



Accelerating access to diagnostics

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Access to diagnosis is critical to improve individual health outcomes, reduce the global burden of disease, save healthcare costs to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) health objectives.

Major barriers to uptake exist along the value chain of diagnostics solutions. The result is that it can sometimes take years until solutions reach those who are most in need.

- **Lack of market intelligence on LMICs:** current diagnostics R&D is typically targeted at high-income countries. As a result, not only are cost structures not adapted to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), but often the products themselves are not adapted to LMIC needs (e.g. climate conditions).
- **Lag in global and national policy development:** lengthy policy development processes such as evaluation studies are needed to demonstrate impact of proposed solutions. Translation of global recommendations into local guidance is also complex.
- **Limited uptake systems in place for new products and solutions:** with the exception of TB, malaria and HIV, global procurement and supply chain mechanisms are limited, inhibiting investment outside of these areas and hindering the use of potentially impactful products within national programmes.
- **Underlying health systems weaknesses:** new products and diagnostic solutions require strong health systems to perform and monitor testing which, without careful planning and training, can put services at risk and slow down uptake.

How can we be certain that the diagnostic solutions we develop will achieve health impact? We ensure they meet the “four As”: **AVAILABLE** for use in low- and middle-income countries and sustainably supplied; **AFFORDABLE** in resource-poor settings; **APPROPRIATE** to the needs of the target population; and **ADOPTED** into national policy.

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FIND ACCESS STRATEGY

Our strategic goals span the value chain for diagnostic solutions. We believe access must be considered at every step of the development and implementation pathway.

