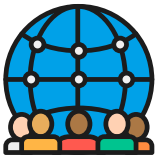


Mobilizing Against COVID-19

CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT



The global COVID-19 pandemic demands a response in every country, every community, and every home. With 18,000 health care workers in 11 countries and **a proven dedication to long-term government accompaniment**, Partners In Health (PIH) is committed to this extended fight. We are uniquely positioned to provide leadership at local and global levels, having led successful responses to Ebola, cholera, tuberculosis and HIV outbreaks on four continents over the past three decades. PIH is **working around the world to combat this public health crisis and strengthen health systems to prepare for the next.**



An Equity-Based Response

PIH's deep experience in the prevention, containment, and care of infectious diseases has shown that the provision of care as a human right is the most important aspect of infection control. PIH's response to COVID-19 prioritizes dignified care for the most vulnerable alongside efforts to contain spread of the virus. Through the support of our partners, PIH is saving lives and demonstrating what aggressive, preventive action in vulnerable settings can achieve.



Staff working with PIH in Peru conduct rapid tests and contact tracing throughout communities north of Lima.

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Nurses and doctors responding to the COVID-19 pandemic stand outside University Hospital in Mirebalais, Haiti, and hold signs in Haitian Creole that read, "Help us so that we can help you."

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ACTION PLAN

PIH's COVID-19 response includes direct care for vulnerable populations around the world, and scalable, global interventions for pandemic control. PIH is drawing on its deep implementation experience and expertise of colleagues around the world to promote and accelerate solutions to fight COVID-19 and prepare for future pandemics everywhere, to ensure the right to a healthy future for all.

OBJECTIVE 1

Implement comprehensive COVID-responses across PIH's network of supported countries.



PIH knows that COVID-19 will disproportionately affect the world's poorest communities and hit countries with weak health systems the hardest. In lockstep with government partners around the world, PIH is implementing comprehensive responses to COVID-19 in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Mobilizing wide-scale testing: Testing is critical to an effective response. PIH's testing strategy utilizes WHO-approved COVID-19 tests and additional, more rapid methods, including point-of care and antibody testing.

Protecting health workers and patients: PIH is ensuring that medical teams have the personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies required to protect against facility-based transmission. PIH also is training health care workers in infection protection and control measures for COVID-19.

Ensuring safety at health facilities: Proper infrastructure and space are critical to reducing facility-based transmission. PIH is building triage areas for safe screenings and improving patient intake procedures to enable better social distancing for waiting patients.

Implementing contact tracing and surveillance systems: Epidemic control relies on finding cases before significant transmission occurs. PIH is using its network of trained community health workers to trace contacts of positive cases of COVID-19 and deliver community support.

Providing supportive care: PIH is providing care and treatment for COVID-19 patients across its network of care delivery sites and supported health facilities around the world. PIH is setting up surge staffing plans to prepare for influxes of cases.

Providing social support to the most vulnerable: PIH is providing social support, such as household, sanitary and food items, to ease burdens facing vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19, and help individuals and families safely isolate.

Continuing essential health services: PIH is minimizing impacts on essential health services during COVID-19 response efforts, maintaining critical supplies of essential medicines, oxygen and more.



Dr. Paul Farmer, PIH co-founder and chief strategist, and Marylou Sudders, secretary of Health and Human Services for Massachusetts, meet in the State House before the announcement of a collaboration between PIH and the Commonwealth to expand contract tracing for COVID-19.

Photo courtesy of Massachusetts' Governor's Office

OBJECTIVE 2

Accompany public health units and governments to increase the effectiveness of COVID-19 responses.



PIH's organizational model is based on public health accompaniment. In addition to direct care delivery and program implementation around the world, PIH supports local and national governments with technical advisement and targeted assistance that brings effective clinical and public health programs to scale, while also bolstering long-term capacity of public health systems.

PIH is helping design and scale contact tracing efforts to enhance national programs in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Peru, among other nations. These efforts not only enhance national control and containment of COVID-19, but also build capabilities and resilience into public health systems to respond to future COVID-19 surges or other infectious disease outbreaks. In the United States, PIH is providing technical advisement to states, cities, and community partners to rapidly scale more equitable and effective public health responses, with a focus on vulnerable communities.

OBJECTIVE 3

Influence, Advocate, and Innovate

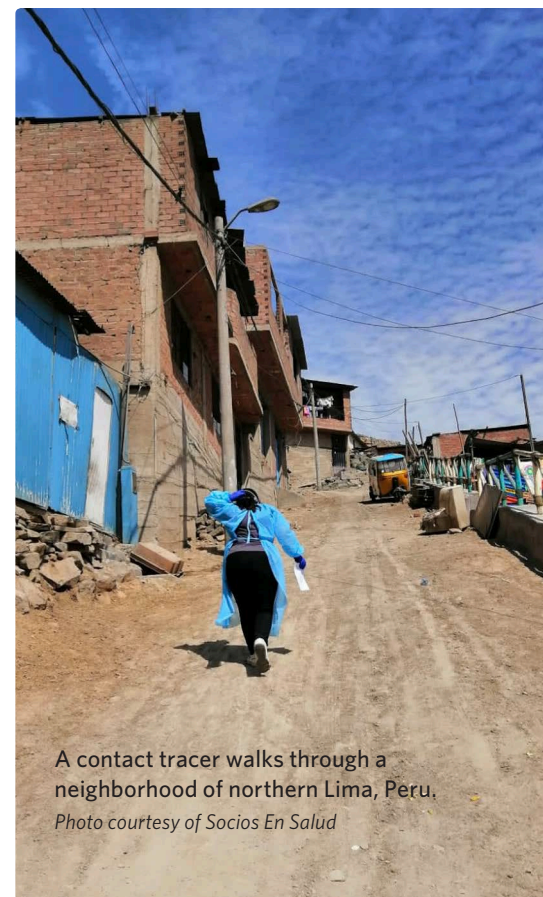


PIH is committed to the long fight against COVID-19 and recognizes that fully eliminating the threat of this deadly disease requires systemic solutions that also can protect the world against future pandemics. PIH will lead the following targeted initiatives to accelerate scaled solutions for ending the pandemic.

Research to boost data availability and evidence-based responses: PIH will draw on its partnerships with institutions such as Harvard Medical School to lead operational research through its care delivery platforms around the world. Operational research in resource-poor settings is critical in generating data that can help inform effective solutions to this novel disease.

Advocacy for enhanced pandemic control and public health investments: PIH knows that bold solutions for global health are the best defense against pandemics, and critical for achieving a healthier and more just world. PIH will deepen its advocacy efforts to increase investments in public health systems around the world and enable enhanced capacity in areas such as disease surveillance, pandemic preparedness, and lab capacity.

Launch innovative education programs in pandemic preparedness: PIH's accredited University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Rwanda is building the next generation of global health professionals, with a mission of reimagining health education and solving the world's most pressing health challenges. PIH and UGHE are training the next generation of leaders and professionals in Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response, and working with partners to design and deliver innovative, equitable, and evidence-based solutions to complex challenges in Africa and beyond.



A contact tracer walks through a neighborhood of northern Lima, Peru.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM PIH'S PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD



Leading access to care for COVID-19 in rural Haiti:

Leveraging its 35-year history and extensive clinical footprint in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, as PIH is known locally, quickly responded to the Haitian Ministry of Health's request to rapidly mobilize against COVID-19. PIH is leveraging its network of health facilities and laboratories to lead the country in critical testing, tracing, and care. Specific initiatives include testing at strategic points, such as the border with the Dominican Republic, and establishing safe isolation zones at health facilities to ensure safety of patients and staff. PIH's flagship hospital, the internationally accredited University Hospital of Mirebalais, was the first in the country to treat COVID-19 patients. In addition, PIH is working with the ministry to establish networks for contact tracing to ensure early detection of cases and slow the spread of the virus. PIH is the leading partner to the MOH, participating in the COVID-19 Task Force and the Ministry's Scientific Committee.

*Lab staff conduct tests for COVID-19 in Lima, Peru.
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ABOUT PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Partners In Health (PIH) works to advance equity in health care globally. We aspire to redefine what is possible in delivering innovative, scalable, and sustainable solutions to the world's most intractable health problems. By partnering with Ministries of Health all over the world, PIH is successfully transforming health outcomes, while creating an evidence-base and a roadmap for scaling solutions that advance the right to health for all. For over 30 years, PIH has honed its expert epidemic control experience and compassionate caregiving model to successfully fight infectious diseases all over the world, including Ebola in West Africa; cholera in Haiti; and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in Peru, Kazakhstan, Russia, and beyond.