Improving Health Equity in the U.S. and Abroad

Washington is an international hub for global health. Organizations across the state save millions of lives and improve health equity among the world’s most vulnerable populations.

268 Washington-based organizations working in global health

Nonprofit and for-profit institutions engage in global health across diverse disciplines

Top five global health disciplines

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<td>Infectious disease</td>
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<td>Health systems strengthening</td>
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<td>Maternal, child, and newborn health</td>
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<td>Noncommunicable disease</td>
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65% of organizations are also advancing health equity in the U.S.

Global health at work: Saving lives of mothers and children

Washington-based organizations are dramatically improving global maternal and child health by:

Decreasing mortality rates

- Child mortality\(^1\)
  - 1990–2017: ↓58%
- Maternal mortality\(^2\)
  - 1990–2015: ↓44%

Increasing children’s access to

- Breast milk
- Vaccines
- Clean water

“Empathy and respect are fundamental components of any effort to improve health outcomes in any geography, and they are foundational values for our community.”

Dorothy Echodu, Pilgrim Africa

Learn more about the state of global health in Washington at:

www.wghalliance.org/landscapestudy2018

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Contributing to Washington’s Economy and Solving Problems Globally

A robust global health workforce contributes to Washington’s leadership in technology, engineering, and research and development to solve some of the world’s most complex problems.

Washington’s global health organizations work in

All 195 countries

Direct economic impact of global health in Washington

14,000+

Employees

Output and revenue:

$8.8 billion

Developing leadership and sustainability in country

Washington-based organizations are working to create sustainable health equity by:

Training and teaching
- PhD students in Tanzania and eye bank technicians in Nepal

Developing technologies
- Local vaccine production in Vietnam and South Africa

Building infrastructure
- Latrines and water systems in Guatemala and Mongolia

“We believe the best chance to overcome disease outbreaks is to build capacity to develop vaccines in country. Moving the locus of education, research, and infrastructure is the future of global health.”

Lee Schoentrup, Infectious Disease Research Institute

Learn more about the Washington global health community at:
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