About us

HealthBridge works with partners world-wide to improve health and health equity through research, policy and action.

HealthBridge has been working since 1982 in Asia, Africa and the Americas. We aim to improve the health of vulnerable populations, including those at risk of malnutrition, infectious disease and emerging epidemics, such as non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by bridging the gap between needs and technologies, evidence and policies, and policies and practice.

HealthBridge works with local partners to identify priority issues, develop and implement appropriate solutions, apply innovative and sustainable practices, and promote effective policies.



We promote integration and cross-pollination of programs by addressing the Sustainable Development Goals holistically. For example, we weave a nutrition focus into agriculture interventions and strengthening of health systems. Gender equality is fundamental to health equity and is an underlying principle for all programs.

We have programs in:

- Health, Nutrition & Food Security
- Livable Cities
- Gender Equality and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
- Tobacco Control & NCD Prevention

Sponsors and Partners

- Adam and Rachel Fund
- Atlantic Philanthropies
- Bioversity International
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- Canadian Red Cross
- Community Foundation of Ottawa
- Gates Foundation
- Gift Funds Canada
- Global Affairs Canada
- Grand Challenges Canada
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Union North America
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies • WHO
- McKnight Foundation
- Micronutrient Initiative

- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- Philanthropic Ventures Foundation
- Rotary Club of Edmonton
- Riverview Sage Kiwanis Club
- Social Sciences and **Humanities Research Council** of Canada
- Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance
- Tenaquip Foundation
- The Asia Foundation
- · Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
- · World Neighbours
- World Vision

Our Partners

Collaboration with partners around the world allows HealthBridge to make a difference, to bridge the health gap between the developing and developed regions and between the rich and the poor. The success of our work depends on these partnerships, as well as on effective collaboration with international organizations (both government and non-government), community groups, foundations, research institutions and government ministries.

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Our Programs

Gender Equality and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Goal: Improve gender equality and reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH)

We are working to:

Strengthen the development and implementation of policies that protect RMNCH and promote gender equality among vulnerable groups.

Support the design, implementation and evaluation of initiatives that engage men and other family members in RMNCH.

Increase access to RMNCH services amongst hard to reach groups.



Health, Nutrition & Food Security

Goal: Improve health, nutrition & food security

We are working to:

Contribute to global understanding of the links between improved agriculture and improved nutrition.

Promote healthier food systems that address the double burden of over and under nutrition.

Strengthen the evidence base for improving access to essential child health and nutrition services.

Generate evidence of successful integration of food and agricultural approaches with health and nutrition at the community level.

Livable Cities

Goal: Improve the livability of cities by ensuring access for the most vulnerable to healthy transportation, healthy foods, parks and public spaces

We are working to:

Strengthen the knowledge base needed to improve the livability of cities in low and middle income countries (LMICs).

Contribute to the evidence base of what policies and interventions work to improve the livability of cities in LMICs.

Increase the number and effectiveness of LMIC partners advocating for Livable Cities issues.



Tobacco Control & NCD Prevention

Goal: Advance global tobacco control and prevention of non-communicable disease (NCD)

We are working to:

Promote policy-based NCD prevention for all four major risk factors: tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet and the harmful use of alcohol.

Ensure that tobacco control remains a priority component of NCD prevention.

Increase the evidence base on the link between NCD prevention and other development issues.

Mobilize support and action among development partners to treat NCD prevention as a development issue.

International Presence

HealthBridge is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, with projects around the world.

HealthBridge in Bangladesh

The HealthBridge Regional Director for Asia works in Dhaka, where we collaborate with Work for a Better Bangladesh (WBB Trust), providing technical assistance, and jointly implementing programs.

HealthBridge in India

The HealthBridge Regional Manager for South Asia lives in India, where she supports local initiatives in Gender and RMNCH, and Livable Cities.



HealthBridge in Vietnam

HealthBridge began working in Vietnam in 1993; we have an office in Hanoi and work with local partners. HealthBridge Vietnam's projects address issues related to Tobacco Control; Gender and RMNCH; Cancer Control; Livable Cities: and Nutrition.

