FACT SHEET

The Task Force for Global Health is a nongovernmental organization that solves large-scale health problems affecting vulnerable populations around the world. Our programs focus on controlling and eliminating debilitating diseases and building sustainable health systems that protect and promote health.

What We Do: PROTECT. PREVENT. ELIMINATE
We partner with ministries of health, the World Health Organization, U.S. government agencies, and other corporate and non-profit organizations to control and eliminate neglected tropical diseases and vaccine-preventable diseases such as influenza, polio, and viral hepatitis B & C. We also work with these partners to strengthen countries’ health systems through informatics, health workforce development, outbreak response and health logistics to help countries provide better access to health for all of their citizens.

How We Do It
At the heart of our work is a strong sense of collaboration with partners to mobilize resources and expertise, identify synergies, and build the consensus necessary to address large-scale global health issues. We currently serve as the secretariat or hub for eight major global health coalitions. As a neutral convener, we promote collaborative action among our coalition partners. Our pharmaceutical partners donate significant quantities of vaccines, antibiotics and antiparasitic medicines valued at billions of dollars annually. As an Emory University affiliate, we also benefit from close association with a top-tier research institution.

Our Future
We have experienced strong and growing demand for our services recently. In 2018, we launched a new partnership to eliminate leprosy and a program to eliminate viral hepatitis B & C. We continue to work towards solving the health problems we cover as well as new problems that we can help solve such as noncommunicable diseases.

Why Are We Called The Task Force for Global Health?
The Task Force was founded as a temporary organization to work on a specific global health problem—low childhood vaccination rates in developing countries. Our co-founder, Dr. Bill Foege, who was the architect of smallpox eradication, believed we should continue to work only for as long as our services are needed. But we have endured because of demand for our collaborative and scientific expertise in solving large-scale health problems.

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