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Germany:EHA Founder Takes Global Stage at World Health Summit 2026

From Personal Experience to Global Impact, Jean de Dieu Mukunzi Brings Immigrant and Refugee Voices to the Global Health Conversation.



Just weeks after receiving his Global Public Health Leadership Certificate from Harvard University, an achievement he believes has further strengthened his leadership skills and ability to guide Ebenezer Healthcare Access (EHA) toward greater impact, Jean de Dieu Mukunzi, Founder and Executive Director of EHA, was invited to attend the World Health Summit 2026, held in Berlin, Germany, from October 11–13, 2026.

This opportunity marked another significant milestone in Mukunzi's leadership journey, offering a global platform to engage with international public health leaders, explore strategic partnerships, and advance EHA's mission of improving healthcare access and promoting health equity among immigrant and refugee communities.

Held under the theme "From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health," the World Health Summit brought together political leaders, scientific researchers, representatives



and refugee communities into global conversations about health equity.

It also provided a platform to share EHA's community-centered healthcare navigation model and explore opportunities for collaboration with international organizations, public health institutions, technology partners, and other stakeholders committed to improving healthcare access.

Mukunzi believes that participation in the Summit has contributed to increasing EHA's international visibility while advancing a vision he has held for years: to see the

of United Nations agencies, civil society organizations, international nongovernmental organizations, and private-sector leaders from around the world.

Recognized as a leading international platform for global health dialogue, the Summit provided opportunities for participants to exchange ideas, share evidence-based approaches, and strengthen partnerships aimed at addressing some of the world's most pressing health challenges.

This year's discussions emphasized the importance of translating innovation into practical solutions that build more equitable, resilient, and future-ready health systems through collaboration across sectors, disciplines, and national boundaries.

Turning Personal Challenges Into a Mission

During the Summit, Mukunzi shared his personal journey and the experiences that inspired him to establish Ebenezer Healthcare Access.

Upon arriving in the United States, he experienced firsthand the challenges that many immigrants and refugees face when trying to navigate an unfamiliar healthcare system. Language barriers made it difficult to communicate with healthcare providers, understand medical information, and access appropriate care.

These experiences profoundly shaped his understanding of healthcare inequities and strengthened his determination to ensure that other immigrants and refugees would not have to face similar challenges.

What began as a personal struggle gradually became a mission to create meaningful change.

Motivated by his experiences, Mukunzi founded Ebenezer Healthcare Access, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping immigrants, refugees, and other New Americans overcome language, cultural, and socioeconomic barriers to healthcare while supporting their successful integration into their new communities.

Through community-based care coordination, culturally responsive health education, language support, and connections to essential social services, EHA helps individuals and families navigate the healthcare system and access the resources they need to improve their health and well-being. Today, EHA serves immigrant and refugee communities across Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati, Ohio, organization's work and the voices of the communities it serves recognized and represented on a global platform.

The experience also reinforced his belief that solutions to global health challenges must include community-based organizations that understand the lived realities of underserved populations.

By connecting local experiences with global health priorities, EHA hopes to contribute to innovative approaches that address language barriers, cultural differences, social determinants of health, and other obstacles that prevent vulnerable communities from accessing essential healthcare services.

Looking Ahead: Building Global Partnerships for Greater Impact



Mukunzi views the World Health Summit 2026 as an important step toward expanding EHA's reach and strengthening its capacity to contribute to global health initiatives.

Building on the knowledge gained through Harvard's Global Public Health Leadership Program and the connections established during the Summit, he hopes to explore new partnerships that leverage innovation, technology, research, and community engagement to advance health equity.

These opportunities could help EHA strengthen its existing programs, develop new initiatives, and share its community-based healthcare navigation experience with organizations serving immigrants and refugees beyond Ohio and the United States.

Looking ahead, the next World Health Summit is expected to take place in Hong Kong in 2027 under the theme “Health Across Borders.” The gathering is expected to explore barriers that the global health community must collectively overcome, including those between healthcare systems and digital technologies, across sectors and disciplines, and between scientific discoveries and equitable health policies.

For Mukunzi, the journey from experiencing healthcare barriers as a newcomer to participating in global health discussions

demonstrating how lived experience, community engagement, and intentional healthcare design can contribute to more equitable healthcare access.

Bringing Ebenezer's Mission to the Global Stage

For Mukunzi, attending the World Health Summit was much more than participating in an international conference. It represented an opportunity to bring the experiences, challenges, and aspirations of immigrant

demonstrates the power of transforming personal challenges into opportunities to serve others.

His vision remains clear: to ensure that no immigrant or refugee is left behind in accessing quality healthcare because of language, cultural differences, or socioeconomic barriers, and to position Ebenezer Healthcare Access as a meaningful contributor to health equity, both locally and globally.

EHA Supports Families Through Bed Deliveries



A comfortable place to sleep is more than a basic necessity; it is an important part of a family's well-being. Recognizing this, Ebenezer Healthcare Access (EHA) continues to support families in need through its bed delivery initiative, helping ensure that more households have a safe and comfortable place to rest.

By delivering beds directly to families, EHA is addressing an essential need while bringing relief, comfort, and reassurance to parents and children. This initiative reflects the organization's commitment to improving everyday living conditions and supporting the overall well-being of the communities it serves.

EHA is not making this impact alone. These bed donations are made possible through the generosity of Secret Smiles, whose partnership helps bring comfort and dignity to families in need. EHA extends its sincere gratitude to Secret Smiles for its kindness, generosity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our clients.

Every delivery represents more than a bed; it is a gesture of compassion, partnership, and hope. Together, we are helping families feel supported, valued, and better equipped to build a healthier future.



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