

Be-cause Health Mission & Vision

Our mission

Be-cause health is a pluralistic open platform, providing a place for exchange and capitalisation of technical knowledge and scientific evidence on international health and development cooperation and its application in the field. The platform stimulates mutual trust, understanding and cooperation between all stakeholders in the context of the Belgian development cooperation. It strengthens the transformational competences of its members such as flexibility, teamwork and leadership. Be-cause Health assures a more effective Belgian contribution to global health policies and the policy debate, based on the right to health & health care for all, and on the acceptance of reality as a complex, adaptive system influenced by multiple determinants.

Our vision

Because health strives for equitable access to responsive health services of good quality for all, and in particular for the most vulnerable people, embedded in strong, resilient and sustainable health systems, and is recognized at the national and international level for its expertise in these matters.

Our values & principles

Based on a rights perspective to health & health care, Be-cause health values

- Respect for the person and for diversity of vision, ideas, experiences and cultures;
- Constructive dialogue in an open & learning mind-set;
- Creativity and Innovation;
- Equity;
- Autonomy;
- Solidarity.

Our structure

As a pluralistic platform, Because health is open to both organizations and individual members involved in Belgian development cooperation related to international health: policy makers, public and private actors, civil society organizations and research institutes.

Its dynamics are supported by a light and flexible structure and mode of functioning adaptive to opportunities and continuous changes in the complex, pluralistic and multi-actor context of development cooperation, as well as to the expectations and commitment of its members. The dynamic of the platform depends on the sense of initiative of its members, to whom the necessary autonomy is given. Be-cause Health is an open platform, looking actively for synergy and collaboration with other networks at Belgian and international level, also beyond the health sector.