

U.S. Global HEALTH Act of 2010 [H.R. 4933]

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Lead Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

Legislative Goal and Effect

Establishes a strategy to coordinate health-related U.S. foreign assistance and to assist developing countries in strengthening their indigenous health workforces and improving delivery of health services.

How it works

- **Improves coordination and effectiveness of U.S. aid.** Establishes a comprehensive, integrated five-year U.S. Global Health Strategy.
- **Assists countries to improve health outcomes.** Supports integration and delivery of a comprehensive package of primary health services, such as preventive care; reproductive health services, including family planning and maternal health care; immunizations; and nutrition.
- **Assists countries to achieve health-related goals (MDGs 4, 5, 6).** Supports country efforts to improve maternal health, reduce maternal and child mortality, achieve universal access to reproductive health services and combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other diseases.
- **Expands indigenous work force.** Creates the Global Health Workforce Initiative to expand the number of nurses, doctors, community health workers, and other personnel available to deliver services.
- **Ensures safe working conditions and training for health workers.** Establishes policies regarding safe working conditions, access to health care, and trainings on women's rights, stigma and discrimination.
- **Promotes country ownership.** Supports country-owned and -initiated efforts to develop and implement effective and sustainable health strategies for improved health services and outcomes.
- **Emphasizes civil society involvement and improving access to marginalized populations.** Addresses the role of civil society in holding its governments accountable for national health decision-making, including addressing inequities within health strategies that affect marginalized populations.

What you can do

- Email/call your representative and ask him/her to cosponsor H.R. 4933
- Write a letter to the editor asking your representative to cosponsor H.R. 4933
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