

2018 Washington State Global Health Landscape Study Narrative



Washington is an international hub for global health

WGHA's first landscape study in 2007 identified global health as a vital sector of Washington's economy—providing thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars locally. This report tells the story of Washington-based organizations working in global health—the value they bring to Washington, the countries where they work, and how they are preparing for the future.



**Working in all
195 countries**



“As our understanding of global health evolves, it's clear that knowledge and expertise are bidirectional.”

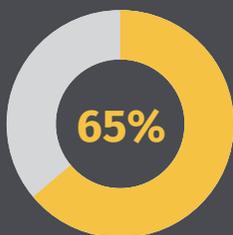
Emily Bancroft, **VillageReach**

Global health at work

Global health is addressing the health needs of the world's most vulnerable populations. Washington-based global health organizations are working in every country around the world to accelerate health equity—strengthening health systems, stopping the spread of infectious diseases, and preventing and treating noncommunicable diseases, such as diabetes. These organizations are saving millions of lives and improving people's health around the world.

Global health is a vital sector of the Washington state economy

Washington's global health community is over 250 organizations strong and contributes \$8.8 billion in economic impact for the state. Global health organizations currently employ more than 14,000 people in Washington working to solve some of the world's most complex problems. The robust global health workforce contributes to Washington's leadership in technology, engineering, and research and development.



of organizations are also advancing health equity in the U.S.

Health Alliance International is using global health strategies to improve health care for refugees in the Pacific Northwest by partnering with the Somali Health Board and the Rainier Valley Community Clinic.

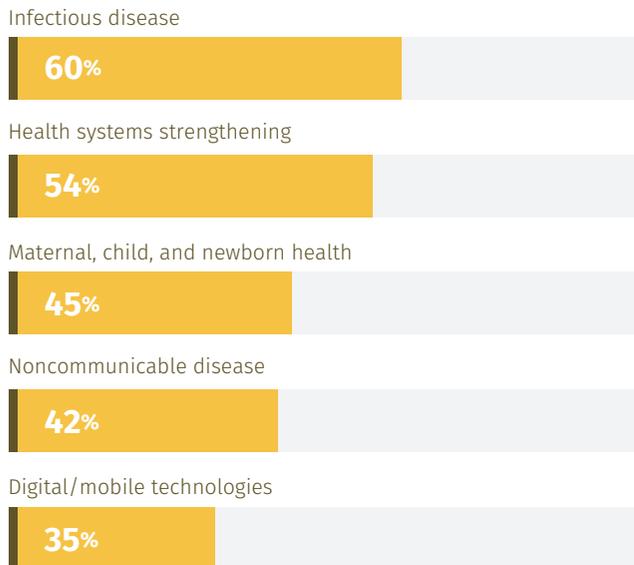
The global health value to Washington is more than economic

Washington benefits from the transfer of knowledge as employees take lessons learned globally and apply them to communities locally. Of survey respondents, 65% have ongoing projects improving health outcomes in the U.S., many of those in Washington.

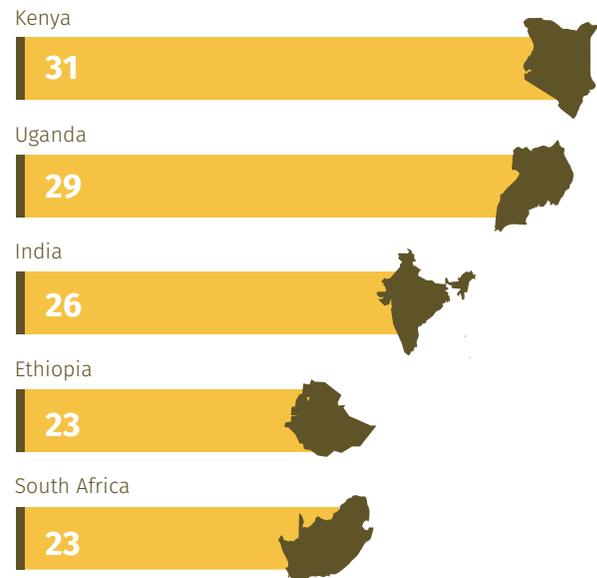
People in Washington's global health workforce volunteer clinical expertise at free local clinics. Global health scientists and practitioners in Washington are also engaging and inspiring the next generation of students and teachers in STEM through dozens of student internships, teacher laboratory trainings, and public educational opportunities.

Washington-based organizations work in diverse global health disciplines around the world

Top five global health disciplines

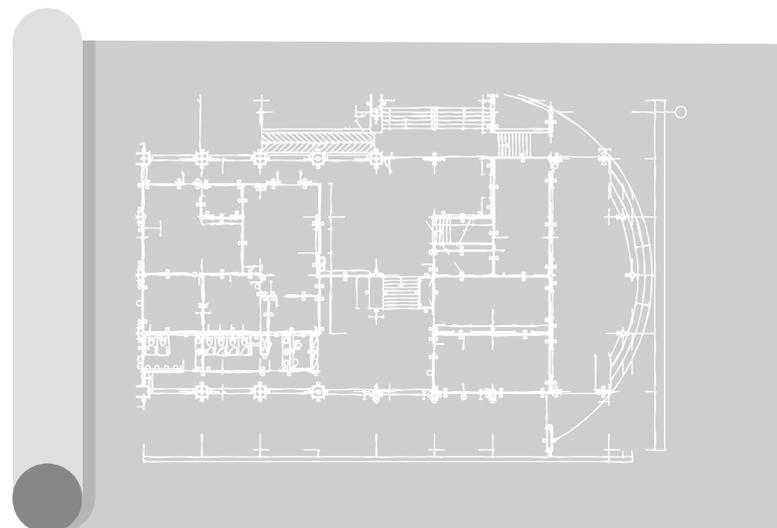


Top five countries where Washington-based organizations work



Developing leadership and sustainability

Global health is changing. Recognizing that local capacity is critical to create lasting improvements in health equity, organizations working in global health are placing a greater emphasis on developing capacity and leadership in the countries where they work. These efforts range from training surgeons and eye bank technicians in India, to producing local vaccines in Vietnam, to building latrines and water systems in rural Guatemala.



HDR employs and teaches laboratory design to local architects and engineers in Kenya.



“Global health is most often associated with poor countries outside the U.S., but it’s important to remember that widespread health inequity is an issue we face in Washington, too. In that sense, our state’s global health sector is critical for finding sustainable solutions that work for all marginalized people, no matter where they live.”

David Fleming, **PATH**

Global health: Good for Washington, good for the world

Washington’s global health sector is a significant component of Washington’s economy. Washington-based organizations are working to improve health equity for vulnerable populations everywhere—here and abroad—and are building local capacity and leadership in the countries where they work.

WGHA: connecting and informing Washington's global health community

WGHA creates a culture of collaboration at home so our members can have more impact in the world. Founded in 2007, WGHA was the first organization of its kind and has more than 70 member organizations working to achieve health equity.

WGHA brings members together through events and conversations designed to advance common goals, share best practices, and foster collaboration across organizations and disciplines.

Learn more at www.wghalliance.org



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