

Global Health Policy Lab

The Global Health Policy Lab (GHPL) is a collaborative initiative launched in 2024 and hosted under the umbrella of the Virchow Foundation. GHPL works jointly with the Charité Center for Global Health, the Health Systems Innovation Lab at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a growing global network of partners. **Its core mission is to accelerate the translation of science-informed recommendations into concrete laws, policies and interventions.**

In 2025, with the support of our funders and partners, this mission took a decisive step forward. We are pleased to share key highlights from across the GHPL portfolio over the past year.

Launch of a first-of-its-kind, AI-enabled digital platform

A key achievement was the launch of the GHPL Digital Repository for Health Policy at the World Health Summit 2025. The Repository is a free, searchable, AI-enabled platform designed to help policymakers access and use validated policy documents globally for evidence-based decision-making.

Its corpus of documents is guided by a [health policy document glossary](#), and its overall design was shaped by a landscape analysis of existing digital health policy repositories, in partnerships with the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP) and SICABO Consulting.

At year end, the Repository covers health areas including cardiovascular health, cancer, and other non-communicable diseases, with the scope set to grow in 2026. AI-generated summaries are available for each policy document.



17
COUNTRIES

2,725
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

155
CURATED POLICY DOCUMENTS

Engaging the policy & practice community

Meaningful engagement with policymakers and the wider ecosystem was central to GHPL's approach in 2025. Key activities included:

- A high-level AI-themed dinner, convening experts for candid discussion on opportunities and risks at the intersection of AI and health policy.
- A global policy survey, conducted in collaboration with Nature Research Intelligence, capturing first-hand perspectives from policymakers
- Two interactive co-design workshops, bringing together participants from 11 countries to test the Digital Repository. Feedback from these sessions was directly incorporated into platform development.



Consistent outputs and thought leadership

2025 was a year of steady intellectual output:

Published policy briefs and reference guides linked to the Digital Repository

Maintained a regular cadence of digital communications

Contributed to peer-reviewed publications

Appeared in media coverage

A full overview of GHPL's resources can be found at globalhealthpolicylab.org/resources

Looking ahead: The Health Policy Trend Report

GHPL is now building toward its next milestone: the launch of the Health Policy Trend Report 2026. The first edition of the Report will provide the global health community with evidence-based insights into the evolving challenges, opportunities, and solutions in health policymaking. Its findings draw on a global policymaker survey conducted in collaboration with Nature Research Intelligence capturing perspectives from 109 respondents across 49 countries and all continents.

These are complemented by real-world insights and case studies from the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) and the UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health. The Health Policy Trend Report will be launched in March 2026.



Strengthening the team

Finally, 2025 was a year of organisational growth. GHPL welcomed several new team members, expanding its capacity across policy analysis, artificial intelligence, research, communications, and partnerships.

Michael Bayerlein strengthens the team's analytical core, bringing expertise in health systems research and quantitative policy analysis. Rebecca Ohanes contributes to GHPL's external presence, with a background spanning communications and partnership development. Hendrik Oye supports the team as project manager, ensuring coherence and continuity across GHPL's workstreams.

Together, these additions have positioned GHPL to deliver more ambitious outputs in the coming years.

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2025 was a year of momentum

None of this progress would have been possible without the support of our funders, partners, and collaborators. As we look ahead, GHPL remains committed to supporting better health policy through practical tools, credible analysis, and sustained dialogue.