The effective delivery of quality health care to the poor requires dedicated partnership, the cultivation of hope and optimism, and a steadfast commitment to alleviating the suffering of others.

—Dr. Paul Farmer, co-founder and chief strategist

(Center, from left) Dr. Paul Farmer, Dr. Patrick Ulysse, and PIH staff tour Hôpital Immaculée Conception in Les Cayes, Haiti. Photo by Clare Orie / PIH
Dear Friends,

Reflecting on the past year, I am so deeply proud of our global teams, who have simultaneously fought COVID-19, delivered ongoing and lifesaving care, and responded to unexpected shifts in how we operate—always keeping our work centered on patients’ health and well-being.

We have risen to these challenges with optimism and a plan. We are not emergency responders, but we respond to daily emergencies by leaning on strong health systems built over time—in some cases, decades—in partnership with local governments.

Our recent earthquake response in Haiti is one such example. Many of the first responders arriving in the southwest had been trained in emergency medicine at PIH’s University Hospital in Mirebalais, a teaching and referral hospital we built with government partners in response to the 2010 earthquake. These Haitian clinicians, who graduated from the first and only such emergency medicine residency in the country, worked tirelessly for weeks to save lives and provide support. Meanwhile, PIH colleagues from around the world reached out and offered support during this trying time. That’s solidarity. That’s family. That’s what I’ve come to call OnePIH.

Over the past year, we have explored how to best live our mission of ensuring health care is a human right. I am grateful to the global teams, coordination site staff, board members, and partners who worked collaboratively and dedicated countless hours to craft a strategic plan for PIH’s next 10 years. This foundational document lays out three pathways to action, which are highlighted in this year’s Annual Report: build and strengthen health systems; advance the field of global health delivery; and center the needs and rights of the most vulnerable, specifically those of women, children, and adolescents.

In the following pages, you will see the many ways in which PIH teams innovated and adapted to an ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, in turn inspiring our ongoing response across the United States. You will learn about our steadfast progress in training the next generations of global health practitioners. And you will read stories about how we have broken down barriers to care for some of our most vulnerable patients—mothers, infants, and youth.

Every day, I am heartened by the hard work and dedication of the PIH community around the world. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and support in service of our shared mission—in moments of crisis and celebration—as we work toward a more just and equitable world.

Thank you for accompanying us along this journey.

In solidarity,

Dr. Sheila Davis
Chief Executive Officer
WHERE WE WORK

University of Global Health Equity

Navajo Nation

Mexico

Peru

Canada

United States

Haiti

Sierra Leone

Liberia

Rwanda

Malawi

Lesotho

Russia

Kazakhstan

United States

Canada

Mexico

Peru

Navajo Nation
A Socios En Salud health worker administers a blood pressure test during a mini health campaign in El Polvorín, a community in Carabayllo, Peru. Photo by Valia Ayola for PIH
When I was sick, they were always calling me. Truly, they did care.
—— Félix Melgar, patient

Félix Melgar is one of thousands of Peruvians who faced an impossible choice during the pandemic: go to the clinic for his medications and risk contracting a deadly new virus, or stay at home and live with a chronic disease, unmedicated. Diagnosed with epilepsy at 18 years old, Melgar had lived with medication for years, staving off the worst symptoms of epilepsy and regaining some amount of freedom and control.

Then, a COVID-19 diagnosis put all of that at risk. But help wasn’t far away—in fact, it was available in his community, free of charge, from Socios En Salud, as PIH is known in Peru.

As COVID-19 strained Peru’s health system and put thousands of patients like Melgar at risk, Socios En Salud mobilized rapidly, building on our 25 years of work in Carabayllo and longstanding partnership with the Ministry of Health. With generous support from USAID and the Global Fund, Socios En Salud mounted a comprehensive COVID-19 response, conducting testing and contact tracing to keep communities safe and providing medical care and essential resources to help patients navigate an uncertain pandemic.

That care was delivered through strategies both old and new. As the pandemic made visiting a clinic risky and, in some cases, impossible, Socios En Salud turned to our team of community health workers—locals recruited from the communities where Socios En Salud works and trained to provide basic health services—to bring care and medications directly to patients’ homes. Socios En Salud also launched seven innovative chatbot apps to connect patients with care, virtually—from mental health services to child development resources.

Through it all, Socios En Salud put patients at the center of our COVID-19 response—an approach that made all the difference for patients like Melgar. Socios En Salud connected the Carabayllo resident with epilepsy medications to manage his chronic disease, masks and hand sanitizer to protect against COVID-19, and food and housing assistance to help his family survive the financial burdens of the pandemic.

He was also regularly contacted by community health workers, who helped him get the support he needed—a gesture that meant the world to Melgar and helped him make a full recovery.

“When I found out that I had contracted coronavirus, I felt desperate. I began to cry.”
—— Félix Melgar, patient

Above: Félix Melgar and his family speak with nurse Fabiola Fai from Socios En Salud. Photo by Bryan Salinas for PIH

Below left: Sol Prieto is a mother in Carabayllo, Peru, who uses the CASITA chatbot, one of the mobile health apps developed by Socios En Salud to connect patients with care. Photo by Melissa Estefany Toledo Soldavini / PIH
COVID-19 TESTS made possible with PIH support

212,578

INDIVIDUALS REACHED through contact tracing

19,303

COVID-19 RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST KITS provided to Ministry of Health partners

101,312

COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENINGS conducted by PIH-supported staff

1,419,311

PEOPLE GIVEN SOCIAL SUPPORT during COVID-19 isolation and quarantine

23,595

PATIENTS RECEIVED INPATIENT CARE for COVID-19 at PIH-supported facilities

3,746

Helmut Pérez, a nurse at the Respiratory Disease Center at the hospital in Jaltenango, Mexico. Nurses cover 12-hour shifts, triaging respiratory patients and conducting COVID-19 tests. Photo by Caitlin Kleiboer / PIH
Zanmi Lasante, PIH’s sister organization in Haiti, has been involved in all aspects of stopping the spread of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic—from screening and testing to care and support at facilities across the country. Amid political and socio-economic turmoil, Zanmi Lasante’s facilities remained open, as they have for more than three decades. In March 2020, the team began taking migrants’ temperatures at the border with the Dominican Republic and collecting their demographic and health information to assist in contact tracing. Shortly after, they started treating COVID-19 patients at three sites: Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM), Saint-Nicolas Hospital in Saint-Marc, and Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse in Hinche. HUM was the first and only institution in Haiti to save the life of a COVID-19 patient who slipped into a coma.

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**HUM is the reference institution for all critical cases, and our medical staff has been working non-stop for the past 14 months.**

— Thamar Julmiste, HUM’s chief nursing officer

Because of your generosity and through partnerships with the Inter-American Development Bank and the French Development Agency, Zanmi Lasante has been able to provide comprehensive, high-quality COVID-19 care for hundreds of patients.

Since 2020, PIH has participated in the People’s Vaccine movement, a worldwide coalition of organizations campaigning to scale vaccine manufacturing to the levels needed to rapidly meet global needs. Our advocacy team has advised and spoken with officials across President Biden’s administration and the U.S. Congress; lobbied vaccine manufacturers; written for and been interviewed in national media outlets; and participated in numerous public forums, conferences, and demonstrations. Despite this political progress, the world will likely still face a shortage of highly effective COVID-19 vaccines through 2022. We will continue to lend our weight to this movement until universal access to COVID-19 vaccines is achieved.

Odilest Guerrier, a medical assistant, administers a COVID-19 vaccination at an inoculation site established by Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida in Immokalee. Photo by Scott McIntyre for PIH

**ROBUST SUPPLY CHAIN**

Supplies, medications, and equipment heading to PIH sites must be closely tracked—especially during emergencies when the need is great and donations happen rapidly. Our Medical Informatics team designed OpenBoxes, an open source software for tracking the movement, consumption, and storage of supplies, so that global colleagues can follow orders heading to health facilities around the world. Unlike with pen and paper, updates happen in real time so that supply chain, pharmacy, and clinical personnel can have accurate inventory, requests, and delivery information. With support from AmerisourceBergen Foundation, OpenBoxes helped 90 different users track 10,716 items essential for high-quality health care at PIH sites in 2020.

Early in the pandemic, Socios En Salud helped Peru’s Ministry of Health obtain COVID-19 rapid tests. Photo courtesy of Socios En Salud

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When PIH launched our United States COVID-19 response in spring 2020 through the Massachusetts Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC), we called upon our experience fighting epidemics and strengthening public health systems around the world. Since then, we have expanded our work across the country and worked side-by-side with our U.S. partners in 16 jurisdictions to tailor public health responses to the unique needs of each community through the U.S. Public Health Accompaniment Unit—now called PIH-US. This work includes accompanying and advising public health and community partners through a variety of activities, including contact tracing and vaccine rollout, public health guidance, prevention and care protocols, and advocacy for policies that lead to stronger public health systems that meet the needs of underserved, neglected communities.

In Immokalee, Fla., we partnered with a local health center to expand a community-based health workforce to meet the needs of migrant farmworkers devastated by COVID-19. We have trained and mentored 31 promotoras—or community health workers—to deliver critical health education and link residents to COVID-19 testing, vaccination, health care services, and social support. Promotoras distributed over $850,000 in cash assistance to families impacted by COVID-19, enabling more than 3,000 households to protect themselves and their community.

In New Bedford, Mass., we partnered with the local health department and a community-based partner to launch a hyper-local, “block-by-block” vaccination strategy featuring pop-up clinics and trusted, local messengers who canvassed high-need neighborhoods and accompanied residents to get vaccinated. Over two months, New Bedford saw a threefold increase in vaccine demand and reduced by half the gap in first doses administered per capita between Hispanic and white residents.

And in North Carolina, working closely with the state’s Department of Health and Human Services, we are helping support the expansion of a successful Community Health Worker program to all 100 counties statewide. As of late August 2021, North Carolina community health workers had reached over 465,000 people with vaccine education, supported over 1,900 vaccination events, and scheduled over 30,000 individuals to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. As we continue our COVID-19 response, we are working to ensure greater vaccine access in the short-term and rebuilding more equitable U.S. health infrastructure for the future.

IMPACT: COVID-19 CARE IN THE U.S.

MA-CTC

539,238 cases and contacts reached through the Massachusetts CTC

93,963 people in Massachusetts connected to resources to safely isolate or quarantine

PH-US

179 community-based organizations and health centers partnered in COVID-19 vaccine distribution and planning

5,900+ COVID-19 contact tracers and community health workers hired and trained

1,389 COVID-19 vaccination sites supported

83,000+ households connected to social support during COVID-19 isolation and quarantine

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Above: Maria Plata (center) and Lissa Rinvil (right) of Healthcare Network conduct door-to-door outreach, educating residents of Immokalee, Fla., about COVID-19. Photo by Scott McIntyre for PIH

Above: Nikkia Watson, of Stoughton, Mass., joined the Massachusetts Community Tracing Collaborative as a care resource coordinator and later joined the peer support team to help offer emotional assistance to colleagues. Photo by Zack DeClerck / PIH
If Butaro Hospital didn’t exist, my son would not be alive today. The lump inside his neck would have kept on growing, closing the passage of breath, and eventually suffocating him to death.

— Nyiramucyo, Jean’s mother

In 2020, Jean was among 2,184 patients who received dignified cancer care at Butaro District Hospital.

CONFRONTING CANCER

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Jean was a healthy 14-year-old student who enjoyed going to school in rural Rwanda.

Then one day, he came home with a mysterious lump on his neck.

Although it didn’t cause him pain, his mother, Nyiramucyo, decided to take him to a local health center. He was given antibiotics, but the lump grew larger. As they prepared to seek other treatment, the COVID-19 pandemic put life on hold for months. The lump continued to grow and caused breathing difficulties, which eventually led Jean to leave school.

When COVID-19 restrictions eased, Jean and his mother discovered Butaro District Hospital, supported by Inshuti Mu Buzima, as PIH is known in Rwanda. There they received a shocking diagnosis: non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer that starts in white blood cells. Jean stayed in the pediatric oncology ward, where he received free, comprehensive cancer treatment and long-term housing. Now 15, he is feeling much better.

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Graduates of the Master of Science in Global Health Delivery program at the University of Global Health Equity walk on the Butaro Campus in Rwanda. Photo courtesy of 64 Waves.
Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais’s list of alumni continues to grow, and health systems in Haiti are becoming stronger. That’s because nearly all—96% to be exact—of the hospital’s graduates remain in the country. The added capacity of well-trained physicians across specialties is a huge asset, especially during emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters.

“I decided to stay because I think I can make a difference,” says Dr. Giovanni Bordes, an OB/GYN resident who has family in the United States. “Everything I’m learning in the residency program is setting me up for that.”

In collaboration with the Haitian Ministry of Health, Zanmi Lasante, PIH’s sister organization in Haiti, opened Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais in 2013, and the hospital has since become a hub of medical education and specialized care. The 350-bed, internationally accredited teaching facility is home to seven residencies—family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, nurse anesthesia, surgery, emergency medicine, and OB/GYN—and fellowships in neurology, plastic surgery, and emergency sonography.

Each residency program offers doctors access to scarce opportunities and resources that do not exist in Haiti outside of Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais. The emergency medicine residency is the first and only program of its kind in Haiti. The program provides training on how to respond to natural disasters, epidemics, gun violence, motor vehicle accidents, and more. Clinicians also learn how to respond across different settings, both in and outside the hospital.

Dr. Mirrielle Bien-Aimé was among the first cohort of physicians to graduate from the four-year emergency residency program in 2017. Now, she is training the next generation of specialists and providing high-quality care at St. Boniface General Hospital, a Zanmi Lasante partner in Fond-des-Blancs. “Haiti needs us,” she says.

Other specialties are in-demand, too. There is limited access to primary health care in Haiti, which is why family medicine was one of the first residency programs offered in 2012.

**Medical education is a key strategy that can contribute to strengthening the health system in the short-, medium-, and long-term.**

— Dr. Rodney Destine, family medicine residency program director at Hôpital Saint-Nicolas de Saint-Marc

A delegation of Zanmi Lasante staff visit St. Boniface General Hospital, a partner in Fond-des-Blancs, Haiti. Photo by Clare Orie / PIH

Above: Co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer (center, right) gave a lecture and spoke with clinicians at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais while in Haiti following the August earthquake. Photo by Nadia Todres for PIH
IMPACT: GLOBAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

- 153 graduates across all specialties since 2012
- 134 medical residents enrolled as of June 2021
- 96% of graduates have stayed to work in Haiti
- 49 new students enrolled in Master’s Degree Program in 2021
- 134 medical residents in Haiti
- 134 students receiving full or partial scholarships in 2021
- 100% students from Master’s Degree Program since 2018

Claire Kimelu speaks to fellow graduates of the Master’s in Global Health Delivery program at the University of Global Health Equity in Butaro, Rwanda. Photo courtesy of 64 Waves.
Equity is essential to advancing the global health field—a lesson both taught and learned at the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), which was founded by Partners In Health in 2014. In the years since, that mission has been carried forward with each class’s graduation—a celebration that, last year, took place virtually due to COVID-19.

In August 2020, 28 students graduated from UGHE’s Master’s in Global Health Delivery program—the fifth cohort to graduate from the university’s flagship program.

A comprehensive contact tracing workforce on Navajo Nation mitigated COVID-19 on the 17-million-acre nation, which once had the highest per capita infection rate in the United States.

Community Outreach & Patient Empowerment Program (COPE), PIH’s sister organization on Navajo Nation, in collaboration with the Navajo Incident Command and PIH, trained and supported over 500 health professionals in contact tracing and the unified technology platform that enabled contact tracing across health facilities.

Fern Spencer, a COPE contact tracer, was passionate about helping others after overcoming COVID-19. Though the questions contact tracers ask are guided by a script, she was confident she would be able to use her personal experience of having COVID-19 to help those she called. Her instinct was right.

One person she called was experiencing mental health difficulties, which had been exacerbated during the pandemic. As the individual detailed these acute challenges, Fern stayed on the phone and listened. When the conversation ended, Fern called back 30 minutes later to check-up on the individual. Then again, another 30 minutes later. And again, until she confirmed the individual reached the hospital for urgent care. Contact tracers like Fern do more than mitigate the spread of COVID—they save lives.

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The students came from 12 countries and included a range of health professionals. All gained a foundation in health sciences, leadership and management skills, and first-hand experience understanding the social determinants of health in the rural context of Butaro, Rwanda, where UGHE is based.

The graduates joined the ranks of more than 120 alumni of the master’s program.
FIRST AID EDUCATION

Responding to COVID-19 requires more than masks, tests, oxygen, and vaccines. As patients cope with the loss of loved ones, unemployment, food and housing insecurity, and the virus, PIH staff know it is critical to integrate mental health care into the pandemic response. But that integration doesn’t happen overnight—it requires specialized education.

In Kazakhstan, PIH provided training for 110 health workers in psychological first aid, as they cared for patients with tuberculosis in the cities of Almaty and Karaganda and delivered resources and relief. The training had one goal: to ensure that, in the midst of an isolating pandemic, no patient was truly alone.

Dr. Lyazzat Zhanabayeva (left) continued to screen TB patients within modified wards in spite of COVID-19 risks. Photo courtesy of PIH Kazakhstan

EMPOWERING NURSES

This summer, 16 fellows graduated from the first cohort of the Global Action In Nursing Fellowship in Liberia. The fellowship was launched by PIH and the Maryland County Health Team in April 2021 to strengthen the skills of nurses and midwives and improve patients’ health outcomes.

“Globally, nurses and midwives provide more than 80% of care to patients and often face personnel shortages, insufficient training opportunities, and a lack of efficacy to shape decision-making at the policy level,” says Viola Karanja, deputy director of PIH Liberia. “All of these negatively impact patient outcomes.”

The fall cohort began in September, and the next will begin in January with 16 and 14 fellows, respectively.

Above: David Appleton, a Global Action In Nursing fellow in Liberia, inserts an IV into a baby. Photo by Jason Amoo / PIH

TIMELY TRAINING

In rural Lesotho, quality care for mothers and newborns is hard to come by, because health workers often lack the training and resources to fully support patients. Without the right equipment, even tasks like listening for a baby’s heartbeat become complicated and prone to medical error. To address this critical gap, PIH provided seven cardiotocography (CTG) machines to rural clinics. These machines electronically monitor babies’ heart rates during labor and help identify abnormalities. During the first CTG training, a midwife detected an alarming heart rate. Staff ushered the expectant mother into emergency care, and her baby was born safely through Cesarean section.

Amohelang Barenale’s 14-day-old daughter at a PIH-supported health center in Nkau, Lesotho. Photo by Karin Schermbrucker for PIH
Women attend a session of the Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) program, which provides care to children suffering from malnutrition in Sierra Leone. Photo by Maya Brownstein / PIH
In April 23, shovels struck soil on the grounds of Koidu Government Hospital—the only hospital in rural Kono District—as a crowd of supporters, including leaders from PIH and Sierra Leone’s Ministry of Health, stood by. The moment had been years in the making and had finally arrived.

The day marked the start of construction of the Maternal Center of Excellence—and a turning point for women and families throughout Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone is one of the most dangerous places in the world to give birth: Women face a 1 in 20 lifetime risk of dying in pregnancy or childbirth, compared to a 1 in 3,800 chance in the United States. The Maternal Center of Excellence—made possible thanks to the generous partnership, networks, and support of John and Sarah Green and Hank and Katherine Green—is poised to change that reality.

The 166-bed center, slated to open in 2023, will drastically expand the maternity ward and special baby care unit at Koidu Government Hospital and will equip clinicians with the essential resources and spaces they need to save lives, such as an oxygen plant, a blood bank, and a neonatal intensive care unit.

Once open, the center is projected to increase facility-based deliveries by 121% and family planning visits by three times. It is also expected to bring the rate of stillbirths below 2% across Kono District.

But the vision was always about more than medical care. Constructed with wood from Sierra Leone’s sustainably planted forests and stone from Kono District’s long-exploited diamond mine, the center represents how far the country has come, despite the historic and ongoing injustices it has endured, and how much further it can go—pushing the limits of what’s possible and charting a new course for maternal and child health care that extends far beyond the country’s borders.

In addition to providing free, quality health care, the Maternal Center of Excellence will become a hub for innovation and education—providing a space for knowledge-sharing and training Sierra Leone’s next generation of clinicians.

And the center will serve as a model for maternal health in rural settings worldwide, demonstrating the value of prioritizing women and children’s health and building a future rooted in gender equity—one hospital, one health center at a time.
Pregnancy without a support network and access to quality health care can be a challenging experience. Women have to know they are not alone in their journey. Now, many more do in Haiti.

The Journey to 9 Plus (J-9) program at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM) recruits expectant mothers, many of whom have high-risk pregnancies, to ensure they and their newborns receive constant care and support throughout pregnancy and through the first year of life for the newborn.

During a recent graduation ceremony of women enrolled in the J-9 program, one mother told the group how supported she felt and how she was able to ask clinicians about any concerns she had. The baby was among 400 others who graduated from the J-9 program in January 2021. Designed to improve the uptake of maternal and pediatric services, the program incorporates PIH’s model of accompaniment by supporting both mothers and their babies with four key services: group prenatal and pediatric care, psychosocial services, home visits, and hospital-based services.

More than 800 women have enrolled since the program began in 2019 and nearly all have had facility-based deliveries, compared to 36% nationwide. Due to the program’s success and widespread interest, the team is in the process of expanding J-9 to the hospital in Hinche.

When Carmela Sánchez gave birth to her son, Miguel*, it was not apparent that he was deaf. It was only after he turned one year old that Sánchez, who lives in a rural community in Chiapas, Mexico, realized that her son did not respond when called.

A visit to the doctor confirmed her suspicions and set in motion a years-long search for health care—a search that led her to Compañeros En Salud, as PIH is known locally.

Compañeros En Salud has worked in Chiapas for more than a decade, providing health services and social support to thousands of families in the rural, coffee-growing Sierra Madre region. Our Right to Health Care program helps patients get referrals for advanced care at hospitals and financial support for transportation and lodging.

With Compañeros En Salud’s support, Miguel was referred to an advanced hospital for care, where he had molds taken of his inner ear. Just a few weeks later, he went home with hearing aids—and a new sense of freedom.

“She was just so delighted with the care that we provided and the accompaniment throughout her pregnancy, delivery, and then for the baby’s first year of life. Her words were really touching.”

— Meredith Jean-Baptiste, HUM’s maternal health coordinator

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— Carmela Sánchez, Miguel’s mother

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Above: Kay Mamito, the maternal waiting home at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais in Haiti. Photo by Tranquillin Ricardo for PIH

Above: Miguel Gómez, 9, has been hard of hearing his whole life and recently received hearing aids, thanks to support from PIH in Mexico. Photo by Paola Rodriguez / PIH

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NEW WARD MEETS DEMAND

Health care workers stand inside the new maternal and child health ward at Pleebo Health Center in Liberia, where clinicians went from seeing two dozen patients daily to hundreds in just a few years. The ward opened in February 2020 to help meet this increased demand and better support maternal and child health care in Maryland County.

From left to right: Daniel Maweu, Nursing Center of Excellence lead; Annie Weah, community midwife; Garmai Forkpah, obstetric nurse mentor. Photo by Jason Amoo / PIH

IMPACT: GLOBAL MATERNAL HEALTH

- 11,200 LIFESAVING C-SECCTIONS
- 130,660 PRENATAL VISITS
- 55,400 FACILITY-BASED DELIVERIES
- 86 MATERNAL WAITING HOMES
- 1.9 Million FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NEVER LEFT BEHIND

When a girl experienced sexual and gender-based violence in Neno, Malawi, there used to be little support for her. If she become pregnant, she could be forced to drop out of school or get married. Since 2019, PIH has addressed these challenges through No Woman or Girl Left Behind—a project that aims to improve sexual and reproductive health services and strengthen the health system to support survivors.

In January 2020, PIH established a team of health and social services staff to identify and investigate cases of sexual and gender-based violence. The team has developed reporting structures, hosted workshops, and investigated 95 cases as of July 2021.

A mother carries her baby in Neno District, Malawi. Photo by Karin Schermbrucker for PIH

Mounie Clark, a Global Action In Nursing fellow in Liberia, performs an ultrasound on a patient. Photo by Jason Amoo / PIH
A view of Jaltenango, a town in the rural, coffee-growing Sierra Madre region of Chiapas, Mexico, where PIH has provided medical care and social support for more than a decade. Photo by Caitlin Kleiboer / PIH
In fiscal year 2021, PIH received $313.2 million in revenue, a 44% increase over fiscal year 2020, which was primarily driven by COVID-19 response efforts in the United States. Fiscal year 2021 revenue was comprised of $150.8 million from governments and multilateral organizations (48% of total revenue), $93.4 million from individuals and family foundations (41% of total revenue), and $21.8 million from foundations and corporations (7% of total revenue). In addition, PIH received $8.6 million in donated goods and services and $4.6 million in other income (4% of total revenue).

Expenses:
PIH expenses increased from $174.6 million in fiscal year 2020 to $313.2 million in fiscal year 2021. Nearly all of this $138.6 million increase was related to growth in program services and driven by COVID-19 response efforts in the United States. In fiscal year 2021, 93% of funds were for direct program costs and 7% went to fundraising and administration.

Surplus (deficit):
PIH ended fiscal year 2021 with a $30.6 million operating surplus.
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