

# Supporting Countries to Achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

## Our Financing

# \$34 billion

**Global Health portfolio in 2023** supporting **217 projects** to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable.

This includes **\$16.5 billion (48%)** through the **International Development Agency (IDA)**, our **fund for the poorest countries**.

## Our Impact

Since 2020, **210 million people** received essential health, nutrition, and population services through projects funded by IDA.

In fragile and conflict-affected situations:

**31.6 million**

women and children received nutrition services;

**5.5 million**

deliveries were attended by skilled health personnel;

**76 million**

children vaccinated

## Our Vision and Objective

The World Bank is committed to helping developing countries achieve UHC by 2030 and ensure that everyone, especially the most vulnerable, has access to **quality health services without facing financial hardship**.

We drive health and nutritional outcomes needed to build **human capital**, thereby contributing to the World Bank's twin goals of ending poverty and increasing shared prosperity.

## Investing in strong, resilient health systems, prepared for crisis

Global economic shocks from the pandemic, conflict, and the impact of climate change have reduced many developing countries' spending capacity, while health needs are growing. COVID-19 has exacerbated health inequalities and exposed underlying weaknesses in countries' health systems. We support countries to:



**transform** health systems, making them people-centred.



**strengthen** primary health care with integrated public health functions.



**ensure** financial protection, including removal of financial barriers to ensure everyone has access to quality health care, including in fragile and conflict-affected settings.



**invest** in health system resilience during non-crisis times to both prevent crises and reap large dividends when emergencies occur.

**Yemen:** The **\$300 million IDA-financed project** helps strengthen decentralized systems for better service delivery and improves public health, water and sanitation functions, including surveillance and water quality. The project partners with UNICEF, UNOPS, and WHO.

**Senegal:** The **\$140 million project** enhances vital health services in six regions focusing on reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health and nutrition services. The focus is on improving the availability of quality health services, boosting adolescent health, and enhancing financial protection.

**Honduras:** The **\$75 million project** helps improve reproductive and child health services and emergency preparedness to ensure prompt and effective response in the event of a crisis.

## The World Bank is the single largest funder of the global COVID-19 health response

# \$14 billion

to over 100 countries



This includes over 30 countries affected by fragility, conflict and violence— to quickly respond to COVID-19 and ensure fair and equitable access to tests, treatments and vaccines, while investing in health system strengthening.

### Malawi

- Early detection
- Disease surveillance
- Training health workers

### Mongolia

- PPE for health workers
- Vaccine delivery
- Mobile x-rays and ventilators

### Nepal

- Early detection,
- Lab capacity expansion
- New intensive care units

## Maximizing Financing for Climate and Health Action



**\$2.2 billion**

in climate-related health investments to over 105 countries – 80% for adaptation

**The World Bank is the biggest financier of climate action in developing countries.**

Starting July 2023, all World Bank projects will be fully aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement. The World Bank is leading global efforts to define best buys for climate and health, as well as shape international financial architecture for people-centered climate and health action.

### Selected Global Partnerships and Initiatives

#### G7 and G20 Initiatives

The World Bank engages closely with G7 and G20 initiatives and provides thought leadership on topics related to health.

**UHC2030** is a partnership of governments, international institutions, civil society, and private sector committed to achieving Universal Health Coverage to ensure that people have access to the health care they need without suffering financial hardship.

#### Scaling up Nutrition (SUN)

The SUN movement works toward a world without hunger and malnutrition through advocacy, alignment and investment at country level.

#### Global Action Plan for Healthier Lives and Wellbeing for All (GAP)

brings together 13 multilateral agencies to help countries accelerate progress on the health-related SDG targets by strengthening collaboration aligned to country plans and strategies.

## Additional Financing for Health and Pandemic Preparedness



### Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF)

The GFF partnership housed at the World Bank is committed to ensuring all women, children and adolescents can survive and thrive. Since 2015, GFF has committed \$815.5 million to 36 countries – linking with \$5 billion from IDA/IBRD financing to implement investment cases for women, children and adolescent health.



### Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program (HEPR)

The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program provides additional

resources to respond to COVID-19 and other health emergencies and help countries better prepare for future health emergencies. Through June 2023, the program has allocated \$125 million to support 45 country and regional efforts in health emergency preparedness and response.



### The Pandemic Fund

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The newly established Pandemic Fund, housed at the World Bank, provides additional, long-term financing to low- and middle-income countries to boost health systems resilience and mitigate the impact of future pandemics. The fund will provide complementary support, incentivize country investments, and serve as a platform for advocacy.

## World Bank active investments in Health, Nutrition and Population, as of March 2023

