

WSPiD Strategic Plan 2025-2035

The leadership of the **World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases** convened in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 10, 2024 to launch a process of strategic reflection, planning, and action. This effort was designed to produce a clear set of priorities that will guide WSPiD's activities over the next five years.

In preparation for the meeting, WSPiD members and committee representatives were invited to share their perspectives through a survey and individual interviews, helping shape the Society's future goals.

What follows is a summary of the strategic plan and the connected operating plan developed through this leadership process.



Defining Principles



WSPID Vision

A United PID community improves health outcomes for children and youth in all regions of the world.

WSPID Core Purpose

To support the global community of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (PID) practitioners who are involved in PID management, prevention, education, research and advocacy to advance child and youth health worldwide.

WSPID Core Values

Collaboration across every region

Advocacy for children and youth health

Knowledge sharing to improve care

Equity for all children and youth globally

WSPID Mission

WSPID is dedicated to improving the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases affecting children and youth, supporting healthcare professionals in low- and middle-income countries. This is done through fostering global partnerships that drive innovation, enhance clinical practice, provide high-quality education, and advocate for better health outcomes for children and youth worldwide.

Prof. Asha Bowen, WSPID President

Looking to 2035

By 2035, WSPID plays a significant role in global pandemic preparedness, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) prevention strategies, and vaccine accessibility, collaborating with UNICEF, WHO, and other organizations to prioritize children and young people in health strategies.

- Infectious diseases research capacity has expanded globally, with low-income regions leading significant projects. Regional engagement has grown, with multidisciplinary teams, including families, working to improve outcomes for children.
- WSPID's congresses are highlights of the field, and the society provides high quality guidelines, and education to the PID community and wider practitioners, with a focus on the next generation.
- WSPID has strong governance, with engaged volunteers and sound decision-making processes. The society is financially sustainable and invests in impactful projects and activities.
- Overall, WSPID is a driving force in global child and youth health advocacy, shaping policies that save lives and improve outcomes for children and young people worldwide.

→ Goals & Objectives



SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Implement educational programs for healthcare providers through a coordinated education program accessible in regions lacking specialized PID care.

1. Build up the WSPID Congress as the preeminent event, bringing the PID community together biennially.
2. Create an integrated program strategy across all WSPID formats, including the congress, e-learning portal, and any other offerings, ensuring activities are aligned and content maximized.
3. Develop and disseminate guidelines to enhance knowledge transfer, with the aim to ensure equity in pediatric infectious disease care.



COLLABORATION

Position WSPID as the central convener of stakeholders in the global PID community to assess needs and develop common responses to future PID needs.

1. Increase a focus on common challenges and needs facing the PID community.
2. Increase opportunities for collaboration among colleagues in similar professional situations.



VOICE

WSPID will be a powerful voice for change to promote equity in pediatric healthcare by advocating for vulnerable children and young people, particularly those without access to essential medical services or representation.

1. Build relationships with international health organizations to advocate for equitable access to vaccines, medications, and healthcare services for children and young people worldwide.
2. Build a Global Communications Approach with consistent messaging across multiple platforms, supported by appropriate resources, including a rapid response team.



RESEARCH

WSPID will focus on advancing research that supports equitable healthcare solutions for children and young people, promoting innovations in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases in resource-limited settings.

1. Develop and strengthen research capacity focusing on low-resource areas.
2. Promote research aimed at developing cost effective diagnostic tools and treatments for common pediatric infectious diseases.



ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Enhancing Transparency & Accountability - WSPID's operations, decision-making processes and financial activities are open and clear to all stakeholders.

1. Grow the WSPID network through the involvement of national and partner societies, mobilizing more resources and activity to increase voice and reach and ultimately impact.
2. Ensure WSPID has the appropriate resources in place to deliver strategic goals and objectives.



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