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OVERVIEW

New and re-emerging diseases spread quickly across the globe, resulting in outbreaks that overwhelm health systems and upend lives and economies. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) prioritizes global health security (GHS) and is placing renewed emphasis on local organizations as key to the long-term sustainability of its development work and to preventing, detecting, and responding to infectious disease threats. As part of these efforts, the Localize Global Health Security (LGHS) project helps local health actors access resources and strengthen their capacity to identify and respond to pandemic threats. Through this work, we build more resilient health systems, improve health security, and save lives.

OBJECTIVES

LGHS helps fulfill the U.S. Government's commitment to increase country capacity in complying with the International Health Regulations (IHR) as part of the Global Health Security Agenda 2024 (GHSA). Through the project's three objectives, we complement the multisectoral, cross-technical approaches of other GHS programs by working with local actors to address critical health security gaps. Specifically LGHS will:

1. Address critical gaps in health security through grants and technical assistance in prioritized technical areas.
2. Strengthen the administrative and financial organizational capacity of local entities to effectively manage the implementation of health security technical interventions.
3. Expand the global knowledge base of approaches and best practices for local entities conducting global health security interventions.



GRANTS & CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

USAID has established a \$14.4 million fund to help local organizations in LGHS countries address critical health security gaps. Over the life of the project, LGHS will award a total of 40-60 grants to local actors across 15 countries. Every grant will be paired with organizational capacity strengthening (OCS) support. Our local teams of OCS and GHS technical specialists will holistically assess each grantee to deliver a tailored package of technical and OCS support. This approach ensures that each grant integrates up-to-date best practices and that organizations are prepared to sustainably continue GHS work. Prospective areas of OCS support may include the following:

- Governance and leadership
- Human resource management
- Financial management
- Compliance management
- Procurement systems
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- Award and sub-award/sub-contract management
- Sustainability
- GHS technical capacity

TECHNICAL FOCUS AREAS

USAID will select two or three technical areas from the list below as the focus for each LGHS country in alignment with priorities articulated in each country's National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS), Joint External Evaluation (JEE) reports, State Parties Self-Assessment Annual Reporting (SPAR) Tool reports, and other health security planning documents.

- **Risk communication, social behavioral change, and community engagement** to support public health emergency response and address perceptions, risky behaviors, and misinformation.
- **Diagnostic and laboratory systems** support for the detection of priority diseases, specimen referral and transport system, effective national diagnostic network, and national quality standards for licensing laboratory systems.
- **Zoonotic disease**, including community-based zoonotic disease surveillance and response, and implementation of good practices in animal breeding and production of animal products.
- **Infection prevention and control (IPC)** to enable safe health care and essential service delivery, and the prevention and control of health care acquired infections.
- **Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)** to mainstream strengthening AMR capacities and support a national plan that spans human, animal, crops, food safety, and environmental aspects.
- **Human resources** including personnel in the human and animal health sectors, multisectoral workforce strategies, and epidemiology training to support sustainable and functional public health surveillance and response at all levels of the health system.
- **Outbreak preparedness and response** including planning, allocation of resources, training, exercising, and organizing to build, sustain and improve operational capabilities.

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

LGHS also supports grantee communication, networking, and learning while expanding the global knowledge base on engaging subnational entities to advance GHS. Grantees participate in local and global networks of their peers to share their experiences, lessons learned, and best practices, including in-person and virtual events and capacity-building workshops. They also receive newsletters, 'knowledge bites,' and other resources to increase their GHS knowledge and skills. Our global knowledge communication and networking strategy will ensure that evidence generated by subnational activities in alignment with global and national targets is packaged to meet stakeholder needs and is communicated dynamically in real-time.

WHERE WE WORK

As of December 2023, LGHS works in Cameroon, Jamaica, Kenya, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia. By the end of the project LGHS will work in up to 15 countries.

