Diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy 2025

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)—our vision and mission

Our DEI vision:
Is to make PATH a curious, collaborative workplace, where the status quo can be challenged, new ideas are embraced, and different perspectives are valued.

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Is to create a culture of curiosity, collaboration, and belonging at PATH and in our work.
DEI guiding principles

Our approach to driving innovation, inclusion, and global impact is guided by the following principles.

DEI at PATH will be:

Intentional  Simplified  Unifying  Global  Impactful and Measurable
**Intentional:**
Our work will be purposeful, thoughtful, and nuanced, enabling us to implement impactful DEI programs for PATH staff, partners, and communities.

**Simplified:**
DEI work is inherently complex and multifaceted, so it is important to simplify and streamline wherever possible. If a project or program is difficult to understand or execute, we will re-evaluate and reimagine it.

**Unifying:**
Our diverse PATH workforce shares common goals. To achieve them, DEI workstreams must be complementary and coordinated.

**Global:**
As a decentralized global team working in 70+ countries, we contextualize our DEI work to reflect the diversity of the local communities PATH serves. Our commitment to representative leadership ensures that everyone’s voices, issues, and ideas are represented in our global health work.

**Impactful and measurable:**
We will focus on tangible work that creates real measurable impact, both internally and externally. Our key driver is to make our work more representative, fair, and inclusive for our staff and the communities we serve.
DEI strategy execution at PATH

Define success by developing clear objectives to produce key results.

Measure, track, and articulate strategy.

Contextualize. Localize the global DEI network.

Embed DEI in values and business strategy.

Lead with data and nuance.

Manage cultural change by communicating and collaborating across teams.

Secure leadership and financial investment.
Gen Z and millennials will make up 64% of the workforce (LinkedIn, 2019).

Gen Z alone will make up 27% of the workforce by 2025. A “diverse and inclusive organization” is one of the top three things they look for.


The future of leadership will engage a mixed generation of workers. It will need to foster innovation, allow for flexibility, be adept at managing hybrid teams, encourage diversity, commit to globally guided values, and offer opportunities for personal growth.

(World Economic Forum, 2022).

Remote/flexible/hybrid work is preferred by all employees, especially women, who are 10% more likely than men to leave their jobs if hybrid work is not available. Collaboration and sustaining culture will be a challenge.

The top 5 skills of the future cover problem-solving, self-management, and collaboration:

1. Analytical thinking and innovation,
2. Active learning and learning strategies,
3. Complex problem-solving,
4. Critical thinking and analysis, and
5. Creativity, originality, and initiative

(World Economic Forum, 2020).

Donor priorities are results-driven approaches, localization, and respectful partnerships with communities and governments.

(Brookings, 2019).

DEI is a fast-growing industry. In 2020, the global market for DEI was estimated at $7.5 billion and is projected to more than double to $15.4 billion by 2026.

Strategic direction 2025
DEI is a key enabler of PATH’s 2025 strategy implementation.
DEI as a key enabler to PATH 2025 strategy

- Drive creative problem-solving, innovation, and business sustainability.
- Enable respectful partnerships, equity in programming, and community accountability.
- Improve risk and reputation management by providing industry leadership and being a catalyst for change in the sector.
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DEI strategic priorities 2025

From 2023 to 2025, we will focus on the following strategic priorities:

- **People**: Diversify at all levels by accelerating the representation and development of diverse talent, cultivating inclusive leadership, and creating a culture of curiosity, collaboration, and belonging.

- **Business Practices**: Build equitable business practices in procurement, people, and communication functions by establishing inclusive policies, eliminating structural bias, and leveraging transparent communications to drive change.

- **Programming**: Design our products and programs with—not just for—the communities we serve, embed equity (including gender) in our public health programs and partnerships, and become a catalyst for change in the sector.
**Pillar 1: PATH people**

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<td>Develop inclusive leadership programs for leaders and people managers.</td>
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<td>Collaborate with HR to upskill talent.</td>
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<td>Broaden the student internship program and increase the diversity of underrepresented groups.</td>
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## Pillar 2: PATH business practices

### Strategic priority:
Build equitable and unbiased business practices in procurement, people, and communication functions.

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<th><strong>Implement supplier diversity and inclusive procurement policies.</strong></th>
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<td>- Launch and scale a supplier-diversity program focused on women, regional, and small business inclusion.</td>
<td>- Provide training and tools to staff on recognizing and interrupting bias.</td>
<td>- Annually report on our DEI progress, with metrics, for internal and external audiences.</td>
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<td>- Develop inclusive procurement policies and processes with clear targets.</td>
<td>- Review recruitment processes, policies, and practices to remove bias.</td>
<td>- Leverage DEI to build our employer brand (compelling employee value proposition) to attract, grow, and retain the best talent.</td>
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<td>- Ensure that at least 35% of all business goes to women and minority-owned businesses.</td>
<td>- Remove biased language in job postings.</td>
<td>- Develop and scale communication guidelines using a DEI lens.</td>
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<td>- Share data with business development; integrate with proposals.</td>
<td>- Remove barriers to promotion and career advancement for underrepresented groups.</td>
<td>- Strengthen DEI governance and accountability; develop DEI policy.</td>
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### Pillar 3: PATH public health programming

#### Design our programs and innovations with—not just for—the communities we serve, embed equity and respectful partnerships in our programs, and become a catalyst for change in the sector.

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- Create inclusive innovation.
- Make an external impact by providing industry leadership and being a catalyst for change in the sector.

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<td>- Roll out and scale equity with programming benchmarks across PATH; ensure that 90% of all our projects and proposals are evaluated using these benchmarks; and by the end of 2025, ensure that the average rating across all benchmarks has increased by one.</td>
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<td>- Launch, scale, and drive awareness of the gender-equity frameworks organization-wide.</td>
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<td>- Amplify the human-centered design approach to innovation.</td>
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<td>- Scale the inclusive innovation framework.</td>
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<td>- Apply a DEI lens when developing product and clinical trials and research.</td>
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<td>- Donor and sector engagement and influencing.</td>
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<td>- Integrate DEI with organization-wide impact measurement.</td>
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<td>- Embed DEI in PATH’s authorships.</td>
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<td>- Pursue industry partnerships that advance DEI in the global health sector.</td>
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2025 DEI commitments, by the numbers

- **+15%** increase in women leaders in Africa and AMEE regions.
- **50:50** gender parity in the Executive Team leadership.
- **25%** increase in the number of underrepresented groups in the US to reflect US demographics.
- **90%** of people managers are equipped with inclusive leadership and psychological safety training and tools.
15% increase in overall employee-engagement and feeling-of-belonging scores, especially among underrepresented groups.

35% of women, minority-owned, and small businesses as PATH's suppliers and consultants.

90% of all projects and proposals are evaluated using the benchmarks for equity in programming.