



American International Health Alliance



AIHA AT A GLANCE

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AIHA has been awarded more than \$325 million in U.S. Government grants, which we have leveraged by an additional \$291 million in in-kind contributions of professional time and material resources from our partners at more than 200 U.S. hospitals, health systems, and academic institutions.

AIHA's first partnerships linked hospitals and clinics to improve health service delivery in Eurasia following the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

Current projects in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Asia are focused on strengthening national systems to ensure a safe supply of blood and blood products.

With support from PEPFAR, AIHA launched the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center in 2004 and has since been awarded two subsequent 5-year cooperative agreements for this capacity building program.

Through the Twinning Center, we've established more than 50 partnerships in sub-Saharan Africa, Russia, and the Caribbean.

Twinning Center partners have developed innovative models of pre- and in-service education across a broad range of health and allied disciplines, including programs for physicians, nurses, social workers, and pharmacists, as well as new cadres of mid-level professionals and community-based caregivers.

AIHA's Volunteer Healthcare Corps places highly skilled professionals in long-term mentorships at partner institutions and other organizations receiving PEPFAR support.





WHO WE ARE

The American International Health Alliance (AIHA) is an international nonprofit organization working to advance global health through locally driven, locally owned, and locally sustainable health systems strengthening (HSS) and human resources for health (HRH) interventions. Our mission is to help resource-constrained communities and nations make positive, holistic, and sustainable changes that improve health outcomes.

At AIHA, we do development differently. We believe that for investments in global health to have a real and sustainable impact, they must be predicated on a strong foundation. That's why our partnerships and initiatives emphasize a comprehensive, holistic, and integrated approach to HSS and HRH. We also know that health and allied professionals we work with in low- and middle-income countries around the globe are more receptive to the peer-to-peer technical assistance and mentoring that is the hallmark of our partnership model. How do we know? Because we've been doing it for almost a quarter of a century and achieved some truly remarkable results.

Since 1992, AIHA has been applying our unique twinning model in more than 170 capacity building partnerships and initiatives in some 30 countries spanning the globe. Through these partnerships, more than 210 U.S. hospitals, health systems, and schools of the health professions have played a critical role in international health systems strengthening efforts.

AIHA's work is supported by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); and the World Bank, as well as corporate, foundation, and individual contributions.

WHAT WE DO

AIHA provides technical assistance through comprehensive, integrated, and volunteer-driven partnerships and initiatives that help low- and middle-income countries build institutional and human resource capacity to create a strong foundation for delivering high-quality, inclusive health services.

Most of our programs are based on peer-to-peer relationships among healthcare providers and policymakers who collaborate to find solutions to health services delivery issues that are technologically and economically sustainable in the host country.

AIHA's model presumes that healthcare professionals abroad are more receptive to new ideas and more willing to make changes when they work together with colleagues who face the same challenges in their day-to-day practice. Consequently, we engage health and allied professionals, governments, and community leaders to introduce new models of care, train and mentor healthcare providers, and strengthen professional healthcare associations and regulatory bodies.

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AIHA has more than 24 years of experience working with host country governments, donors, and other key national and international stakeholders to address critical public health issues such as HIV/AIDS, TB, and other infectious diseases; maternal and child health; primary healthcare and non-communicable diseases; emergency medicine; clinical pharmacy; biomedical and laboratory technology; and a broad range of other health professions education and development issues at both the pre- and in-service levels.

In close collaboration with these stakeholders we identify local needs; implement responsive, client-centered programs that meet these needs; and maximize local buy-in and ownership from day one to ensure long-term sustainability.

Our twinning model is flexible, dynamic, and well-suited to helping developing and transitioning nations anywhere in the world chart a course for positive, sustainable changes. Because twinning is one of several key HSS strategies adopted by PEPFAR, AIHA's Twinning Center Program is working to improve services for people living with HIV under a cooperative agreement with HRSA. Many of these partnerships are helping to rapidly scale up health and social support services, working closely with ministries of health and other key stakeholders to address short- and long-term workforce goals.



WHAT IS TWINNING?

- Twinning is a development model that uses institution-to-institution partnerships and peer-to-peer relationships to benefit both sides.
- Twinning emphasizes professional exchanges and mentoring for effective information and knowledge sharing.
- Twinning taps into voluntary contributions of knowledge and expertise and effectively leverages resources.
- Twinning helps develop inherently sustainable health system capacity because it encourages local ownership and synergy with host country goals and strategies for health system strengthening.



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