

## **Vision, Mission, Values and Strategies**

ReAct – Action on Antibiotic Resistance – is an international coalition of individuals, organisations and networks committed to combating antibiotic resistance as a global threat to health.

### **Vision**

Current and future generations will have access to effective prevention and treatment of bacterial infections as part of their right to health.

### **Mission**

ReAct seeks profound change in the understanding of, and responses to, infection and antibiotic resistance through a social movement that engages civil society, community and consumer organisations, health policy reformers and those individuals, networks and institutions that generate and analyse health-related knowledge. ReAct will catalyse and co-ordinate action in ways most likely to make these changes.

In striving for its vision, ReAct is committed to change four fundamental dynamics underlying the ability to prevent and treat infection. ReAct believes:

- that antibiotics should be used appropriately in humans, animal and plants – their use reduced when of no benefit, and their correct and specific use increased when needed;
- that hospital and community infectious diseases should be prevented through improved infection control and better hygiene and nutrition;
- that awareness is needed of the ecological balance in all aspects of human life as part of a comprehensive and integral concept of health;
- that the root causes of antibiotic resistance, as well as effective responses, are social, political and ecological as much as scientific and technical.

### **Values**

#### **ReAct**

- strives to base its arguments on the highest quality of science;
- maintains due respect for traditional and indigenous medical systems that may have the potential to help prevent antibiotic resistance;
- stands against the use of microbes as agents of bioterrorism and strongly opposes efforts to develop antibiotic resistant strains towards such ends;

- works towards equitable health care access for all people in its advocacy for prevention and treatment of infectious diseases;
- recognises the unequal burden of antibiotic resistance on the poor and disadvantaged, especially women and children, and supports their advocacy for health;
- respects the right of people in all countries to informed consent, ethical standards for clinical trials, and high standards of research conduct, and requires partners joining its work to respect this principle;
- functions in a transparent manner so as to detect and avoid any conflict of interest – perceived or real – in its own activities to ensure the credibility of its policy voice.

## Strategies

ReAct will mobilise attention to, resources for and collaboration to combat development and spread of antibiotic resistance around the world by:

- stimulating, organising and supporting political, professional and community action;
- making the burden of antibiotic resistance more transparent to policy makers and the public, and advocating that governments set up effective systems to reduce it;
- encouraging and supporting processes of consumer and health care worker empowerment;
- building alliances with groups across various sectors, and linking to campaigns with related and shared goals, such as those dealing at global and country level with HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, patient safety and the rational use of medicines;
- promoting strategies for the development of new antibacterials and complementary technologies, including diagnostics and vaccines, that might reduce reliance on antibiotics;
- promoting new ways of approaching the problem of antibiotic resistance including a new understanding of the fundamental relationships, both beneficial and harmful, between humans, microbes, other living beings, infection, medicines and lifestyle.

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