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Partnering with countries to invest in healthy, stable and resilient communities

USAID partners with countries to help them achieve their health goals and move along their journey to self-reliance. We collaborate with a range of partners, including the private sector, to create lasting solutions that help countries invest in strong health systems that meet the needs of their people.

Collecting and using data to inform decision-making and policy
USAID collects demographic and health information at the household level through population-based surveys. Data from these surveys shape health programs and advance research around the globe.

Delivering health equipment and medicine to the people who need it
USAID partners with countries to ensure people in hard-to-reach communities can access the medicine and treatment they need. For instance, we coordinate the distribution of bed nets to prevent the spread of malaria.

Partnering with the private sector
USAID engages private sector partners to improve health outcomes. We provide training for health workers and create opportunities for social entrepreneurs to transform their communities.

Investing in life-saving innovations
USAID invests in cost-effective innovations that save and improve lives. We’re scaling up the use of an inexpensive antiseptic gel that prevents infection in newborns.

Encouraging people to adopt healthy behaviors
From hand washing to healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies, from exclusive breastfeeding to HIV testing, we harness the power of social and behavior change campaigns, including mass media, to create long-lasting change.

Using technology to improve health care
USAID uses mobile technology to reach people that are “off the grid.” Through local partners, we send text and voice messages to remind patients of treatment plans and educate women on pregnancy and delivery.

Guarding against diseases spread between animals and people
USAID helps create a world that is safe from infectious disease threats, including threats from animals, such as Avian flu and Ebola, by collaborating across the agriculture, environment and health sectors.

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