

International Health



For more than three decades, RTI International has been committed to improving the health of millions of the world's underserved people through collaborative partnerships with local communities, national governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), and private sector counterparts. RTI's international health experts focus on strengthening health systems; improving the use of scarce financial resources in the health sector; guiding effective policy formulation and implementation; preventing and controlling infectious diseases; and supporting maternal and child health, reproductive health, and family planning programs.

Expertise

- Health systems strengthening and capacity building, including finance, policy, governance, and advocacy
- Infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, malaria and vector control, and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)
- Maternal and child health, reproductive health, and family planning
- Public-private partnerships (PPPs)

Our programs build local capacity, emphasize community and stakeholder involvement, and support PPPs. We are committed to ensuring the scale-up, replicability, and sustainability of all the health programs we support. RTI draws on in-house expertise in education, information and communication technology, local government assistance, and conflict management and mitigation to design comprehensive responses to complex problems in the health and social sectors.

Health Systems Strengthening and Capacity Building

We build the capacity of ministry of health officials to engage in health sector reform and improve health sector financing.

RTI supports the scale-up of tested interventions, such as rational pricing of health services, performance-based payment systems, demand-side financing, targeted public subsidy, and community-based health insurance. We work with countries to develop strategies to generate more resources, enhance the cost-effectiveness of available resources, reduce financial costs of services to disadvantaged populations, and improve the financial sustainability of programs.

We seek to improve the policy environment for health interventions by providing technical assistance and training in health-policy assessment and analysis, strategic development, information-based decision making, advocacy capacity building, and health impact and projection modeling.

We adapt tools of good governance to improve the quality of, increase access to, and expand demand for health services.

These tools include the development of systems of checks and balances between consumers, providers, and governments; the introduction of effective regulatory mechanisms; and the promotion of informed citizen participation and oversight to ensure that decision-making processes respond to the needs of poor and vulnerable populations.

Infectious Diseases

Our HIV/AIDS programs focus on prevention, treatment, and care. These activities include provider-initiated and voluntary HIV counseling and testing, community mobilization and health education, prevention and early detection of mother-to-child transmission, promotion of behavior change, provision of prophylactic and specialized care and treatment, such as antiretroviral treatment, palliative care strengthening, and HIV impact studies. We also build the capacity of indigenous partners to implement HIV/AIDS programs.

We employ innovative approaches to prevent and control malaria through the use of insecticide-treated bed nets and indoor residual spraying, development of early warning systems for potential malaria epidemics, rapid diagnosis and prompt

treatment with anti-malarial drugs, capacity building for entomological monitoring, and continued research.

We spearhead one of the first large-scale global efforts to integrate the control and treatment of five NTDs—lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, trachoma, onchocerciasis, and soil-transmitted helminthiasis.

Maternal and Child Health, Reproductive Health, and Family Planning

RTI is committed to improving the physical, social, and emotional well-being of mothers and children. Our work includes

- developing modern medical records systems to support improved health care for women and newborns
- creating strategies to increase resource allocation and effectiveness of reproductive health services
- developing approaches and tools to engage parents, religious organizations, businesses, and youth to promote youth-centered reproductive health policies and mobilize resources for their implementation
- strengthening interventions for integrated delivery of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health services

Public-Private Partnerships

RTI works to identify, develop, and manage PPPs between governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations that contribute to increased and improved social sector investments in quality maternal-child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and reproductive health services. We also leverage donated drugs from large pharmaceutical partners to provide broad-scale preventive chemotherapies that globally address NTDs. Our systems enable us to ensure that invested funds are spent transparently and accountably.

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