



Greg Brekke for IMA

TANZANIA

Tanzania has made impressive progress in reducing its poverty rate in recently years. However, challenges such as poor infrastructure, low education levels, and diseases remain and compound the burden of those still living in poverty. Only half of the population (54%) has access to improved drinking water, while only 24% has access to improved sanitation facilities. As such, maternal mortality, child mortality, HIV/AIDs, pneumonia, malaria and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are major issues for Tanzania's health system.

Since 1997, IMA World Health (IMA) has collaborated with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health and local partners to address critical health needs with a focus on quality integrated service provision, health systems strengthening, and healthy behaviors promotion. IMA's recent work in the country has included NTD control and management; childhood cancer; maternal and child health; childhood stunting; cervical cancer and more.



IMA WORLD HEALTH

In concert with Corus International

IMAWORLDHEALTH.ORG

OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

Health Systems Strengthening

IMA works with governments and local partners to provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to increase engagement, services and investment in a country's health system.

Maternal and Child Health

IMA improves the access to and availability of high-quality, person-centered maternal, newborn and child health services and voluntary family planning and reproductive health care in fragile and conflict affected settings.

Disease Treatment & Prevention

IMA aids in the treatment and prevention of deadly diseases that disproportionately affect people living in poverty, such as malaria, NTDs, HIV/AIDS and Ebola.

Nutrition

IMA implements evidence-based, multi-sector approaches targeting a range of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive factors to prevent malnutrition and reduce stunting.

WASH

IMA improves water and sanitation infrastructure and promotes education in healthy WASH practices at schools and health centers.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence

IMA strengthens community-based prevention of and response to SGBV and improves the quality of and access to holistic care for survivors.

Project Highlights

Act to End NTDs | East

With funding from USAID through RTI International, IMA collaborates with Tanzania's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to eliminate and control five endemic NTDs, including onchocerciasis (river blindness), lymphatic filariasis (LF), schistosomiasis, soil-transmitted helminths (STH) and trachoma. IMA coordinates mass drug administration (MDA) in 19 regions and 134 districts throughout Tanzania, training more than 3,400 front line health workers, 8,900 teachers and 35,700 community drug distributors to support treatment for over 20 million individuals annually. This project is a follow on of the **ENVISION Project** funded by USAID and implemented by IMA in Tanzania from 2011 to 2019. Under ENVISION, IMA has been able to stop MDA for LF in 96 of the 120 endemic districts, which amounts to 21.4 million people — 69 percent of those living in endemic areas — who are no longer at risk for LF. Additionally, as of June 2018, Tanzania has been able to stop trachoma MDA in 59 of 71 endemic districts, which means 14.8 million people — 86 percent of those who were living in endemic areas — are no longer at risk for trachoma.

SAFE Project

Led by Sightsavers International, IMA implements the SAFE project in Mtwara, Pwani, Rukwa, Kagera and Simiyu. The project follows the World Health Organization-endorsed SAFE strategy — Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial Cleanliness and Environmental Improvements — to address the pain and potentially blinding effects of severe or repeated trachoma infection. IMA strengthens the capacity of district surgical teams, facilitates case finding and treatment, and organizes surgical camps. IMA has reached over 9,600 patients with sight-saving surgery to date.

SCIF Project

With the financial support from SCI Foundation and in collaboration with the National NTD Control Program of Tanzania's Ministry of Health, IMA conducted MDAs of school-aged children and implemented related activities for schistosomiasis (SCH) and soil transmitted helminthiasis (STH) prevention and treatment in 93 districts of 15 regions in partnership with 108 local government authorities. Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the project reached 5,122,860 children. IMA provided technical assistance and supportive supervision at the regional and district levels and training to 1,748 master trainers, 6,647 front line health workers and 17,025 teachers.

Addressing Stunting in Tanzania Early (ASTUTE)

Through the FCDO-funded ASTUTE program, IMA led a consortium that included the Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania, Cornell University's Division of Nutritional Sciences

and Development Media International. ASTUTE strengthened the capacity of local government authorities to address child stunting, achieving between 7-12% stunting reduction across five regions of the Lake Zone: Kagera, Kigoma, Mwanza, Geita and Shinyanga. The project trained nearly 7,800 district health workers and non-health sector service providers and has reached 17.6 million nationally through mass media campaign. Additionally, 6.4 million mothers, caregivers and decision-makers benefited with improved child feeding information through home visits conducted by 6,000 community health workers. As part of the project, IMA created a toolkit to provide government, donors, non-governmental organizations, and civil society organizations (CSOs) with programming recommendations and tools to help implement successful multi-sectoral social and behavior change (SBC) interventions aimed at preventing and reducing stunting.

The Corus Effect

Founded in 1960, IMA World Health is now part of Corus International, an ensemble of long-serving, global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance committed to ending poverty and building healthy communities across Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Africa.

In addition to IMA World Health, the Corus family includes global aid and development organization Lutheran World Relief, U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing firm Ground Up Investing, and direct trade company Farmers Market Brands.

Alongside communities and local partners in fragile settings, our dedicated experts across our organizations integrate disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome global health challenges, develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of climate change, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. We invest in solutions that are innovative, scalable, holistic and move the needle towards transformational change.

