**Highlights**

1. Dengue virus (DENV) is the fastest-growing mosquito-borne disease worldwide.
2. In 2024, 14.1 million dengue cases were reported globally making a historic milestone
3. >9404 dengue-related deaths were recorded, resulting in a global case-fatality rate of 0.07%.
4. The Southern Hemisphere had 4.91 times higher dengue-related fatalities compared to the northern
5. We urge the inclusion of DENV in the WHO’s R&D priority list to address this growing threat.