

# GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP HELPS AMERICA WIN



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America's global health programs are the envy of the world. As the Administration releases its [Global Health Strategy](#), these investments stop the spread of infectious diseases at our borders and save the lives of millions of people every year. Secretary Rubio has declared that the United States "will continue to be the world's health leader and most generous nation in the world." At 0.3% of the federal budget, global health leadership reflects American values and represents an enormous return on investment for the American people.

The January 2025 Ebola outbreak in Uganda underscores the effectiveness and importance of U.S. investments in partner country health systems: because of longstanding U.S. partnerships, Uganda's health system successfully detected and contained the outbreak in a matter of weeks, with just a dozen Ebola cases and no reported spread to other countries.

In addition to the longstanding success of PEPFAR—the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief in Africa—there are other key health programs on which the State Department is well-positioned to double down—including the Vaccine Alliance ("Gavi"), the Global Fund, the President's Malaria Initiative, and programs to counter infectious diseases, advance global health security, and protect maternal and children's health. The State Department's September 2025 [announcement](#) of a partnership between the Department, the Global Fund, and Gilead Sciences is an important signal of the Administration's intent to build on proven partnerships and take concrete steps toward the President's goal of eliminating mother-to-child transmission of AIDS within his second term.

By stopping diseases before they cross our borders and building healthier, more stable societies, the U.S. bolsters its security and reaps economic dividends—for both us and our partners—making America safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

## GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE

Since its founding in 2000 as the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, Gavi has immunized [over 1.1 billion children](#) worldwide, saving an estimated 19 million children's lives and contributing to global stability that is calculated at [\\$250 billion](#) in economic benefits. The Trump Administration can advance U.S. global health and national security priorities through its seat on Gavi's board.

- Over the next five years, Gavi [projects](#) that it will immunize 500 million more children and prevent 8 million deaths.
- Gavi is the world's leading purchaser of U.S.-produced vaccines, delivering a return of nearly \$4 in exports for every \$1 invested in the last five years, contributing to the one-million strong U.S. pharmaceutical workforce and medical technology industry.
- In 2024, low-income countries funded a record \$255 million to GAVI to support their own health programs, serving as a model for burden sharing. Gavi's co-financing model has led countries to contribute to their own vaccine costs, and, to date, 19 countries have fully graduated from Gavi support and sustain their immunization programs independently.

## MALARIA PROGRAMS

Over the past two decades, U.S. investments in the fight against malaria have [saved](#) over 12.7 million lives, helped prevent 2.2 billion malaria infections globally, and reduced malaria-related deaths by 63%—limiting the effects of disease in tropical countries and the U.S. while reducing the need for more costly humanitarian assistance.

- The President’s Malaria Initiative has built critical infrastructure for disease surveillance and rapid outbreak response, strengthening health security across Africa and Asia to contain diseases like Ebola and Marburg before they reach the United States.
- Reducing malaria cases by 90% by 2030 could [increase](#) international trade by \$80.7 billion and boost exports from G7 countries, including the United States, by \$3.9 billion.

## NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) are a group of infectious diseases that affect over 1.5 billion people globally—about one-fifth of the world’s population. NTDs cause about 200,000 preventable deaths annually, in addition to keeping people out of work and school.

- From 2001-2021, U.S. support to counter NTDs globally has prevented 8.9 million deaths.
- Recent [studies](#) estimate up to 4 million Americans are infected with NTDs in the U.S. Gulf States (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida), indicating that this is not only an overseas health risk, but also a domestic one.
- America’s lifesaving investments have nearly eliminated diseases such as river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, and trachoma, which are often debilitating even if not fatal. Fourteen countries have eliminated at least one of these tropical diseases, reducing dependence on aid and improving economic productivity in key partners ranging from Indonesia and Ghana to Colombia and Mexico.
- Every \$1 invested by the U.S. government in fighting NTDs leverages \$26 in donated medicines, totaling \$31.3 billion since 2006. Because of public-private partnerships, the vast majority of NTD medicines distributed via U.S. foreign assistance come through corporate donations, at no cost to American taxpayers.

## MATERNAL & CHILDREN’S HEALTH

When women live healthier lives, children get a stronger start to grow up healthy, which generates [tremendous economic benefits](#). Furthermore, according to a recent U.S. Department of State [press release](#), “President Trump has a goal of ending mother-to-child transmission of HIV by the end of his second term in office”—which is directly linked to U.S. leadership in the health and wellbeing of mothers and children.

- Over the last 25 years, targeted U.S. investment in maternal and childhood nutrition programs have [cut in half](#) the number of childhood deaths globally, to under 5 million per year, and maternal mortality has fallen globally [by about 40%](#).
- Every dollar invested in maternal and child health [yields](#) a return of \$166 in economic benefits, related to better health and improved productivity.
- Polio infections have [decreased](#) by nearly 99% globally, with successful childhood inoculation campaigns worldwide bringing to the brink of eradication a disease that once afflicted millions, including tens of thousands of Americans.
- An [estimated](#) 45 million children worldwide suffer from wasting, of whom about 19 million experience severe acute malnutrition, often in conflict or famine conditions. U.S. innovation has helped develop a variety of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTFs), whose nutrient content and long shelf-life enable RUTFs support to save the lives of 1.2 million worldwide each year.
- In protecting the nearly 5.4 million children living in orphanages worldwide, there are ample opportunities for the U.S. to continue partnering with local leaders and fellow donors. For example, the United Kingdom is starting a new [initiative](#) to help orphans and vulnerable children by shifting care from institutionalized settings to family-based alternative care.