



Communicable Disease Prevention

The Public Health Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life throughout California, across the nation and around the world.

From sexually transmitted infections to outbreaks of Ebola, Zika and other viruses, communicable diseases are a major threat to the public's health.

In the U.S. and around the world, PHI develops effective and culturally competent prevention strategies, increases the use of appropriate treatments, and speeds the development and adoption of new technologies to control disease transmission.

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Our Approach

We apply our expertise in research, evaluation, capacity building and technological innovation to combat the spread of communicable disease in the U.S. and around the world.



Advocate for proven policies that halt the spread of communicable diseases



Research emerging diseases, effective prevention and treatment strategies & more



Support the development and adoption of new technologies to prevent and control disease transmission



Build the capacity of health departments, local organizations and others to prepare for and respond to disease outbreaks

Our Priority



Building Health Equity

PHI's Health Intervention Projects for Underserved Populations improves HIV/AIDS research and services for transgender women of color and other underserved groups. Their 5-year Butterfly Project enrolled 180 transgender women who live with HIV, operated a storefront safe place and held weekly support groups and health promotion workshops to increase the women's retention in HIV primary care and other services.



To combat the growing threat of antibiotic resistance, PHI is working in India to advance the detection, treatment and prevention of critical drug resistant pathogens. In Tamil Nadu, PHI-India has documented

elevated levels of pathogenic bacteria resistant to antibiotics used as last lines of defense in human medicine. PHI-India has also convened more than 100 government and private sector physicians to raise awareness about effective infection prevention and control, and they are working to develop a standardized protocol for surveillance of healthcare-associated infections.

For more examples of our work, visit phi.org.

Our Work

Expanding Telehealth Services

The Center for Connected Health Policy released evidence-based policy recommendations for delivering online Video Directly Observed Therapy to treat tuberculosis. As a result, the CDC created a toolkit **incorporating telehealth in the treatment of tuberculosis** and launched a New York City-based pilot project that will look at the efficacy of using telehealth.

Improving Prevention Options for Women

— PHI's CAMI Health works to develop new multipurpose prevention technologies (MPTs) like pills, injectables and gels that simultaneously prevent unintended pregnancy, HIV and other STIs. It hosts the Initiative for MPTs, which represents about **1,200 funders, product developers, advocates and researchers** from across the globe facilitating the development of these technologies.

Building Local Leadership Capacity

PHI's Center for Health Leadership and Practice has trained hundreds of senior personnel from health departments, businesses and other sectors to become more effective leaders in the movement to reduce health disparities. They are now using their cross-sector training approach to **mobilize preparedness for Ebola, Zika and other infectious disease outbreaks**.

Supporting HIV Prevention

— PHI's What Works for Women and Girls program co-authored the **first study to address adolescent girls' unique needs in HIV prevention strategies**, published in a special issue of JAIDS, the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, in 2014. The study found that the most powerful intervention to reduce girls' HIV risk is to keep girls in school.