

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

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Across the globe, Partners In Health (PIH) is proving what is possible when we build equitable, resilient health systems. Yet today, this progress is increasingly at risk as foreign aid cuts threaten access to essential care and services.

Despite these challenges, our Chief Medical Officer (CMO) is helping PIH teams around the world advance health care and seeing first-hand how they move this work forward with determination and hope.

In the updates that follow, read highlights from key areas our CMO is focusing on today—from protecting the systems that make care possible and advancing clinical excellence to educating and training the workforce needed to sustain care across PIH sites—and how your partnership is helping navigate today's challenges, supporting those delivering care, and creating healthier futures for generations to come.

The Systems Behind the Care



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Behind every lifesaving treatment is a supply chain that ensures essential medicines, vaccines, HIV treatments, and diagnostic tools reach the people who need them. In Haiti, recent aid cuts have broken that system, compounding issues caused by political turmoil and gang violence, putting care for patients with HIV at risk and threatening years of progress. As public health infrastructure weakens, PIH is stepping in to help fill the gaps.

Working alongside Haiti's ministry of health and partners, PIH is helping

maintain the systems that connect patients with essential medicines and care. As traditional distribution routes are disrupted, PIH is drawing on its resources and relationships to help maintain HIV treatment in communities that could otherwise face interruptions in care.

This crisis is a powerful reminder that health care depends not only on clinicians, but also on the systems that help patients access lifesaving care—and that your support makes it possible to sustain now and in the future.

Facing a Neighboring Outbreak

For decades, PIH has been a global leader in responding to infectious disease outbreaks, including Ebola. Drawing on lessons learned from these experiences, we've developed a model of care that meets communities' immediate needs while preparing for what comes next. This experience has made PIH a trusted partner and source of expertise for governments and health workers facing new threats.

As the 2026 current Ebola outbreak affects parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, PIH

experts have been called on to provide leadership and support and once again put this model into action. In neighboring Rwanda, PIH is working alongside the government to provide border screenings, infection prevention and control training, protective equipment, and transportation and food for frontline health workers—helping contain the outbreak before it reaches new communities.

Thanks to your support, PIH can bring our years of experience to the response, helping communities act quickly when threats emerge and protect those most at risk.

A Global Model for Tuberculosis Care

PIH's community-based approach to tuberculosis (TB) treatment brings care and resources directly to hard-to-reach areas, keeping patients at the center of our work. In Lesotho, the newly launched TB Elimination Project is bringing screening, diagnosis, and care directly to people in the most remote locations, proving TB can be eliminated everywhere. In Kazakhstan, Liberia, and Peru, we are implementing a program called arcTB, which is supporting the rollout of the latest World Health Organization-recommended tools and strategies for drug-resistant TB care informed by PIH-led research.

Successful TB care extends far beyond diagnosis and medication. Because treatment can last months, PIH provides social support—including transportation assistance, nutritional support, counseling, and community-based follow-up—to help patients remain in care and complete treatment. By addressing the medical and social barriers that prevent people from using health services, PIH is building a model that improves outcomes for people living with TB while expanding access to quality care—bringing us closer to eliminating one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases.

Nurturing Families and Babies

PIH is transforming maternal and child health around the world by pairing high-quality clinical care with the community-based support families need to thrive.

In Peru, Expert Mother and Parent programs connect families with trained peer mentors who provide guidance on breastfeeding, newborn care, postpartum recovery, and other challenges.

In Haiti, the Journey to 9 (J-9) program supports safer deliveries with skilled providers and expands access to both pre- and postnatal care. In May, more than 200 babies graduated from the J-9 program at Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse in Hinche, completing an 18-month continuum of care that supports families from pregnancy through a child's first nine months.

In Sierra Leone, the Paul E. Farmer Maternal Center of Excellence at Koidu Government Hospital in Kono District brings specialized maternal and neonatal services—including Sierra Leone's first neonatal intensive care unit—clinical training, and family-centered care together. Since opening



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in February 2026, the MCOE has supported over a thousand families bringing life into the world. Together, these efforts are helping build a future where every mother and newborn can access lifesaving care.

YOUR IMPACT ACROSS PIH LAST YEAR



57,950
facility-based deliveries

Proving dignified birth is possible everywhere.



30,550
TB tests done

Shaping global protocols and helping eliminate disease.