

Introducing the Frontline Health Worker Partnership

Working together to train frontline health workers and help shape a world where everyone, everywhere has access to affordable, quality healthcare.

The Frontline Health Worker Programme is a partnership between GSK, Amref Health Africa, CARE International and Save the Children, working to tackle the chronic global shortage of health workers, which is expected to rise to 18m by 2030.¹

We are an ambitious partnership, implementing innovative and sustainable healthcare programmes in communities across Africa and Asia and advocating for affordable, quality healthcare, for everyone, everywhere.

Our programmes train frontline health workers not only to treat individuals but to connect communities to the wider health system, for example, by helping people access more specialised healthcare outside of their community.

Our partnership represents one of the biggest private sector-NGO partnerships in the world focussed on frontline health workers. Since 2009, together, we have:

-  **Invested £33m, funded by GSK**
-  **Launched long-term projects in 44 countries**
-  **Trained over 67,000 frontline health workers**
-  **Reached 10.8m people with improved healthcare**

¹ Source: 'World Will Lack 18m Health Workers by 2030 without Adequate Investment Warns UN', BMJ, 22nd September 2016: <http://www.who.int/hrh/com-heeg/bmj.i5169.full.pdf>



Cambodia: Quality healthcare for garment factory workers



Many of Cambodia's garment factory workers are young, migrant women. Working hours and worries about social acceptability mean they often seek sexual, maternal and reproductive healthcare in unlicensed, private clinics. Our 'Healthy Women, Healthy Workplace' programme is trying to change this; giving workers access to discrete, equitable, quality healthcare at work.

Chantry Deep has been a nurse at a garment factory for over eight years and has received training to refresh and develop her skills. She says this has made her more confident to advise workers on topics such as pregnancy nutrition:

"They are all like my own children! I like to advise them properly, tell them how to eat better and how to look after themselves; what to do if they missed their period and all those things that you do as a mother."

Chantry uses CARE's 'Healthy Mothers' app to track her patients' pregnancies and educate them on healthy practices. She also helps them locate the closest health centre to their home and stresses the importance of ante and post-natal check-ups. Supporting people to tap into the wider healthcare system is a key feature of all Frontline Health Worker Partnership programmes.

Burkina Faso: Breaking new ground



Little Zacharia was suffering from severe malnutrition when he arrived at this Save the Children health centre in Burkina Faso.

He is one of millions of children who have faced the pain of extreme hunger in what is one of the world's poorest countries.

Thankfully, Zacharia was nursed back to full health after receiving a course of therapeutic food supplements – treatment that is now free, but that previously his mother would not have been able to afford.

However, in April 2016, the government of Burkina Faso announced free healthcare for children under five and pregnant women. This ground-breaking new legislation, that will save thousands of lives, was the culmination of years of campaigning from Save the Children, with vital financial support from GSK through our Health Worker Programme.

The story of Zacharia shows that our partnership is about more than directly delivering frontline healthcare to save children's lives. Sometimes it's about changing the policies that put those lives at risk.

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"We hope that by demonstrating the benefits of investing in health workers this will act as a catalyst for others to invest in and champion health workers."

Dr Daryl Burnaby, Director,
Frontline Healthworker Programmes, GSK



Tanzania: Flexible learning for busy health workers



Sub-Saharan Africa contends with a quarter of the global disease burden – yet it's home to only 3% of the world's health workers. The Frontline Health Worker Partnership sets out to bridge this gap,

delivering face-to-face training and online learning across the region.

Raphael Magobela is a nurse-midwife in Mbeya, southern Tanzania. He's one of more than 2,000 frontline health workers who are building their skills through Amref Health Africa's eLearning programme. The flexible format means they can continue their life-saving work as they learn.

"It can be hard to find time to study: I have a full-time job, and a family. But I'm happy because I'm gaining knowledge – and I'm not far away from my wife and children."

"My coursemates come from all over the country, with different experiences and perspectives. Students and tutors keep in touch via WhatsApp. If I encounter a difficult case at my facility, I can ask the group for help and I'll get an answer really quickly."

It's not just Raphael who benefits from this support system:

"I'm taking my knowledge back to my facility. I share what I've learned with my team so we can provide a better service to our community."

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