

Global Safe Healthcare: A Cornerstone of Health System Resiliency



Infection prevention and control is the cornerstone of a resilient healthcare system and protects health workers, patients, and the surrounding community. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that many health systems worldwide are challenged by daily needs for healthcare safety, and are unprepared to respond to the emergence of a new infectious disease.

Progress in global infection control through COVID-19 supplemental funding

- Provided direct assistance to **26 countries** and collaborated with **58 partner organizations** on infection control.
- Provided more than **60 different trainings** in India, reaching nearly **14,000 healthcare workers** and **1,500 facilities** in that country.
- Worked with over **770 facilities** in Kenya to complete infection prevention and control assessments.



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Investing in Safe Healthcare Saves Lives



Any **healthcare worker loss** is an unnecessary tragedy that weakens healthcare systems and risks the lives of patients.



CDC has strengthened healthcare safety systems abroad since 2014, most recently expanding work abroad using COVID-19 supplemental funding in 2021.

CDC's global healthcare safety program aims to:



Develop systems to improve healthcare safety in low- and middle-income countries.



Rapidly detect and contain emerging threats to healthcare settings before they spread to patients and communities.



Protect healthcare workers and patients from infection in healthcare settings.

Future Investments in Global Healthcare Safety

Future priorities:

- Extending **CDC's Global Action in Healthcare Network (GAIHN)** to up to 10 additional partners and regions. The global collaborative network is designed to provide regional capacities to detect and respond to urgent threats to healthcare systems. It consists of countries, institutions, and partners at global, regional, national, and subnational levels working together. GAIHN addresses priority emerging threats in healthcare settings through rapid detection and response.
- **Sustain and accelerate the progress** made during the COVID-19 response to create sustainable healthcare safety and infection prevention and control programs for healthcare workers and patients.

