Financing Global Health 2015

The World Bank
Largest increase in global health financing between 2014 and 2015
62% increase
$2.2 billion

United States
Largest source of global health financing in 2015
36% of all DAH
4% increase
$13.1 billion

UK
Notable increase in 2015
4% increase
$4.1 billion

The Gates Foundation
Major increase in 2015
10% increase
$2.9 billion

UN Agencies
A return to historical levels after a surge in funding to fight Ebola in 2014
12% decrease
$4.5 billion

Sub-Saharan Africa
Most substantial regional recipient of DAH
34% of DAH in 2013
$13 billion in 2013
Region that spent the least on health in 2013
$38.1 GHE-S per person

Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Oceania
Region that spent the most on health in 2013
$163.5 GHE-S per person

Spending on development assistance for health (DAH)

Notes
Numbers indicate increases and decreases from 2014 to 2015
DAH = Development assistance for health
GHE-S = Government health expenditure as a source

Health focus areas
Changes in DAH by health focus area in 2000 to 2010 and 2010 to 2015

-5% 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30%
Annualized percent change

Malaria
Tuberculosis
HIV/AIDS
NCDs*
Child health
SWAp/HSS**
Maternal health

* NCD = Non-communicable diseases
** SWAp/HSS = Sector-wide approaches/health system strengthening

Source: Financing Global Health 2015: Development assistance steady on the path to new Global Goals
Financial flows
From 2000 to 2015, 32% of development assistance for health (DAH) was sourced from the US government and 26% focused on HIV/AIDS. Across channels, the collection of NGOs and foundations active in health disbursed the most DAH, at $95.8 billion.

Program areas

Child health: In 2015, 24% of funding for child health focused on nutrition, while 45% was allocated to vaccines.

Maternal health: Family planning was the focus of 34% of maternal health DAH in 2015.

NCDs: NCD DAH focused most substantially on mental health (27%) and anti-tobacco activities (9%).

Note: Cumulative DAH from 2000 to 2015 in billions of US 2015 dollars. 2014 and 2015 are preliminary estimates. Health assistance for which we have no health focus area information is designated as “unidentified.” "Other" captures DAH for which we have project-level information but which is not identified as funding any of the health focus areas tracked.

DAH forecasts
The uncertain future of DAH
Trends and relationships over the last 26 years suggest that $64.1 billion in DAH will be provided in 2040. However, the confidence interval surrounding these estimates spans $30.4 to $161.8 billion. Uncertainty in these estimates underscores the opportunity for investment in health in many low- and middle-income countries.

Estimating DAH, 2015–2040

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