INTRODUCTION

International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI) links and strengthens the government agencies responsible for public health. IANPHI improves the world’s health by leveraging the experience and expertise of its member institutes to build robust public health systems.

IANPHI’s focus is to strengthen public health systems in low-resource countries by creating or developing National Public Health Institutes (CDCs).

The U.S. Secretariat is housed at the Emory Global Health Institute.

METHODS

Assessment of national public health functions using IANPHI Framework for NPHI creation

Visioning for future national public health system; strategic planning and stakeholder meetings

Development of five-year plans for national system and targeted funding

Countries use plans to leverage donor funds, leading to national self-sufficiency & sustainability

Unique peer-to-peer and south-to-south collaboration model used for all projects

Selected Partnerships and Programs

Guinea-Bissau

From bomb-damaged ruins, Guinea-Bissau has created a CDC that leads public health science and practice in the war-torn country. IANPHI’s funding provided a sound platform onto which other contributions have been layered toward creation of a fully functional National Public Health Institute.

Nigeria

The devastation of tuberculosis is well recognized in Nigeria, where 210,000 people each year are diagnosed with TB. IANPHI helped Nigeria document that 6.1% of patients had organisms resistant to multiple drugs. This finding prompted WHO to send reduced-cost drugs to treat multidrug-resistant TB.

Cooperation Across Borders

Southeast Asia is among the world’s hotspots for emerging infectious diseases, as evidenced by outbreaks such as SARS and avian influenza. With IANPHI’s support, the National Institute of Health of Thailand has fostered laboratory collaboration between the centers for disease control in Cambodia, Laos PDR, Myanmar, and Bhutan.

Mozambique

One of the most pressing challenges in Mozambique is the limited laboratory capacity and dangerous working conditions. IANPHI linked NIH with Design4Others, whose volunteer architects developed a conceptual plan for a new facility that will provide safe, functional, and productive work environments. This design, coupled with a strategy to strengthen human resources, attracted more than $9 million in PEPFAR funding for the new space. Groundbreaking is scheduled for December 2012.

RESULTS

Since its founding in 2006, IANPHI has funded more than 50 projects in 35 countries, leveraging more than $50 million in technical assistance, financial support, equipment, and in-kind services.

Membership increased from 39 to over 80 CDCs of the world. A robust and thriving international network that covers 90% of the world’s population.

Over $25 million in grants or in-kind assistance obtained from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, member NPHIs, the private sector and others.

NPHI creation model touted by WHO; international standard for public health system strengthening

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