

Division of Global Health Protection (DGHP)

Protecting the health and safety of Americans and people around the world 24/7

To ensure global health security, every country needs a robust public health system that can rapidly respond to emergencies. In today's interconnected world, diseases can spread faster and farther than ever, and two out of three countries are not prepared to manage a major disease outbreak. Public health threats can strain systems, result in loss of life, and affect economies — including the U.S. — through soaring health care costs, lost business, and international trade disruptions.

“DGHP brings together people, partners, and technical experts. We work hand-in-hand with countries and partners to create essential public health systems that work in concert to improve global health security (GHS) and save lives.”

RADM Nancy Knight, MD, Director
Division of Global Health Protection



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— DGHP Improves Global Health Security Preparedness —

DGHP leads the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) implementation of global health security (GHS) activities, helping countries strengthen health systems, build outbreak response capacity, and meet international standards. Our goal is to advance research and

develop innovative solutions to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks and other public health threats. Working with CDC experts across the agency and partners in over 30 countries, we focus on strengthening country capabilities in four essential areas:



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Train frontline staff to identify, track, and contain outbreaks



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Coordinate effective response activities when crises occur



SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Quickly detect outbreaks before they spread



LABORATORY NETWORKS

Accurately diagnose diseases and identify new pathogens

DGHP's Programs and Activities Strengthen Public Health Systems

DGHP's staff, with decades of experience responding to disease threats and outbreaks, enhance global health security through crucial programs and activities that:



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Build global workforce capacity

through programs such as the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP).

Detect and respond To disease outbreaks

through evidence-based surveillance by the Global Disease Detection Operations Center (GDDOC) and rapidly respond to emergencies through the Global Rapid Response Team (GRRT).

Respond to and support the recovery of health systems

through humanitarian health experts' technical assistance.

Assess and work to reduce the burden of disease

including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and other noncommunicable diseases.

Support transparent, rigorous assessments of GHS capacities

through established processes such as Joint External Evaluations (JEE) to identify gaps and propose priority actions to help countries close gaps and meet the International Health Regulations and Global Health Security Agenda goals.

Develop National Public Health Institutes (NPHI)

that provide a foundation for local public health expertise and action, generating evidence to inform policy, efficient use of limited resources, and accountability.

Gather, analyze, publish, and use relevant information

through surveys, data sharing, and other initiatives to inform policy and program decisions.

DGHP's Vision for the Future:

DGHP remains committed to helping countries create resilient public health systems that are ready to respond to health threats. Our investments in global health security protect Americans and people worldwide and are critical to help countries progress toward preventing, detecting, and rapidly responding to emerging disease threats. Through sustained collaborations and continued investments from multiple partners, we will continue to improve global health security and ensure a safer and healthier world for all.

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