The Health Systems Program is a global leader in research, teaching, and strategic collaborations focused on achieving accessible, cost-effective health care and healthy outcomes across the lifespan for families, communities and nations. Priority is given to populations stressed by economic, social, and political instability, many of which have also been displaced by conflict or natural disasters.
GLOBAL REACH

In the past decade, the Health Systems Program has conducted projects in over 50 countries. We have particular expertise in the regions of South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, where the greatest number of people continue to struggle with deep poverty and unmet health needs. We also work in Central and Southeast Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and transitional economies. Increasingly we are providing guidance and expertise to health programs in middle-income countries such as Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, while maintaining our research and leadership on health issues with particular impact on the poorest and most vulnerable segments of all societies.

OUR HUMAN CAPITAL

Nearly 200 experts from around the world, including over 50 full-time faculty and a network of over 100 faculty associates based around the world, are part of the Health Systems Program. We also have a diverse mix of expertise: physicians, economists, statisticians, anthropologists, demographers, policy analysts, social scientists, and population health and international relations experts.
Billions of dollars are committed every year by governments, businesses and global non-governmental organizations to extend preventive and curative care around the world, often to the most vulnerable people. As global leaders in research, teaching, and strategic collaborations, we optimize these investments, helping to secure far-reaching and sustainable results for better global health.

Major funders of recent and ongoing projects include
National Institutes of Health, USA
USAID—United States Agency for International Development
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
World Bank
GAVI Alliance
World Health Organization
Bloomberg Philanthropies
Department for International Development, United Kingdom
We conduct research to identify barriers, define solutions, develop models, and evaluate improvements for effective health systems—the networks of knowledge, processes and people that can plan, manage and deliver life-enhancing health services together with their vital infrastructure, from data systems to diagnostics, and transport to training.

Here are a few examples of our collaborative work:

• In Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Nigeria, and Uganda, we have developed and tested innovations in health services organization, finance, and delivery for Future Health Systems, a research consortium of six institutions led by our faculty.

• In Eritrea, Congo, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Zambia, Benin, Kyrgyzstan, and Ghana, we assessed the linkage between health worker incentives and maternal and child health results in a study conducted with national partners and the World Bank for the Health Results-Based Financing project.

• In 24 sites across 10 countries—Brazil, Cambodia, China, Egypt, India, Kenya, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, and Vietnam—we evaluate and implement measures to reduce the burden of road injuries in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Road Safety project.
We are one of the largest academic units focused on health systems. We train our graduates to design efficient systems and implement equitable and cost-effective strategies for delivering health care and public health interventions to disadvantaged and underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad.

THE PROGRAM PREPARES GRADUATES FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES IN

- health policy and planning
- health financing and management
- monitoring and evaluation
- public health teaching and training
- institution building
- community development
- health economics
- health sector reform
- health resource allocation
- burden of disease methods
- refugee and humanitarian assistance
- injury prevention and control
- neonatal and child health
- equity and fairness in distribution of health services
- ethics

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