PATH is pursuing an ambitious goal on a global scale: by 2030, we aim to improve health outcomes for more than a billion people.

Achieving this goal will mean tackling some of the world's worst health disparities. It's challenging work, but your support can help make it possible. With the help of donors like you, PATH has already improved public health at an unprecedented scale.

We’ve vaccinated hundreds of millions of children against deadly diseases like Japanese encephalitis, effectively ended the scourge of meningitis A in Africa, and trained 100,000 new health workers in the past year alone.

One Billion Lives Fund: Creating solutions

By supporting PATH's One Billion Lives Fund, you are unlocking the potential of health innovation. This pool of flexible dollars amplifies other funding sources in support of our most impactful work:

- **Vaccines**: Developing and delivering new vaccines that protect against deadly diseases.
- **Drugs**: Expanding access to essential medicines that improve outcomes and save lives.
- **Diagnostics**: Creating rapid point-of-care diagnostics that enable delivery of the right care at the right time.
- **Devices**: Engineering affordable, easy-to-use medical tools for low-resource settings.
- **System and service innovations**: Reimagining health systems to be more effective and more inclusive.

Highlights from the past year

This has been a year unlike any other. COVID-19 has disrupted lives and livelihoods and threatened decades of global health progress by diverting resources, straining health systems, and frightening people away from hospitals, clinics, and the care they need.

PATH and our partners are working to curb the pandemic's awful impact by standing up disease surveillance systems, supporting the development of national response plans, establishing emergency operations centers, and training frontline responders.

Despite the pandemic's setbacks, we can find hope in the growing momentum for change, and in the real public health progress being made around the world. In 2020, we expanded access to essential medicines, advanced childhood immunization, and accelerated the integration of digital technologies into public health with the launch of our Center of Digital and Data Excellence.
We also commercialized new medical devices and diagnostics, and we supported governments around the world as they advanced new health policies and reimagined their approaches to primary health care.

Primary health care (PHC) is the most basic package of essential health services and products needed to prevent disease, promote health, and manage illness. The aim is to care for people based on their needs and preferences across their entire life course.

While PHC has been a central component of our approach for years, in 2020 we dedicated unrestricted funding for a first-ever director of Primary Health Care. This new position will ensure that our PHC strategy and programs are as effective and impactful as possible.

Our vision for the future

COVID-19 has created many obstacles for health systems, but it has also created new opportunities.

Right now, our health experts are hard at work adapting lifesaving services for people living with HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases. We’re working side by side with national governments to differentiate those services so they can meet the unique needs of communities most threatened by the pandemic.

For example, in Vietnam, we’re expanding access to HIV self-testing with mail-order tests and providing peer-to-peer support services through smartphone apps and telephone hotlines. In the long-term, adaptations like these will actually make health systems more accessible and more resilient than ever before.

And even in the face of these new challenges, we remain committed to our goal: by 2030, we will improve health outcomes for more than a billion people.

How? The same way we always have. With the help of supporters like you, we will advance affordable, lifesaving health innovations and reimagine health systems so they meet the needs of all people.

Together, we will emerge stronger.

In the village of Sinafala in Zambia, health workers share information about malaria and use rapid diagnostics to test for infection. Once the tests are complete, the workers administer treatment and report data to a national database using mobile phones. Photo: PATH/Gabe Bienczycki.