

Coordinating Office for Global Health (COGH)

In today's world of increasing globalization, the United States continually faces new challenges and opportunities in public health. In partnership with other parts of the U.S. government, public health officials throughout the world, and host countries, CDC works to protect and promote global health.

Mission. The mission of COGH is to provide leadership within CDC and work with partners around the globe to "Help CDC Help the World." The mission of the Coordinating Office for Global Health (COGH) is to work with partners in CDC and around the globe through technical assistance and health system development to promote improved health and health diplomacy, and protect citizens of the United States and the world. Working with and through global programs, COGH carries out its mission by:

- ▶ Providing leadership in the development of cross-cutting policy, plans, and programs related to CDC's global health interests.
- ▶ Assisting Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIOs), other federal agencies, countries, and non-governmental agencies in the implementation of appropriate policy, plans, and programs for which they have responsibilities.
- ▶ Enhancing global health partnerships by serving as the entry point for external organizations with an interest in CDC's global health activities.
- ▶ Supporting CDC staff in their international travel through passports, visas, and country clearance cables.
- ▶ Coordinating interactions between Centers/Institutes/Offices, the Office of International and Refugee Health, and other key governmental entities on global health issues.
- ▶ Assessing evolving global health issues, and, in cooperation with Ministries of Health and other appropriate institutions, identifies and develops activities to which CDC's technical expertise would be of maximum benefit.
- ▶ Managing overseas and domestic staff whose service is primarily of a cross-cutting nature in global health initiatives.
- ▶ Accomplishing its tasks through policy coordination, advocacy, mobilizing resources, and building partnerships.

COGH Organization. COGH is comprised of two divisions with numerous programmatic areas of emphasis. The two divisions are:

- ▶ **Division of Global Public Health Capacity Development (DGPHCD).** DGPHCD works with partners to strengthen the global public health workforce, support public health systems, and strive for program sustainability through key strategies that emphasize applying public health science and practice, and demonstrating measurable public health results. We strive to achieve these goals through Applied Epidemiology, Surveillance Systems, and Public Health Leadership and Management. Developing partnerships is an important element of establishing, supporting, and sustaining DGPHCD programs. DGPHCD regularly collaborates with national and international organizations such as USAID, WHO, the Ellison Medical Foundation, and the World Bank.
- ▶ **Division of Global Preparedness and Program Coordination (DGPPC).** The mission of DGPPC is to support CDC global programs for global health preparedness and global health protection and promotion through leadership and coordination of global health programs. This includes agency-level oversight for CDC's system of international offices, and cross-cutting situational awareness for health status, program status, and partnership issues in all geographic regions of the world.

Global Health Partnerships. CDC works in close partnership with an array of international agencies and institutions to shape global health policies and to fund, implement, and evaluate programs. CDC's partnerships include the *World Health Organization* and its regional offices, other *United Nations agencies* (such as UNICEF), the *World Bank*, other *federal agencies* within the U.S. Government, *private foundations*, *universities*, and *global health organizations*.

Why Global Health at CDC?

Health Promotion

Global health will improve by sharing knowledge, tools and other resources with people and partners around the world.

Health Protection

Americans at home and abroad will be protected from health threats through a transnational prevention, detection and response network.

Health Diplomacy

CDC and the United States Government will be trusted and effective resources for health development and health protection around the globe.