

A young girl with short dark hair, wearing a blue dress with a yellow and white floral pattern, stands in front of a brick building. She is carrying a black backpack with red straps and holding several colorful books under her left arm. The background shows a brick wall and a window with wooden frames.

IMPACT
REPORT
2017

60 YEARS
OF HOPE

**PROJECT
HOPE**



A Legacy of Sustainable Impact in Global Health

Since Project HOPE was founded in 1958, we have been unyielding in our dedication to develop essential health services for vulnerable populations across the globe. HOPE began with 61 volunteers raising their hands to be a part of a medical mission. Sixty years later, we have transformed into a global network of staff, partners, and volunteers on a mission to increase local capacity and access to health care services for communities in need.

While the global health landscape has changed, the spirit and compassion of those original volunteers endures. HOPE continues to drive innovation by empowering health care workers to deliver expert care when and where it's needed. Our global staff, technical experts, and medical volunteer teams work side-by-side with local partners to improve

the knowledge and skills of the health workforce and build sustainable health systems that help save lives – every day and in times of crisis.

As an international nonprofit organization with programs in nearly 30 countries, we address today's greatest health care challenges, including infectious and chronic diseases, disaster and health crises, and maternal, neonatal and child health. Project HOPE also publishes *Health Affairs*, the leading journal of health policy thought and research. In 2017, *Health Affairs* reached 367,000 journal readers monthly, addressing issues of current concern both domestically and internationally.

The highlights that follow offer snapshots of the vital role we all play in delivering HOPE to those who need it most.

OUR IMPACT IN
2017

Reached nearly
2.3 MILLION
people with lifesaving
health programs

Partnered with local
organizations to train
36,406
health care workers in 2017 –
with more than 210,000 in the
past five years

\$45.1
MILLION
of donated medical supplies,
equipment and medicines
delivered to areas of greatest need

Program Priorities



Maternal, Neonatal & Child Health

Every day, 830 women die from pregnancy and childbirth complications and 7,000 newborns die from largely preventable causes

In 2017, HOPE contributed to ending preventable deaths of mothers, newborns, and young children in Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Central Europe.

- In Sierra Leone, HOPE volunteers introduced life-saving Kangaroo Mother Care for premature newborns in the Bo District and at the national level.
- In the Dominican Republic, there was a 19% decrease in newborn infection rates at the San Lorenzo de Los Mina Maternity Hospital following HOPE support.



Infectious Diseases

Every hour, more than 170 people die from TB and 240 people contract HIV infections

Despite much progress, Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV still threaten the lives of millions. HOPE's approach to these infectious diseases focuses on strengthening local health systems in sustainable ways.

- More than 75% of high risk patients completed referrals for HIV/AIDS related services and support in Malawi.
- In Tajikistan, nearly 98% of people diagnosed with drug-resistant TB were started on TB treatment.



Chronic Diseases

70% of all global deaths were due to chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular, and respiratory diseases

In 2017, Project HOPE helped reduce premature mortality due to diabetes, hypertension, and lung diseases in South Africa, India, China, and Honduras.

- Nearly 70% of hypertension and diabetes patients in a Project HOPE clinic in South Africa have achieved control of their chronic disease.
- In China, 76% of patients have achieved control of their asthma in HOPE-supported health facilities.



Humanitarian and Health Crises

Humanitarian and natural disasters continue to have a devastating effect on the world's most vulnerable people

Our emergency response strategy supports local health systems with emergency medical teams and needed medical supplies. We also leave something more lasting behind, such as a cholera treatment center in Haiti and an improved diabetes program in Puerto Rico.

In 2017, Project HOPE helped countries respond to global health emergencies by:

- Deploying 133 highly skilled volunteers to provide care, education, and support.
- Providing nearly \$10.5 million worth of medicines and supplies, including insulin and water purification kits.

Our Mission

We enable health workers to have the greatest possible impact on the health of the people they serve.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has the health care needed to reach life's full potential.



Where We Work

In 2017, Project HOPE worked in nearly 30 countries to help address today's most pressing global health challenges. Our teams improved the skills and knowledge of local doctors, nurses, midwives, and community health workers -- so they in turn could provide quality health care services to children and families in need and help save lives.



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