Global Health

Advancing global health starts with building the capacity of communities and countries to address the public health problems they face. That’s why we focus on training, supporting and advising providers, policymakers and advocates from different settings in all regions of the world.

The Public Health Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life throughout California, across the nation and around the world.

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We offer technical expertise to advance comprehensive solutions to a broad range of global health challenges, with a particular focus on addressing the health needs of marginalized communities.

**Our Approach**

- Convene multi-sector partners from government, philanthropy, academia & the private sector to solve problems
- Build the capacity of local health systems, organizations & advocates through training & technical assistance
- Advocate for policies that support health, sustainable development and reproductive rights
- Research factors driving the spread of HIV/AIDS, global patterns of tobacco use, reproductive health prevention strategies & more

**Our Priority**

- **Building Health Equity**
  In Pakistan, a Youth Champions Initiative grantee used films and street theatre in the remote areas of Karachi and Interior Sindh to prompt community discussions about sexual and reproductive health.

**Our Work**

- **Advancing the Rights of Girls & Youth**
  Working with local girl- and youth-rights advocates, Rise Up has influenced 124 laws and policies—including raising the age of marriage and increasing access to education and rights for girls—impacting more than 115 million individuals in Africa, South Asia, Latin America and the United States.

- **Addressing NCDs through Public-Private Partnerships**
  By designing and staffing corporate fellowship programs, the Global Health Leaders initiative improves health outcomes in South Africa, India, Brazil, and the U.S. With partner Medtronic Philanthropy, associates create access to care and management for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease and diabetes.

- **Equipping Youth Leaders to Catalyze Social Change**
  GOJoven International was named a top youth leadership development program by the USAID-funded Leadership, Management & Governance Project. GOJoven’s young leaders advance wellness, education, sustainable development and civic participation—impacting more than 27,000 youth in Belize, Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.

- **Helping Develop a Diverse Global Health Workforce**
  — Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP-II) helps the U.S. Agency for International Development foster the next generation of diverse global health professionals, by supporting and sustaining the efficacy of its current and future health programs. 38% of GHFP-II fellows and interns, working around the world, represent ethnic minorities.

- **Giving Women Better Options**
  CAMI Health speeds development of new multipurpose prevention technologies (MPTs) that simultaneously prevent unintended pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted infections. It hosts the Initiative for MPTs, which represents about 1,200 funders, product developers, advocates and researchers from across the globe facilitating the development of these technologies.

- **Promoting Effective Tobacco Policy**
  Research from PHI’s Center for International Tobacco Control projected that a 1-yuan (US $0.15) cigarette tax increase in China would prompt 4 million smokers to quit—saving 1 million lives. CITC’s recommendation spurred adoption of the tax by the WHO, World Bank and the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“**My values are PHI’s values—most particularly their commitment to health equity and social justice. They work hand-in-hand with communities to build capacity, sustain work, and develop local advocates and leaders.”**

—Esther Tahrir, Director, GOJoven International & Medtronic Philanthropy

Global Health Leaders

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