



2024 report

Bupa | Health Care Without Harm partnership

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Foreword



Reducing the environmental impact of the healthcare sector, and supporting others to do the same, can only be achieved through collaboration. Joining forces with Health Care Without Harm – one of the leading global voices at the intersect of people and planet health – presents a huge opportunity for both organisations to accelerate progress on low-carbon, climate resilient and sustainable healthcare. Through this partnership, we have an ambition to work together in Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region to (i) share insights and (ii) drive progress that will help to achieve critical change, at pace and scale. In addition, we aim to facilitate cross-sector collaboration to overcome wider barriers to delivering sustainable healthcare such as waste, transport, energy and food. Together, we can capitalise on the momentum within the healthcare sector and create opportunities to accelerate the transition to sustainable healthcare – for people, and for the planet.

Glyn Richards, Group Director of Sustainability, Bupa



Health Care Without Harm and Bupa have become mature partners in activating and moving the health sector on climate action. Bupa has an integrated model (both provider and payor) across different geographic markets and is increasingly leveraging its role to transform the supply chain of healthcare, work with Health Care Without Harm to build regional networks of hospitals innovating on climate (leveraging Global Green and Healthy Hospitals, GGHH), and identifying upstream interventions and incentives that could prevent disease and health impacts in the first place. Bupa is a large company that is willing to use its brand to champion climate solutions that also address health impacts and recognizes that we collectively need to build a powerful global movement to transform healthcare for the 21st century.

Gary Cohen, President and Co-founder, Health Care Without Harm

Introduction

In February 2024, Bupa and Health Care Without Harm established a three-year partnership with the aim of accelerating the healthcare sector's transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient care. Over the first twelve months of the partnership, significant progress has been made through a range of activities focused on collaboration and global events. These provided a wealth of opportunities to bring our shared expertise and knowledge to advocate for a sustainable future, emphasizing the critical role that healthcare can play at a local, national, and international level. From healthy cities and climate policy to the role of health insurers and sustainable clinical practice, these events covered a diverse breadth of topics and opportunities for action.

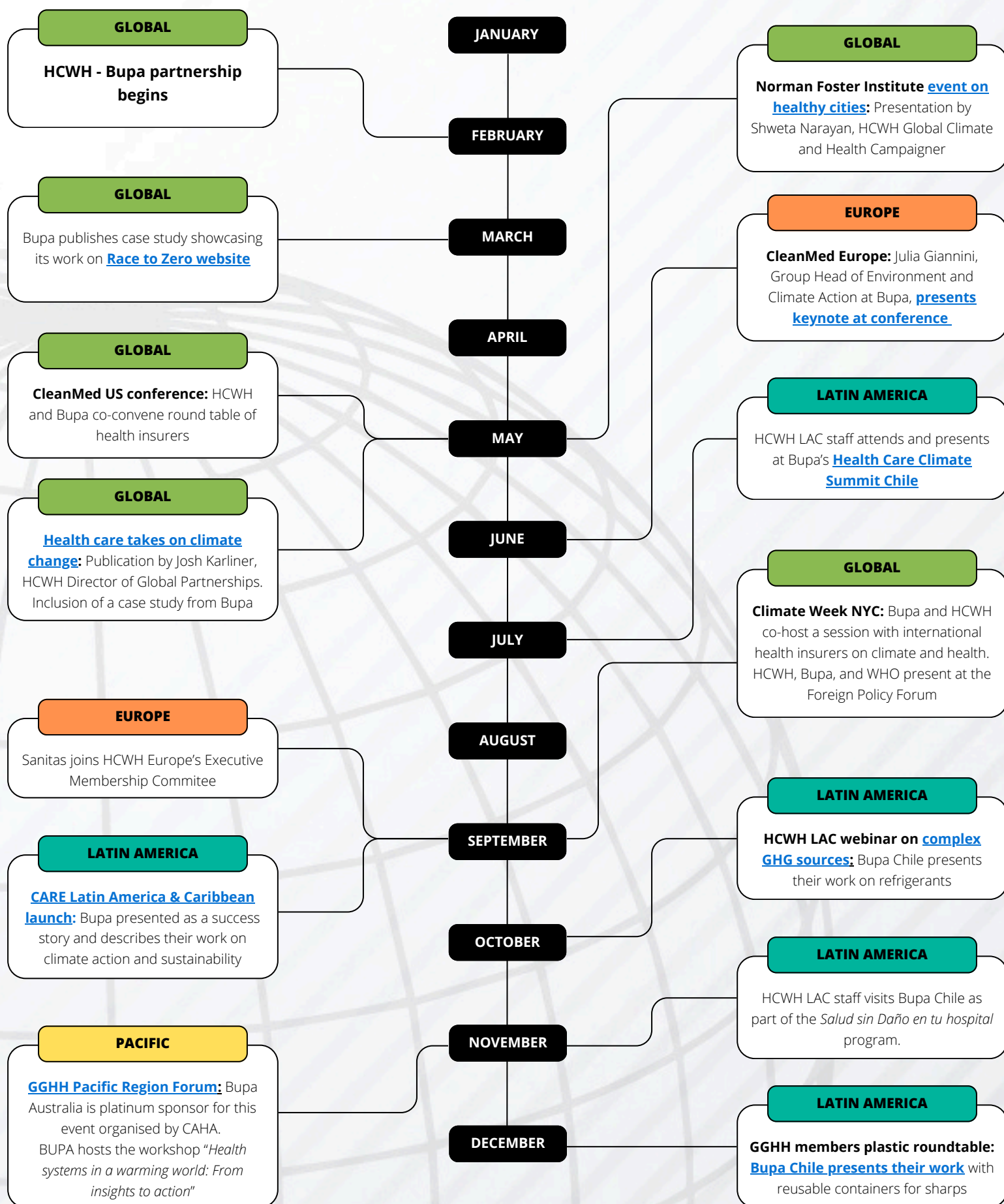
In addition, 2024 focused on building foundations for partnerships in three priority regions of the world for Bupa and Health Care Without Harm: Europe, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific. Sanitas, Bupa Chile, and Bupa Australia are now working closely with Health Care Without Harm's regional offices and partners in Europe, Latin America, and Australia, developing their agenda for collaboration and driving engagement on sustainability, climate, and health through networks of hospitals and health facilities.



Image: Andrea Hurtado, Climate Program Manager for Latin America, Health Care Without Harm, at Bupa's [Global Clinical Leadership Summit](#) in Chile.

The timeline below showcases the many highlights of the partnership in its first year and how Health Care Without Harm and Bupa are uniting their reputations, voices, and influence to drive action on sustainable healthcare, and policies toward creating a healthy planet for healthy people.

Partnership activities and events - 2024



C.A.R.E.

In 2024, Health Care Without Harm's Global Green and Health Hospitals network launched **C.A.R.E. | Community of Action for the Reduction of Emissions**. Funded by the Bupa partnership, this new community of practice initiative is providing a multi-year educational offering, designed to empower network members in building climate-smart, zero-emissions healthcare. Taking place in Australia, Europe, and Latin America, C.A.R.E. will provide a dynamic range of virtual education sessions, technical workshops, networking, and collaboration opportunities to educate and engage healthcare institutions on effective decarbonisation strategies. By fostering peer-to-peer learning and collaboration across sectors, C.A.R.E. provides a platform for institutions to share knowledge and collectively progress toward zero emissions.

In 2024, the Health Care Without Harm regional offices and strategic partners focused on C.A.R.E. program design and development, conducting research, and creating learning programs tailored to regional priorities. The initiative officially launched in Latin America in September 2024, with launches scheduled in Europe in January 2025 and in the Pacific region in March 2025.



Image: [Bupa Chile presentation in LAC C.A.R.E. launch as a success story.](#)

As C.A.R.E. continues to grow, these efforts lay the foundation for stronger, more connected global and regional communities committed to advancing a low-carbon and resilient health care sector.

Looking ahead

Throughout 2025, a full calendar of opportunities awaits Health Care Without Harm and Bupa—from collaboration and engagement at the global, regional, and national levels to driving action on the ground. The more hospitals and health insurers engage with this agenda, the greater and more positive the impact will be.



Image: Representatives from Health Care Without Harm and Bupa meet to plan partnership activities and strategies at CleanMed US, May 2024.

From COP30 in Brazil to the World Health Assembly and New York Climate Week, the two organisations will support each others' agendas at key international events. At the regional level, the partnership will debut exciting new events as part of the C.A.R.E. initiative in Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific. Focused on networking and collaboration, these new in-person gatherings will bring together leaders from the GGHH network and Bupa to share, teach, and learn from one another on cutting-edge strategies to create climate-smart healthcare. In addition, the C.A.R.E. initiative will be in full swing in each region, providing a wide array of virtual workshops, training, and networking opportunities for Bupa and GGHH members to take part in.

The partnership will also seek to support reductions in Bupa's Scope 3 emissions linked to claims arising from third-party providers, leveraging the reach and expertise of this partnership to drive action on decarbonisation across the sector.



Image: Presentation by Shweta Narayan, Health Care Without Harm's Global Climate and Health Campaigner at Norman Foster Institute event on healthy cities.



Image: Claudia Paz, Technical Projects Facilitator for Latin America, Health Care Without Harm, and Hernán Salgado, Sustainability Assistant Manager, BUPA Santiago, Chile.



Image: Bupa and Health Care Without Harm co-hosted a session with international health insurers on climate and health at Climate Week New York City.



Image: María Neira, Director of Environment, climate change and health, World Health Organization, Josh Karliner, and Glyn Richards at the Foreign Policy Forum.

