During its more than 50 years as an independent nonprofit, PHI has led and managed hundreds of projects and programs ranging from small task order contracts to large, multi-site research programs with national and international significance.

PHI’s curated portfolio focuses on the ideas, programs and individuals positioned to transform health. We restructure food systems. Build healthy places. Tackle emerging diseases. Use tech to speed healthcare delivery. Amplify local leaders. No idea is too small—or too big—to succeed.

Together we are building a healthier world.
Our Approach

PHI funding dollars go further. 83.5% go directly to research & program services.

PHI programs receive funding from over 150 different funding sources.

Our Priority

Building Health Equity

In the U.S. and around the world, people of color, low-income communities, people with disabilities and other marginalized populations experience poorer health outcomes. Structural inequities impact health: discriminatory housing policies trap families in areas with poor air quality; gender discrimination creates barriers to educational and economic opportunity; and, immigration status impacts income and access to health services. To create better health, PHI and its programs focus on building more equitable systems through policy and community change.

PHI supports 600 staff and 80 programs and works in 26 countries around the world.
Initiate & Innovate

From day one, PHI programs have access to PHI’s human resources expertise, compliance and financial support, Institutional Review Board and tax ID number (EIN), allowing them to get off the ground in days, instead of months or years. PHI’s leadership, stable financial base and solid reputation mean PHI can quickly launch innovative programs and support new ideas. PHI programs have the security and support to take creative, calculated and strategic risks they could not take alone.

Collaborate & Convene

Fifty years of experience, over 600 staff and more than 150 funding sources mean that PHI programs tap into a vast network of connections and expertise. PHI collaborates and partners with local and state government, foundations, legislative and White House staff, the APHA, the CDC and public health organizations around the globe to move forward shared issues and goals.

Sponsor & Support

Deep experience in back office administration and a low indirect cost rate allow PHI to manage multi-million dollar grants, monitor budgets, process invoices and staff programs. PHI programs have the capacity to fulfill their goals, backed by a solid infrastructure, sophisticated human resources and a network of professionals. PHI has been named “Best non-profit to work for.” PHI also provides staffing services for governmental and other initiatives.

Scale & Spread

PHI initiatives scale from a single committed researcher to programs with more than a hundred staff. When programs are ready to grow, they can quickly traverse legal and human resources challenges in new locales, connect to existing program networks and lean on the expertise of their colleagues to support rapid, stable growth. PHI programs maximize impacts and minimize risks to funder investments.
Our Work

PHI’s Center for Climate Change and Health spearheads national efforts connecting climate change to health and equity, including training physicians to speak out. In California, the Center supported what are now the nation’s most progressive climate change bills.

CAMI Health began with $15,000 and an idea: to create products for women that combine contraception and HIV/STI prevention. Today, their $5 million USAID-funded project brings together researchers, product developers and women users to bring new products—like gels, foams and injectables—to market.

The Alcohol Research Group conducts research and epidemiology on alcohol and drug issues, and is home to one of just 20 National Alcohol Research Centers. They have published more than 1000 studies since their inception.

Rise Up has helped more than 7 million youth and women around the world achieve greater rights, education and health. Malawi leader Memory Banda appeared onstage with Ban Ki-moon, Chelsea Clinton and Melinda Gates to further efforts to end child marriage.

FACES for the Future provides underserved students with mentoring, health career training and support. 100% of participants graduate from high school and 92% go on to college or certification programs. FACES has quadrupled in size, funding and participants since joining PHI in 2011.

PHI aligns efforts of community benefit, banks and private corporations to make building neighborhood health more efficient and effective. In Portland, OR, local partners built working relationships with the senior leadership of health systems and health plans to secure financial contributions and engagement in community development.

For more examples of our work visit phi.org
“Where we take care of each other, where we are generous and kind, where we speak up and listen, and where we prioritize not just what is best for us, but what is best for each other—these are the places where there is hope, health and justice.”

— Mary A. Pittman, DrPH  
President and CEO  
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