disease Modelling for Pandemic Preparedness in Kumasi, Ghana.

Key outcomes included:

- Strengthened capacity in operationalizing One Health approaches and applying modelling tools to predict disease trends and assess interventions.
- Improved skills in communicating modelling outputs to policymakers for evidence-informed decision-making.
- Practical learning through the development of a COVID-19 model analyzing quarantine timing and public health impacts.
- Active contribution to the 11th Biennial Scientific Conference at KNUST, enhancing regional visibility.
- Emphasis on advancing female representation in technical fields and reinforcing Tanzanian participation in regional collaboration.

This engagement significantly built OHS's technical expertise, strengthened evidence-based programming, and positioned

the organization to better support pandemic preparedness, research, and policy advocacy.



Strengthening Partnership and Collaboration

In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) reinforced its commitment to partnership and collaboration by hosting a series of strategic engagements at our offices. These interactions provided opportunities to deepen relationships, share expertise, and align efforts toward advancing health and development agendas.

Key Partners and Guests Hosted

- Matty Turnel – Operations Officer at Uniting to Combat
- Jesca at Uniting to Combat
- Stella Kiambi, Team Leader at FAO Tanzania
- CEMA – Nairobi
- ASAL eXtension
- Prof. Raphael Sangeda – Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development (MUHAS)
- Hon. Jacqueline Kainja (MP), Member of Parliament and Member of the Tanzania Parliamentarians Alliance for AMR
- Hon. Ummu Mwalimu (MP) – Former Minister of Health, Member of the Global Leaders Group on AMR



Group Photos of Different Guests visiting OHS office



Establishment of MoUs 2025

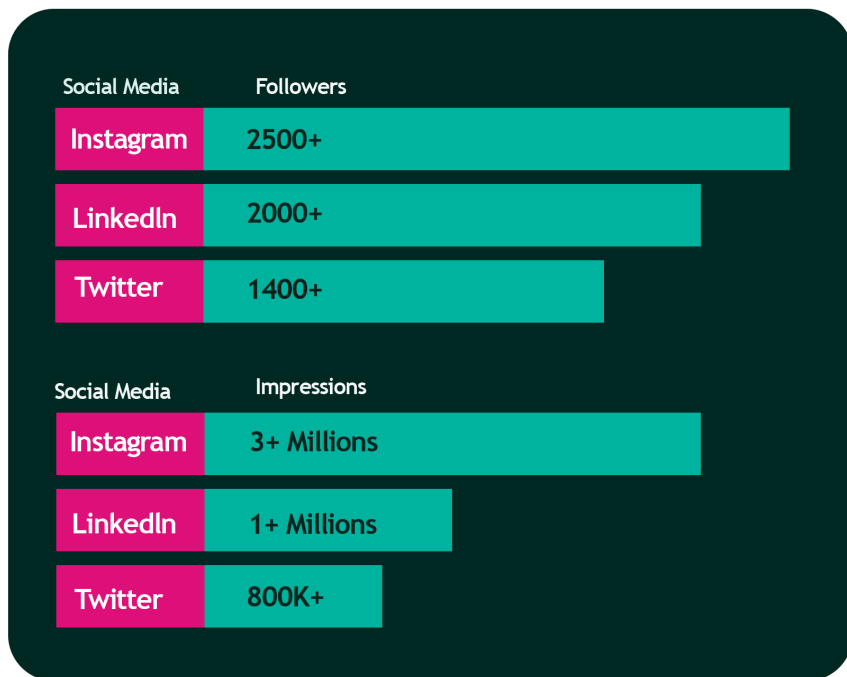
In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) successfully strengthened its collaborative network through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with key partners:

CLIMATE HUB

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These agreements formalize partnerships aimed at advancing shared priorities in climate action, health, and Youth capacity development. The MoUs provide a framework for joint initiatives, resource sharing, and technical collaboration, reinforcing OHS's commitment to integrated approaches that address both environmental and public health challenges.

Media & Channel Reach

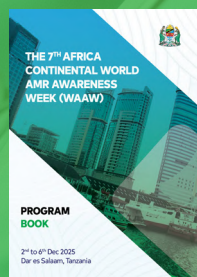


Content Design and Creation - 7th Continental WAAW 2025

During the 7th Continental World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025, the One Health Society (OHS) team played a central role in content design and branding. OHS was on the ground developing communication materials, visual branding, and messaging that shaped the continental agenda.

The team's contributions included designing branding materials that enhanced visibility and coherence of the event; Developing communication

content to drive meaningful conversations on antimicrobial resistance (AMR); and supporting the organizing committee in ensuring consistent messaging across national and regional platforms.



CHAPTER FIVE



FEATURES & PUBLICATIONS

Rethinking neglected tropical diseases: A shift towards more inclusive and equitable terminology

Marlous L. Grijsen, **Yonah E. Yangaza**, Wendemagegn Enbiale, Al Kadri, Fidel Strub, Esther E. Freeman

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<https://journals.plos.org/globalpublichealth/article?id=10.1371/journal.pgph.0004094>

High Prevalence of Sickle Cell Disease in Low-Endemic Areas: A Pilot Study in Chunya, Tanzania

Amani Twahaa^b, Deocles Donatus^c, **Khanafi Saidd**, Moshi Moshi Shabanie, Marygladness Ngemef, Maryjesca Mafief, Stamily Ally Ramadhanig, Abdulrahman Husseing, Nazareth M. Mbilinyih, Kasia Maksymi,

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Act now: Protect our present, secure our future

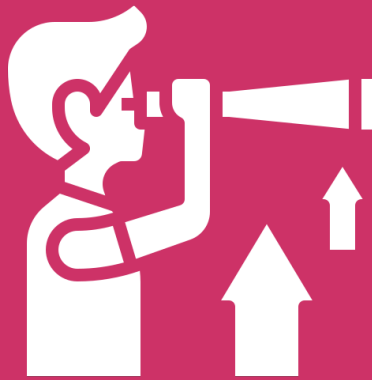
Africa unites to address antimicrobial resistance in Africa and ensure a healthier, more sustainable world for the generations to come.

Dar es Salaam - Africa is stepping up the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as countries across the region join the global community to mark World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) held from 2 to 6 December 2025, under the theme “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future.”

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<https://www.afro.who.int/news/act-now-protect-our-present-secure-our-future>

CHAPTER SIX



LOOKING AHEAD 2026



Training and Short Course

Upcoming 2026: One Health Approach in Pandemic Preparedness and Response in

Organization Focus

1. Engage grassroots communities to influence Social Behavioral Change and uptake of health interventions
2. Advocating for policy actions by translating evidence and engaging policymakers,
3. Training and equipping healthcare workers, Community Health workers, Youth and Policymakers to build their capacity
4. Synthesizing evidence through research to inform policy and practice
5. Using innovative approaches to maximize impacts, inclusions or innovating new tools and approaches to maximize impacts & Inclusion



Consultancy platform Collaborative Project

OHS is inviting an individual consultant to Co-Collaborate on Projects, Jointgrant application, development of proposals, and joint project implementation

1. The organization offers logistics and Administrative Support. Assistance with planning, coordination, and operation.
2. Free office Workspace. Access to a standard work environment within the OHS office.
3. Networking Opportunities. Connecting with local and international partners, donors, and public health stakeholders.
4. Platform for Publishing and Showcasing Work. Support for designing and sharing consultant portfolios, articles, or results through OHS platforms.
5. Participation in Events, Training, workshops, conferences, and capacity-building sessions organized by OHS.
6. Support with National-Level Approvals. Guidance on aligning consultancy work with national frameworks and facilitating necessary permissions.



High-Level Engagement with H.E. Ambassador John Ulanga on Health Systems and Measurable Impact

PARTNERS

In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) strengthened its impact through meaningful collaborations and partnerships with diverse organizations across sectors. These engagements enhanced our capacity, expanded our networks, and advanced shared priorities in health, research, and advocacy.

Key Organizations Collaborated With



EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN
AFRICA HEALTH COMMUNITY
Fostering Regional cooperation for Better Health



AMERICAN
SOCIETY FOR
MICROBIOLOGY



The
Fleming
Fund



from the British people



Unlimit
Health.
ENDING PARASITIC DISEASE



The
Climate
Hub



UNITING TO COMBAT
NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES



AFRICA
PUBLIC HEALTH
Student Network Initiative
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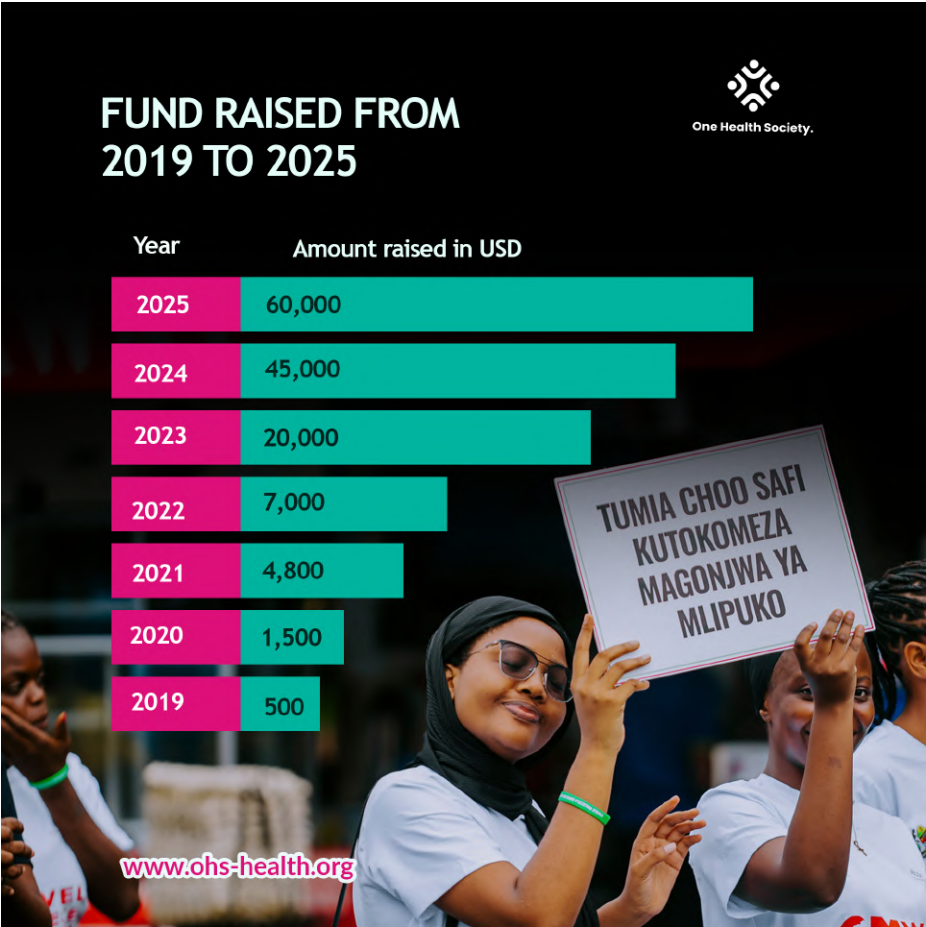
COHERD®
Centre for One Health
Education, Research & Development
A joint initiative of HPHG, India & HPHG, Germany



One Health Network of India
Converging together for a sustainable future

FUNDING PORTFOLIO

In 2025, One Health Society (OHS) diversified and strengthened its funding portfolio to support program implementation, advocacy, and institutional growth. Resources were mobilized through a mix of grants, partnerships, and collaborative initiatives, reflecting the organization’s credibility and expanding network of supporters. Below 7 years of growth





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