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The Medicines Patent Pool | MPP

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Medicines Patent Pool foundation is a United Nations-backed public health international organisation working to increase access to HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis treatments in low- and middle-income countries. It was founded in July 2010 by Unitaid as a response to the global need to find ways to provide affordable, high quality HIV/AIDS medicines to millions of people in developing countries. Its mandate was expanded in 2015 to include hepatitis C and tuberculosis medicines and in 2017 to other patented essential medicines such as those on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines. Since its creation, the MPP has played a valuable role in supporting international efforts to increase access to priority medicines in resource-limited countries. Through its innovative business model, the organisation partners with civil society, international organisations, industry, patient groups and other stakeholders to prioritise, forecast and license needed medicines and pool intellectual property to encourage generic manufacture and the development of new formulations, such as fixed-doses combinations or paediatric formulations.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- HIV, hepatitis C, tuberculosis and essential medicines
- Access to medicines in low- and middle-income countries
- Intellectual property and patented medicines
- Generic medicines
- Digital health and innovation

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Medicines Patent Pool is the first voluntary licensing and patent pooling mechanism in public health. It negotiates public health-oriented licences with patent holders, and sublicenses drugs to generic manufacturers for production and sale of affordable generic versions in developing countries. MPP's generic manufacturing partners have so far supplied 6.2 billion doses of treatment and are managing over 130 developments projects; 92 to 131 countries are covered by adult licences. MPP has also been working on the model of "Public Health licensing to increase access and facilitate innovation".

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Medicines Patent Pool has approximately 20 employees in Geneva, with a liaison office in India. The foundation is governed by a Governance Board, the highest decision-making authority. The Expert Advisory Group consists of experts on HIV, viral hepatitis C and tuberculosis who evaluate licensing agreements and provide input in the decision-making of

the Governance Board and the Executive Director. Dr. Marie-Paule Kieny is the current Chair of the Governance Board. The Executive Director is Charles Gore.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The Medicines Patent Pool is funded by Unitaid.

PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://www.medicinespatentpool.org/resources-publications/mpp-publications>

Overview of current licenses negotiated by the MPP: <https://medicinespatentpool.org/what-we-do/global-licence-overview/>

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