

## Overview and Key Goals

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### Who We Are

The mission of the Washington Global Health Alliance (WGHA) is to facilitate creative collaboration and initiatives with our partners. We also seek to expand research and development and educational opportunities to improve health worldwide.

Washington State is a major center for work to discover and develop solutions to the world's health challenges. The state's global health leaders recognize that combining efforts to create life-saving technologies and programs is essential to making significant progress.

WGHA was formed in 2007 to foster new partnerships within the extraordinary concentration of global health nonprofits, research organizations, and educational institutions in Washington State. We focus on four areas: research, technologies, and programming; education, training, and mentoring; advocacy and outreach; and public-private partnerships.

WGHA's partner organizations have been working as long as 30 years to creatively address global health challenges. Hope for even more efficient and effective innovation stems from the combined efforts of these partners:

- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Global Alliance for the Prevention of Prematurity and Stillbirth, an initiative of Seattle Children's
- Infectious Disease Research Institute
- Institute for Systems Biology
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- PATH
- Public Health—Seattle & King County
- Seattle Biomedical Research Institute
- University of Washington Department of Global Health
- Washington State University School for Global Animal Health
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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## What We Do

WGHA's mission is to strengthen the community of like-minded public and private organizations in Washington committed to developing a dynamic, diverse, global health workforce through research, education, training, mentoring, and developing and delivering cutting-edge global health solutions.

- **Make Connections** – Facilitate collaboration to resolve global health issues. WGHA fosters inclusive collaboration and shared global health initiatives with the community. Promote research, education, training, and mentoring in the field of global health to develop a stronger work force and increase the opportunities available in Washington.
- **Build Awareness** – Showcase Washington as a leader in the global health community. Make the state's leadership position known with the public, the media, and policymakers.
- **Offer Resources** – Serve as a clearinghouse for global health organizations and interested public and private partners through the web, the global health database, events, and outreach efforts.

## Key Goals

- Goal 1 Transform the image of Washington State and the Seattle region to reflect our role as a center of global health research, innovation, and philanthropy. Become a national model for global health education and training programs and further establish our commitment and reputation for serving the betterment of humankind by promoting health equity.
- Goal 2 Establish frameworks and models to enhance connectivity and cooperation between related fields, including education, research, policy, and public affairs; and develop innovative partnerships among the business, government, and nonprofit sectors.
- Goal 3 Create opportunities to enhance our international reputation, expand trade opportunities, and increase recruitment of top talent and organizations.
- Goal 4 Articulate the benefits of a statewide focus on global health to the business community—showcasing health (for international and domestic workers) and business opportunities, all of which impact the bottom line.