Supporting the training of health workers in developing countries

Millions of people in the world’s poorest countries do not have access to basic healthcare

One of the biggest barriers to accessing healthcare is a chronic shortage of health workers, particularly in remote communities, where the nearest health facility could be hours or even days away.

Our continued investment in health workers improves access to essential healthcare, saving lives and sustainably strengthening countries’ health systems.

Trained health workers provide preventative and curative care for infectious diseases, support immunisation of children, improve sanitation and nutrition, and ensure births take place in the presence of a midwife.

Partnership is key

The strength of our health worker training programme comes from the local expertise of our three NGO partners who work with governments to address healthcare priorities.

We have programmes in almost all countries in Sub-Saharan Africa as well as in Asia and Haiti.

Our primary focus is supporting the training of frontline health workers.

Since 2009, we have invested over £43 million to improve access to healthcare.

This has helped train 86,000 health workers.

Our approach

- **Build local capacity** enabling improved delivery of health services e.g. by developing learning programs and on-line training.
- **Educate communities** to recognise and prevent diseases and how to access health services.
- **Work with governments** on advocating the benefits of greater investment in healthcare systems and the importance of health workers.

Our programme has directly reached over 12 million people across 44 countries.

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