

## **Global Health Security Fund**

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The Global Health Security Fund (GHS Fund), a Geneva-based nonprofit dedicated to enabling equitable, scalable innovations in global health security, has made youth engagement in biosecurity a core component of its mission in support of disarmament and non-proliferation objectives.

Since 2023 through 2025, the GHS Fund has actively partnered with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) to co-sponsor and strengthen the Youth for Biosecurity Fellowship (Y4B). This flagship initiative enables young professionals from the Global South to engage directly with multilateral diplomacy in the context of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC).

Each year, the GHS Fund has provided financial and programmatic support for the fellowship, including travel bursaries for selected fellows and the delivery of an in-person innovation seminar at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The seminar features workshops on communications and human-centered design, equipping participants with practical tools to develop and articulate innovative solutions in global disarmament forums.

Across 2023, 2024, and 2025, the fellowship has empowered three annual cohorts of 20 emerging youth leaders, offering them professional exposure, policy training, and access to networks essential to future careers in biosecurity and disarmament. GHS Fund's sustained investment has ensured the consistency, depth, and relevance of this experience.

In parallel, the GHS Fund continues to support broader youth capacity-building initiatives. The Action Accelerator Vehicle, implemented in collaboration with a regional African health institute, delivers year-long training in innovation and communication to subject matter experts in biosafety, culminating in applied project work. This program directly strengthens local leadership in biosecurity governance.

The GHS Fund also advances global biosafety education through its support of the Biosafety Journal Club, a virtual, multilingual training platform that has reached participants in over 55 countries, further democratizing access to knowledge and peer learning opportunities.

As an NGO observer to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and an active participant in relevant international forums, the GHS Fund embeds youth engagement into the global disarmament ecosystem. These initiatives demonstrate the GHS Fund's strategic commitment to developing the next generation of leaders in biosecurity and biological disarmament.