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USAID's Investments Save the Lives of Women and Children

USAID's maternal and child health investments seek to ensure that all women and children have the same chance of a healthy life, with a focus on respectful and quality care during delivery and increasing access to basic, life-saving services for newborns and children.

USAID works with the public, private and faith-based sectors to improve access to quality health services for women and children. Programs vary by country, but examples of our investments include:

In the Community via a community health worker

- Educate women on healthy behaviors during pregnancy, the importance of delivering in a facility, and immediate and exclusive breastfeeding
- Diagnose and treat children for deadly diseases like pneumonia and diarrhea, referring to a health facility when needed
- Encourage healthy behaviors for water, sanitation and hygiene—including hand washing and use of a latrine



At the Primary Health Center with a trained service provider

- Deliver high-quality pregnancy care and early identification of complications for mom and baby
- Vaccinate children to protect families and communities from deadly diseases
- Partner with community leaders, local governments and private sector organizations to improve access to quality care





At the Facility in an equipped hospital

- Ensure high-quality, respectful maternal and newborn care during labor and delivery
- Provide life-saving care for mothers with complications and small and sick newborns
- Treat pneumonia, severe diarrhea and acute malnutrition
- Improve clinical practices for sanitation and hygiene

At the National Level in the capital or boardroom

- Support government programs to train, supply and supervise health workers
- Support sound immunization policy, strategies and guidelines to ensure greater country ownership of routine programs
- Engage local and international NGOs in polio eradication activities, with a focus on surveillance and outbreak response in hard-to-reach populations



Globally joined by health leaders

- Encourage policies that reflect best practices for maternal, newborn and child health
- Support the accelerated introduction of new and underused vaccines through investing in Gavi
- Diversify funding for women's and children's health through collaboration with donors and the private sector
- Apply research and innovation to maximize the impact of health investments

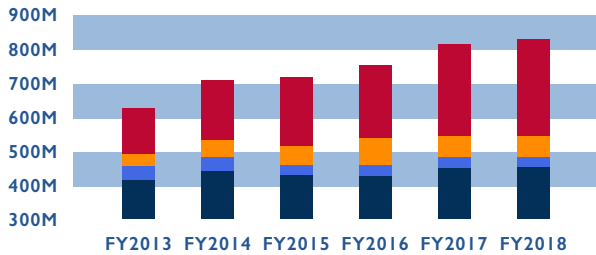


Results

- In the past 10 years, USAID has helped save the lives of more than 5 million children and 200,000 women.
- In 2017 alone, USAID helped 76 million women and children access essential—often life-saving—health services.
 - Since 2012:
 - 8.7 million women gave birth in a health facility and 7.9 million newborns were reached with care after delivery.
 - 77.1 million treatments were provided to children for diarrhea and pneumonia.
 - 34.7 million children were vaccinated against deadly preventable diseases.
 - 12.2 million people gaining access to basic drinking water services.

Funding

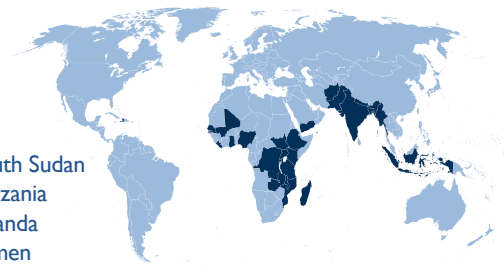
- Gavi
- Polio
- Water & Sanitation
- Balance for Non Earmarked Programs



This funding represents that of the the Global Health Programs (GHP-USAID) maternal and child health sector.

Priority Countries

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| Afghanistan | Liberia | |
| Bangladesh | Madagascar | |
| Burma | Malawi | |
| DR Congo | Mali | |
| Ethiopia | Mozambique | |
| Ghana | Nepal | South Sudan |
| Haiti | Nigeria | Tanzania |
| India | Pakistan | Uganda |
| Indonesia | Rwanda | Yemen |
| Kenya | Senegal | Zambia |



USAID's maternal and child health and nutrition investments save lives, help children reach their full developmental and economic potential, build stronger health systems and foster more resilient, self-reliant communities and nations.

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