



**Action for Global Health**  
**Consultancy**  
**Research on the Determinants and Root Causes of Global Health Inequity**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Introduction**

Action for Global Health (AfGH) is a network of more than 50 organisations working towards a world where health equity is achieved and everyone has access to the quality healthcare they need without being forced into financial hardship. We harness the expertise and strength of our members and partners, including people with lived experience of health inequity globally and civil society organisations based in low- and middle-income countries, to secure political action and commitments in the UK to improve health equity globally.

AfGH is seeking a consultant to conduct research and create a report on the determinants and the kyriarchal root causes of global health inequity, which will support AfGH's advocacy efforts throughout our advocacy strategy and beyond.

Examining the determinants of health and the kyriarchy is essential for building health equity, as these factors play a crucial role in shaping how individuals and communities experience health and access healthcare. It highlights how power, privilege and systems of oppression influence people's access to resources, healthcare and opportunities for achieving good health. By understanding how determinants and kyriarchal structures intersect and contribute to unequal health outcomes, AfGH will strengthen its advocacy for health equality.

The report will:

1. Identify the key determinants (i.e. social, environmental, commercial) of global health inequity and climate change.
2. Analyse the root causes (such as ableism, white supremacy, heteronormativity) that create barriers to healthcare and climate action, highlighting their connections to the determinants and the importance of addressing them alongside the global health priorities outlined in AfGH's Stocktake Review.
3. Provide a set of recommendations for the UK to enhance its political, financial, and programmatic commitments to tackling the determinants and root causes of global health inequity.

This report will build on the findings and recommendations from our 2024 [Stocktake Review](#) on the UK's Commitments to Global Health Equity and contribute to shaping the upcoming 2026 Stocktake Review.

### **Research Methodology**

The report will apply feminist research practices, incorporating epistemological and intersectional methodologies, to inform its development. We aim to draw on the expertise of our global membership throughout the research process. Therefore, AfGH is looking for a consultant with experience in feminist research practices and a deep understanding of the kyriarchal root causes of poor health.

### **Timeline of Work**

We expect the first draft of this report to be completed by 1 September 2025. Timeline for specific milestones to be developed on contract.

### **Outputs**

1. Research plan designed.
2. Research conducted and completed.
3. First draft of report produced.
4. Second draft of report produced (after extensive consultation with the AfGH network).

### **Time Involved**

To be agreed, but we estimate 15-20 days of work in total.

### **Associated Reports/Briefings (that may be helpful)**

- [Stocktake Review 2024](#)
- [Health Inequalities and Climate Change](#)

### **Expressions of Interest**

- No more than two pages outlining approach, budget required and evidence of experience of this kind of work.
- The CV of the consultant and names of two referees should be attached.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to Melanie Scagliarini ([melanie@actionforglobalhealth.org.uk](mailto:melanie@actionforglobalhealth.org.uk)). Applications will be considered on a rolling basis **until 6 pm (UK time) on 1 April**.

If you would like to discuss this Terms of Reference before submitting an expression of interest, please contact Melanie Scagliarini: [melanie@actionforglobalhealth.org.uk](mailto:melanie@actionforglobalhealth.org.uk).

### **Recruitment Process**

Interviews will be conducted in April.