

Preventing Pandemics at the Source

# Impact Report 2023



Browse through the impact we've had in 2023,  
together with our partners.



# About this Report



Human encroachment on the natural world is accelerating the spillover of viruses from animals, particularly wildlife, to humans. We are pushing our world into an era of pandemics.

But we can stop this from happening. With your support, we have galvanized action globally to prevent pandemics at the source: at the point of spillover.



# Our Impact

## We've influenced global decision makers

We have secured support from ministers and senior officials in countries such as Indonesia, the United States, Germany, and France. We have also briefed and gained support from officials representing WHO, Canada, Norway, Australia, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic. These officials are now primed to influence their respective governments and major global processes such as the G20 on spillover prevention solutions.

## We've impacted the shape of the global health architecture

We are one of the most prominent actors pushing for the inclusion of spillover prevention in pandemic prevention and conservation efforts, and leaders are beginning to listen. For instance, the recent draft of the WHO Pandemic Accord, or [international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response](#), includes language on spillover prevention and a One Health approach, in part due to our influence.

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## We've continued to build strong scientific foundations and set a clear action agenda

We launched the [Lancet-PPATS Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover](#), a critically important lever to strengthen the evidence base for spillover prevention and help shift and influence the narrative on prevention. The Commission has [31 members](#) with deep expertise on the topic, and balance in gender and geography.

## We've catalyzed on-the-ground action and policy reform in Indonesia

In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society and ASRI, we have garnered support from high-level officials, provided recommendations to policymakers, catalyzed action, and raised public and media awareness on spillover prevention. This project was financed by the Government of Germany through GIZ.



## We've recruited powerful champions to our cause

We have built a network of champions including Monica Medina, President and CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society, senior German official Wolfram Morgenroth-Klein, Jane Goodall, and others. These influential stakeholders have made public calls to action during our events, including during a high-level event at the 2023 UN General Assembly and the Commission's [launch event in Berlin](#).

## We've raised awareness on a global scale

We have amplified the case for spillover prevention in prominent media publications that are widely read by policymakers and global health and environment professionals, namely [The Lancet](#), [Reuters](#), [The New York Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Devex](#), [PBS](#), [Common Dreams](#), and a [TED Talk](#) delivered by Dr. Neil Vora, now with over 450,000 views. The Commission has also featured prominently in the media, including as the lead story of the day for [Devex](#), and as a Comment in [The Lancet](#).

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## We've driven significant media attention

Through numerous science and policy wins over the last three years, we have greatly elevated the importance of upstream prevention of new infectious diseases. A recent analysis conducted by an independent entity showed that, in 2023, almost all media mentions of the drivers of viral spillover in relation to pandemics were linked to our coalition – affording a rare instance of attribution across a field.

# Our initiatives

## The *Lancet*-PPATS Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover



### We are beginning to shift the global narrative on prevention

With the launch of the Commission, we have taken an enormous step forward in strengthening the evidence base for spillover prevention and influencing the global narrative on prevention. Convened by PPATS and *The Lancet*, the Commission benefits from its 31 influential members and *The Lancet* itself – as the world’s leading medical and science journal, it offers unparalleled reach amongst decision-makers globally.



### We have an ambitious two-year agenda

The Commission strives to mobilize decision-makers and implementers to take transdisciplinary action to limit viral spillovers through research, policy, law, and practice – thereby reducing the risk of future pandemics while promoting a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable future.



### The Commission is comprised of 31 leading experts

The Commission is co-chaired by Malaysian One Health expert, Dr. Latiffah Hassan, Cornell University’s Professor Raina Plowright, and Conservation International’s Dr. Neil Vora, who previously worked with the US Centers for Disease Control.



Latiffah Hassan



Raina Plowright



Neil Vora

28 commissioners, half women and half from the Global South, bring deep expertise in epidemiology, virology, ecology, One Health, human and veterinary medicine, food systems management, anthropology, working with Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous knowledge systems, law, wildlife trade, health systems, economics, policy, and more.

The Commissioners are: Robyn Alders, John Amuasi, Sania Ashraf, Daniel Becker, Sakib Burza, Sarah Cleaveland, Omnia El Omrani, Jacques B.O. Emina, Ngozi Erondy, Juliana Machado Ferreira, Emily S. Gurley, Menna Jones, Binbin Li, James Lloyd-Smith, Ted Loch- Temzelides, Wanda Markotter, Osondu Ogbuoji, Malik Peiris, Dirk Pfeiffer, Alexander Popp, Nicole Redvers, Benjamin Roche, John Scanlon, Nigel Sizer, Mariana Vale, Chris Walzer, and Sejal Worah.



## The Commission's work centers on seven key objectives

1. Evaluate and synthesize the evidence on the drivers of viral spillovers
2. Identify and evaluate strategies and interventions to prevent viral spillovers
3. Provide recommendations for research investigating viral spillovers
4. Examine the equity benefits of viral spillover prevention
5. Assess the co-benefits and trade-offs of viral spillover prevention
6. Identify social, economic, and political challenges and opportunities for implementing viral spillover prevention
7. Develop recommendations for viral spillover prevention that can be adopted and adapted by governments and other stakeholders



## Catalyzing action and policy reform in Indonesia

This initiative was conducted alongside the Wildlife Conservation Society and ASRI.



### We garnered support from high-level officials

We garnered support from high-level officials in the Government of Indonesia and raised awareness among G20 and G7 leaders. At the G7 Health Ministers' meeting in Japan, Indonesian Minister of Health Budi Gunadi Sadikin spoke about Indonesia's plans to implement pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response initiatives as well as the importance of surveillance of priority species and pathogens.



### We bolstered policymaker understanding and provided them with actionable recommendations

We strengthened policymaker understanding and facilitated dialogue between traditionally siloed ministries and actors, including by convening a multi-ministry workshop for 20 key stakeholders. To equip policymakers with action recommendations, we developed a white paper, highlighting the latest scientific findings and defining the prevention action agenda for Indonesia, and produced an analysis of priority species and pathogens for the Ministry of Health.



### We raised media and public awareness

We promoted awareness, knowledge, and support for spillover prevention in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, in part by convening a training for young journalists with Indonesia's Alliance of Independent Journalists.

# Our coalition



Our coalition benefits from 20 influential members focused on conservation, public health, human rights, science, and Indigenous rights.



Innovative nonprofit addressing the nature and climate crises by listening to rainforest communities and implementing their solutions.



Leading conservation organization bringing deep expertise, scientific credibility, and a track record of action and education.



Largest global public health organizations to join our coalition, with powerful networks and expertise in gender and health equity.



We have secured strong financial support, enabling visionary funders to work at the intersection of health and environment.



# Looking ahead

We are continuing to steward the prevention at source agenda for the long term. Together, we must ensure that traditional silos and approaches are overcome, and that spillover prevention is implemented at scale.

Our priorities for 2024 include a strategic focus on:



## The *Lancet*-PPATS Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover

The Commission will begin to implement its ambitious two-year workplan, with its ultimate goal to reduce the risk of future pandemics while promoting a more sustainable and equitable future.



## The WHO Pandemic Accord

With member states aiming to reach agreement on the Pandemic Accord by May, it is crucial that we continue to influence negotiations and ensure that clear, groundbreaking language on the importance and operationalization of spillover prevention is enshrined in the final text.



## The Pandemic Fund

Hosted by the World Bank, the Pandemic Fund is the most significant effort providing support to low- and middle-income countries on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response with several billion dollars in total project spending leveraged rapidly since launch. We will continue our productive working relationship with the Secretariat of the Fund to provide science-based input on the spillover prevention aspects of their calls for proposals, drawing on the expertise of our coalition and the *Lancet*-PPATS Commission.





# Thank You

for helping us build a pandemic-free future.

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the Source:

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Acting together,  
we have the power  
to stop pandemics  
before they start.

