



International Health

**TACKLING THE WORLD'S
MOST PRESSING
HEALTH CHALLENGES**



Bold Thinkers

“The drug revolving facility scheme [implemented by the the Abt-led Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase II project] has made 95 to 100 percent of the drugs demanded in the maternity ward available at all times...”

— Nasiru Alhassan, Chief Pharmacist,
Dutse General Hospital, Nigeria

The international health team of Abt Associates is comprised of visionary leaders who innovate to save lives and improve health outcomes.

We offer unparalleled expertise in identifying and addressing global health’s most critical challenges, looking through the lens of economists, health finance experts, epidemiologists, information systems technicians, international development experts, medical professionals, social and behavioral scientists, program evaluators, and researchers.

**1.4 MILLION
COUNSELED &
TESTED FOR HIV**



11 MILLION



**PROTECTED
FROM MALARIA**

IN 2015



1.3 MILLION
COUPLE YEARS
OF PROTECTION  
GENERATED 

“During my visits to accredited centers, I found remarkable enthusiasm and commitment of health center staff to providing quality services to the extent that I would not hesitate to personally seek health care for myself...”

— Beth Paige, Former USAID/Jordan Director; the HSS II Bridge project helped prepare health centers for accreditation



Better Health Outcomes

Abt works at all levels of the health system to improve health outcomes, especially for poor and vulnerable populations.

Program examples:

Twenty years of work in Central Asia led to dramatic improvements in patient outcomes. Fewer children are undernourished or stunted. Maternal mortality declined, with decreases between 7 percent in Turkmenistan and 71 percent in Kazakhstan. The Quality Health Care Project and three predecessor projects helped transform the health systems of several Central Asian countries to deliver evidence-based primary care.

The Scaling Up Family Planning program in Zambia helped nearly 300,000 women and girls use family planning services. The project’s success was partly due to training hundreds of health workers and community leaders to serve as distributors of family planning products.

The Clinical HIV/AIDS Services Strengthening Project in Mozambique contributed to a ten-fold increase in the number of people receiving HIV testing in Sofala, Manica, and Tete provinces. The project built the capacity of local health systems and helped 127 new sites offer HIV treatment.

Data-Driven

Abt has a strong legacy of using research, monitoring, and evaluation to inform our work.

Program examples:

The **Strengthening Health Outcomes through the Private Sector** project conducted a randomized controlled trial in Ghana, which found that training medicine sellers improved their knowledge, but many continued to recommend the wrong treatment for pediatric diarrhea. Follow-up focus groups found that the knowledge-behavior gap may be due to issues around medicine sellers' customer retention, profitability and credibility. (Accepted for publication in *Global Health Science and Practice*.)

The **Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase II** project in Nigeria found that having any formal education and attending antenatal care visits were highly correlated with greater knowledge of maternal danger signs. Researchers surveyed women in rural northern Nigeria and found that common sources of information about maternal care included talks in health facilities, community discussions, and friends or neighbors.

(Published in *Reproductive Health*.)

The **Health Finance and Governance** project found that extensive malaria control interventions in Zambia were correlated with a 50 percent decrease in pediatric blood transfusions and a 68 percent decrease in pediatric malaria outpatient visits. (Published in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* and *Malaria Journal*.)



 THE SHOPS PROJECT
TREATED
MORE THAN
6.3 MILLION CASES OF
CHILDHOOD
DIARRHEA

“The health expenditures survey and the user satisfaction survey... have helped us realize what parts of the program are a success and which ones need additional attention.”

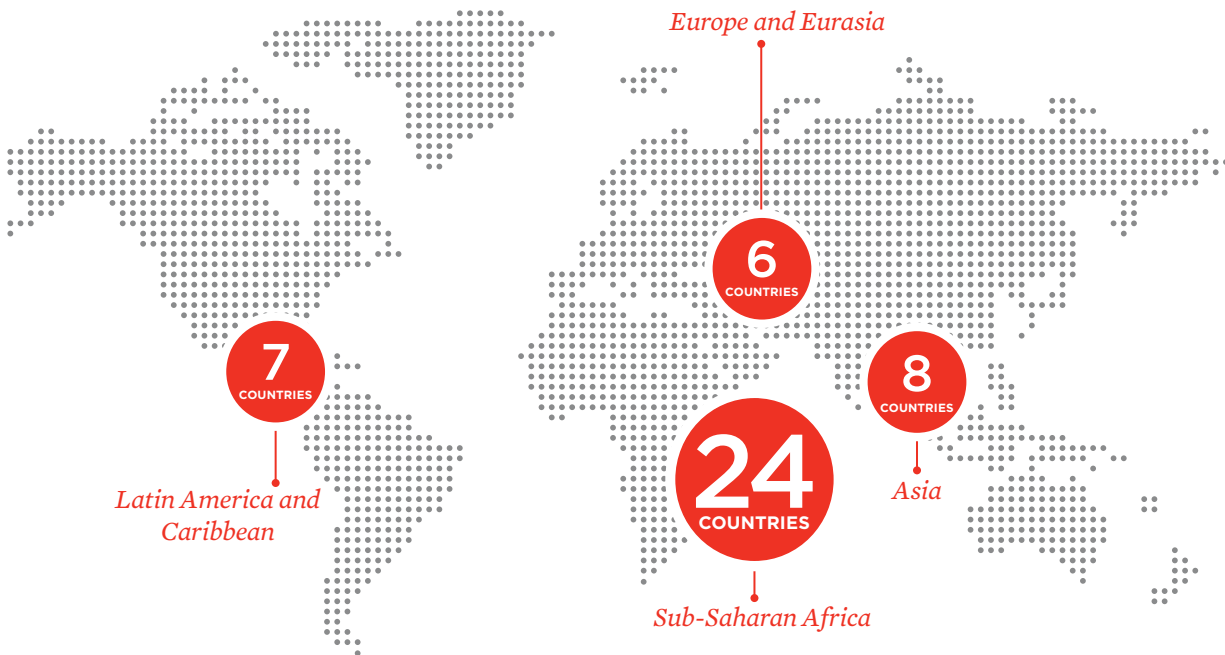
— Valeri Kvaratskelia, Deputy Minister of Social Affairs, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, citing research funded by the HSSP Project in Georgia



About International Health

For decades, Abt Associates has implemented and evaluated programs that save lives. Abt is recognized as an international leader in the fields of health systems strengthening; private sector health; maternal, newborn and child health; family planning/reproductive health; infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases. We improve health outcomes by designing and implementing evidence-based policies and interventions, strengthening institutions and organizations, encouraging innovation, and empowering individuals and communities.

We Work in 45 Countries





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About Abt Associates

Abt Associates is a mission-driven, global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of **health, social and environmental policy and international development**. Known for its rigorous approach to solving complex challenges, Abt Associates is regularly ranked as one of the top 20 global research firms and one of the top 40 international development innovators. The company has multiple offices in the U.S. and program offices in more than 40 countries.

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