

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES

Building Better Public Health Systems

BY THE NUMBERS

20 

More than 20 countries/entities are currently supported by CDC to develop or strengthen national public health institutes

100 

More than 100 members from nearly 100 countries in the International Association of National Public Health Institutes

5B 

5 billion people across five continents live in countries with national public health institutes

Taking responsibility for PUBLIC HEALTH

National governments take responsibility for keeping people healthy and addressing public health challenges. Many countries create national public health institutes (NPHIs) to carry out these roles. A strong NPHI enables countries to:

- Generate and share knowledge, data, and evidence
- Assess and track people's health
- Improve delivery of public health services
- Use limited funds more efficiently
- Prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats
- Conduct research to inform policies and programs
- Have a strong national voice for public health issues

NPHIs provide leadership and coordination for public health at the national level.

Public health leaders from around the world share ideas at the IANPHI annual meeting.



CREATING AND STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS

In most cases, NPHIs sit within the government or work in close association. The U.S. version of a national public health institute is the CDC in Atlanta. Many other countries have similar organizations.

CDC's NPHI program partners with the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI), a global network of public health institutes with a presence across nearly every continent. When countries request

CDC's assistance, our program engages with national partners to:

- Map existing public health systems
- Take a close look at available resources
- Provide technical guidance and support
- Develop strategic and operational plans
- Prioritize public health activities and operations

For more information, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/healthprotection>



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Center for Global Health