



**Stopping threats at their source:** Diseases know no boundaries. CDC is ready to safeguard America by rapidly detecting and containing health threats anywhere in the world. Together, we can help CDC protect us all by mobilizing resources to build capacity and strengthen systems in priority countries where public health resource gaps impact health, safety, security and economies.

## Leveraging CDC's global reach and impact to protect us all

**The issue:** In today's interconnected world, a health threat anywhere is a health threat everywhere. Global health gaps in areas such as surveillance, laboratory capacity, disease surveillance and workforce development have a direct impact on Americans' health, safety and security, yet we remain under-prepared.

**Why it matters:** The best way to stop an outbreak is to stop it at its source. Ebola, which recently reemerged in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), reminds the world that all countries need safe, secure and strong laboratories, a well-trained workforce, real-time disease surveillance systems and a robust emergency command structure. If an outbreak is not detected early and controlled, it can spread rapidly—causing loss of life, devastating health systems, stalling future development and even leading to political instability. Beyond the human toll, health emergencies can disrupt local, regional and international economies and create a global economic impact.

**Solution and impact:** The CDC Foundation has joined with CDC's Center for Global Health to extend the reach and leverage the impact of CDC's investments in six countries where there are public health resource gaps including **Haiti; India; Nigeria; Sierra Leone; Uganda;** and **Vietnam**. A major goal of this ambitious work is to develop public-private partnership strategies in collaboration with Ministries of Health in these countries, as well as with CDC country offices, to support each country's most urgent health needs and opportunities.

**How you can help:** Our status as an independent non-profit entity is a crucial bridge to extend CDC's life-saving work, especially in what we believe will be a time of budget cuts, with particular concern related to vital work in the global health arena. Beyond federal support, philanthropic and private sector investments are essential to ensure CDC's ability to support the global community in detecting and responding to urgent health threats and stopping these threats at their source.

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*—Dr. Judy Monroe, President and CEO, CDC Foundation*

CDC has a unique role in protecting America's health security, and its world-class experts are dedicated to containing diseases before they become epidemics that could affect us all. Based on gaps identified in priority countries, the CDC Foundation can guide private-sector partners to areas where their resources can be most impactful in the fight against global threats.

**Learn more:** To invest in CDC's Center for Global Health's efforts to strengthen and extend global health in priority countries, and to learn more, contact Alison Thompson at the CDC Foundation: [athompson@cdcfoundation.org](mailto:athompson@cdcfoundation.org), 404.523.3499.