Developing World Health Partnerships Directory

The most comprehensive online international database for health development programs involving the research-based pharmaceutical industry
This directory, updated annually, shows how partnership programs improve health and help people in the developing world. It provides detailed information about the programs and partner organizations, how long the programs have run, where and how they operate, and what diseases are being tackled.

Research-based pharmaceutical companies have a unique role as innovators of life-saving and life-changing medicines. Innovation has improved lives around the world. Since 1960, when 20 million children under five years of age died from preventable diseases, biopharmaceutical innovation has cut that number to less than nine million. While that is progress, there is still much more to be done especially in the developing world.

Over the past 15 years, major pharmaceutical companies have forged many new partnerships with NGOs, governments, international organizations, universities and hospitals to tackle the healthcare challenges in low- and middle-income countries, where some of the greatest unmet needs exist. Today, these public-private partnerships focus on disease prevention, improvements in health system infrastructure, training, research and development (R&D), medicine and vaccine donations, and other measures to improve the availability of treatment.

The Developing World Health Partnerships Directory is an online resource that documents public private partnerships to improve health in developing countries which are supported by IFPMA member associations and companies and their many partners.

However, don’t just take our word for it; take a look at the IFPMA Developing World Health Partnerships Directory, where currently more than 200* partnership programs are documented in a searchable, online directory. You can check out the programs by disease area, program type, country, and by partner organization [http://partnerships.ifpma.org](http://partnerships.ifpma.org).

*The IFPMA Partnerships database is regularly being updated so the figure printed here is subject to change.

People, companies, governments, and other organizations partnering to improve global health

Today, pharmaceutical companies fund over 200 programs that are included in the Developing World Health Partnerships Directory. These companies partner with others to pool resources and expertise to make a tangible and lasting difference to people in need. This resource, shows the many ways stakeholders – NGOs, private funders, global health organizations, academics, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, foundations, research institutions, and governments – come together for a common purpose. The Developing World Health Partnerships Directory sheds light on these partnerships by telling how they work to make lasting change for the better. Search for global health programs by organization or by type of partner:

- 122 NGOs (e.g. Action on Smoking and Health International, Insulin for Life, Operation Eye Sight International, Shanghai Charity Foundation, Popular Pharmacy of Mali, Rural connect, Red Cross, WWF)
- 85 governments
- 86 Academic organizations or hospitals
- 48 IGOs
- 42 product development partnerships

“8.6 million women provided services to prevent transmission of HIV since 2009 in Tanzania and Uganda”

SEARCH THE DIRECTORY
Select Partner: [NGO](#) [HIV/AIDS](#)
Select Disease(s): [HIV/AIDS](#) [Prevention](#)
Select Program Type(s): = 4 similar partnership programs
The partnerships listed in the Developing World Health Partnership Directory provide an inside look at the ways in which partners address the complex health challenges in the developing world. The directory lists:

- 120 programs that strengthen health system infrastructure (hospitals units, testing laboratories, mobile clinical vans, training, etc.)
- 76 programs to increase availability of treatment (e.g. donations, technology transfer, differential pricing, etc.)
- 71 prevention / awareness / outreach programs
- 61 discovery and development of new drugs and vaccines programs

What's being done about diseases in the developing world?

The Developing World Health Partnerships Directory lists partnerships and collaborations that accelerate efforts to fight well-known diseases such as HIV (43 programs), Tuberculosis (30) and Malaria (29), as well as lesser-known diseases such as Dengue fever, Hookworm and Japanese encephalitis, and other neglected tropical diseases (37).

Where are partnerships operating?

Some partnerships are international, others are regional, and many are focused on one or more countries or even communities. Search the online resource to find out what is happening today in a country or region of interest. There are many partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa (145), but there are also programs in Latin America & Caribbean (71), South Asia (75), East Asia & Pacific (80), Europe & Central Asia (35) and the Middle East & North Africa (38).

What help are the partnerships providing? Donations, R&D, Expertise…

Each partnership listed in the directory provides a program description, objectives and, whenever possible, provides impact measurements, program phases and lessons learned. It also lists the targeted populations, diseases being tackled, the types of intervention, the countries involved, and the research-based companies and the partners. Wherever possible, links are provided to source information.

“Commitment to combat NCDs in young people through integrated global research, advocacy, education and health skills training that will benefit a quarter of a million adolescents across 15 countries”

“Health System Infrastructure
Select Program Type(s):
- Prevention/Awareness
- NCD/Adolescents

= 4 similar programs

“A unique partnership in Haiti with Partners In Health (PIH) to empower Haitians to create local solutions for malnutrition”

“Where are partnerships operating?

Select a Region:
- Latin America/Carribean

= 7 programs

Select Program Type(s):
- R&D

= 16 programs

“Search the Directory
Select Disease(s):
- Malaria

= 16 programs

Search by Disease...

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“The largest portfolio of malaria medicine research in history, with nearly 40 projects currently underway”

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- R&D

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Search by type of Program...

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Global health partnerships are important… they matter to people everywhere

In 2011 IFPMA commissioned the NGO Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) to conduct an independent review of the contributions these global health partnerships make to health in low- and middle-income countries. This information and more can be downloaded from www.ifpma.org and www.bsr.org.

Key findings of the review:

220 global health partnerships were reviewed, out of which:

Diseases:
- 20% focus on HIV/AIDS
- 16% focus on NTDs
- 16% focus on Women and Children’s Health
- 14% focus on Malaria
- 14% focus on NCDs

Types of programs:
- 50% focus on strengthening the health system infrastructure
- 79% focus on training
- 36% focus on improving availability of treatments, including donation programs
- 59% of R&D based partnerships focused on the development of new treatments
- 38% focus on awareness raising, prevention and outreach

Partners:
- 62% of GHP involve NGOs, other top partners are Government and Academia
- 15% of GHP involve multiple research-based pharmaceutical companies

The future:
- 90% of companies expect to increase partnership commitments towards NCDs while maintaining commitments across other therapeutic areas.
- 69% of GHPs occur in Sub-Saharan Africa, but expansion is planned in South Asia, East Asia and Latin America
- Next year - total financial commitment of research-based pharmaceutical companies expected to remain the same or rise. Indeed, 40% expect to increase investments

The review underscored the transformational strength of Global Health Partnerships (GHPs). GHPs, covering a broad range of communicable diseases as well as leveraging the broad technical expertise of research-based pharmaceutical companies, are able to address some of the health challenges facing the low- and middle-income countries. These partnerships also demonstrate new ways of bringing together public and private expertise, particularly those involving governments and NGOs.

The BSR report suggests increased use of impact measurements to increase scalability and sustainability of partnerships. The Developing World Health Partnerships Directory is one of the tools helping to achieve this goal by providing an overview of the work currently being done and its impact.

About IFPMA

IFPMA - International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations - represents the research-based pharmaceutical companies and associations across the globe. The research-based pharmaceutical industry’s 1.3 million employees research, develop and provide medicines and vaccines that improve the life of patients worldwide.

Based in Geneva, IFPMA has official relations with the United Nations and contributes industry expertise to help the global health community find solutions that improve global health. IFPMA manages global initiatives including:
- IFPMA Developing World Health Partnerships studies and identifies trends for the research-based pharmaceutical industry’s long-term partnership programs to improve health in developing countries
- IFPMA Code of Practice sets unsurpassed standards for interactions with the healthcare community
- IFPMA Clinical Trials Portal helps patients and health professionals learn about ongoing clinical trials and trial results

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