Global Health Workforce

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What is the Global Health Workforce?
Frontline health workers—including nurses, midwives, and community health workers—are often the first, and sometimes the only, point of contact for people seeking health care, working to ensure equitable access to these services, including for marginalized populations. The Global Health Workforce account aims to scale up efforts to train, develop, recruit, and retain health workers, including community health workers. It also addresses inequalities, including the gender pay gap, by furthering efforts to appropriately compensate health workers.

What do the funds support?
- Efforts to train, develop, recruit, and retain health workers, and advance the professionalization of community health workers
- Building and strengthening the capacity of the health workforce to respond to emergencies.
- Increasing the reliability and quality of primary health care services.
- Enhanced global security and pandemic preparedness strategies and programs in partner countries.

Foreign Aid Delivers
In FY2022, USAID, in partnership with the Africa One Health University Network and the Southeast Asia One Health University Network, trained over 7,000 health workers in 120 universities across 17 countries to prevent, detect, and respond to global health security threats. In 2023, USAID launched Primary Impact, an effort to advance primary health care in partnership with governments in seven focus countries in Africa and Asia. Through partnerships like the Community Health Roadmap, USAID has also supported over 15 countries in professionalizing and integrating community health workers (CHWs) into health systems. As a result, the Government of Liberia announced that they will be allocating $1.8 million to support the payment of CHW supervisors.

Funding History
Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.