

Our work in: Africa



A woman talks with her grandson as they walk home from school in Machakos, Kenya. ©Gates Archive/Alissa Everett

We work with regional institutions, national governments, and local organizations in 49 countries to contribute funding and scientific expertise in support of their efforts to drive progress. Our ambition is that by 2030, all sub-Saharan African countries have improved trajectories toward achieving SDGs 1-6.

Our major partners in Africa

African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention	African Medicines Agency	African Union
Amref Health Africa	Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)	Economic Community of West African States
Southern African Development Community	The East African Community	UNICEF
West African Health Organization	World Health Organization	

While we support partners whose bold ideas and creative approaches have the potential to save lives, improve health, and help families across Africa, we focus on five countries where we believe we can have the greatest impact.

Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is demonstrating how to make progress in the face of the big challenges that many countries in Africa, particularly in the Sahel, are also trying to address.

We support the government to realize its health and development goals in the areas of maternal and child health, nutrition, water and sanitation, family planning, and gender equality.

Burkina Faso's progress

0.16 **93%** **50%**

New cases of HIV per 1,000 people, down from 3.99 in 1990

Vaccination coverage for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus

Reduction in maternal mortality and stunting rates since 1990



A “mobile midwife” prepares to visit a remote village in Burkina Faso to educate women there about local family planning services available to them. ©Gates Archive/Samuel Bollendorff



A health extension worker at a health post center near Mojo, Ethiopia. We support efforts to strengthen Ethiopia's primary health care system. ©Gates Archive/Maheder Haileselassie Tadese

Ethiopia

With 110 million people, Ethiopia accounts for almost 10% of Africa's population. By virtue of its size alone, its successes will have a significant impact on the future of the continent.

We partner with the government, donors, the private sector, and civil society to help improve agricultural productivity and increase coverage of life-saving health and nutrition interventions.

Ethiopia's progress

75% **191** **61%**

Fall in the number of deaths from HIV in the last decade

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 women—down from 586 in 1990

Proportion of women whose family planning needs are met

Kenya

As a regional leader, Kenya's successes not only improve the lives of tens of millions of Kenyans; they also inform policies and programs that unlock progress in neighboring countries.

We fund tools and technologies in agriculture, health, immunization, nutrition, sanitation, financial services, gender equality, family planning and more.

Kenya's progress

81%

Vaccination coverage for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus

52

Malaria deaths per 1,000 people—down from 142 in 1990

83%

Proportion of Kenyans with access to financial services



A community center in Magadi, Kenya, equipped with computers and internet access. Kenya is a pioneer in Africa in providing digital financial services. ©Gates Archive/Frederic Courbet



A farmer in Kaduna meets staff from an agricultural investment firm providing smallholders with business knowledge, training, and soil analysis. ©Gates Archive/Akintunde Akinley

Nigeria

As Africa's most populous country, progress in Nigeria has a significant impact on global development indicators. The country can point to several examples of success, especially in combating infectious diseases.

We work with the government and others to improve health, boost agricultural productivity, expand access to digital financial services, and empower women with economic opportunity.

Nigeria's progress

75%

Fall in the number of deaths from malaria in less than a decade

0

Cases of wild poliovirus since 2016

2×

Pentavalent vaccine coverage in the Northwest Zone doubled in two years

South Africa

South Africa is among the most prosperous, innovative, and influential societies on the continent, and its future depends on its ability to build human capital among its large youth population.

We work with partners to advance research and apply solutions that address areas including HIV, tuberculosis, agriculture, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and gender equality.

South Africa's progress

6

Increase in years of life expectancy since 2005

14M

Amount in US\$ spent annually on global health R&D

0

There is no gender gap in bank account ownership



Engineers discuss a system for re-using waste water for flushing that is improving sanitation and hygiene, and reducing consumption in a settlement near Durban. ©Gates Archive/Samantha Reinders

We are a nonprofit fighting poverty, disease, and inequity around the world.

In numbers *

41

Program strategies

\$6.7B

Total charitable support

144

Countries

1,736

Employees

1,381

Grantees

2,051

Grants

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