

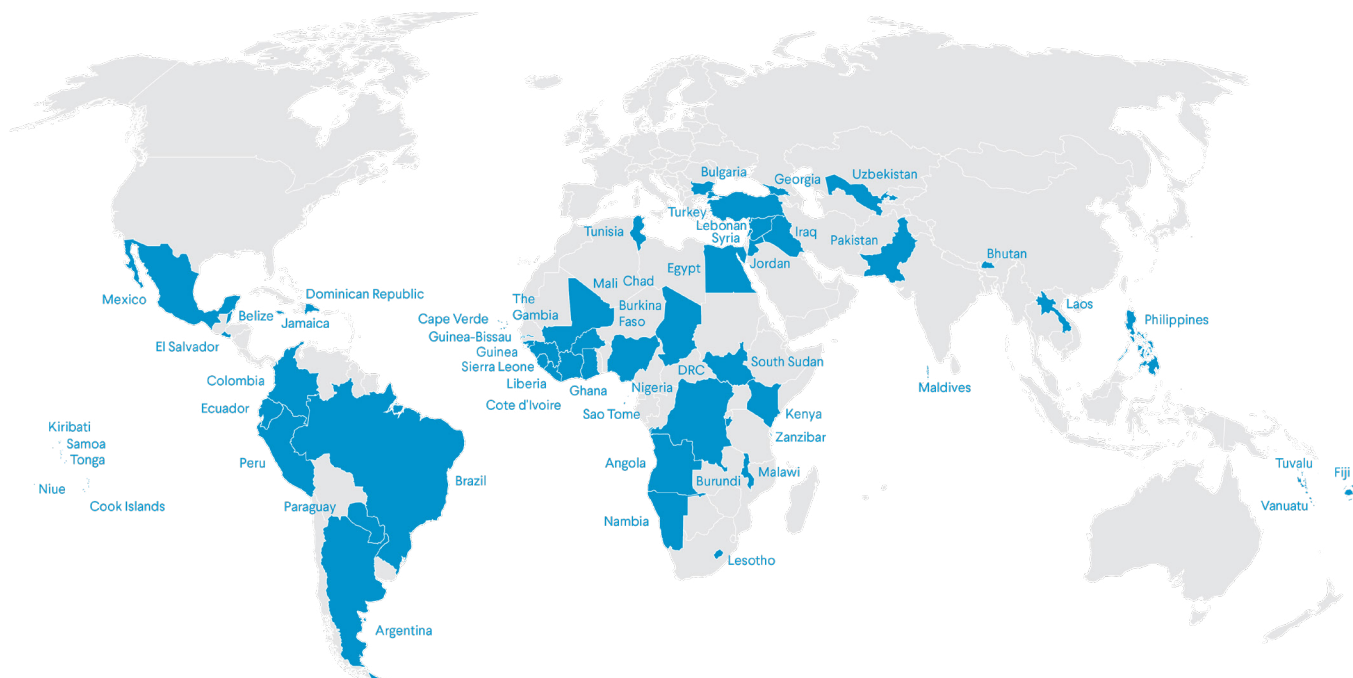
Global Grants Program

Strengthening systems that collect, analyze, and use data for public-health decision making



Strong data enables governments to make informed decisions and improve public health outcomes.

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative Global Grants Program (GGP) supports governments in closing information gaps, strengthening data systems, and ensuring that accurate data drives policy development and public health investments. To date, the GGP has committed over \$15 million to 155 projects across 61 countries in Asia, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America, funding initiatives within the programmatic areas of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), Data Impact, and Cancer Registry. Explore the map below to see where GGP-supported projects are helping data drive healthier futures.



Data for Health Initiative

The Data for Health Initiative (D4H), funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Gates Foundation, partners with low- and middle-income countries to strengthen CRVS systems and promote the use of public health data for policymaking. Vital Strategies serves as an implementing partner in the D4H Initiative, with four programs related to data improvement and public health intelligence: The CRVS Improvement Program, Data Impact Program, Cancer Registry Program, and the GGP.

Guiding Principles of the GGP



Country Ownership: The GGP projects are driven by national health experts who understand their systems and communities to ensure sustainable solutions that meet local needs.



Targeted Approach: The GGP projects are focused and practical, addressing specific health priorities with achievable goals that deliver tangible results.



Global Collaboration: The GGP fosters regional partnerships and knowledge sharing to enable expertise to flow across borders.

Three Programmatic Areas

CRVS projects may include improving the notification and registration of vital events, enhancing CRVS governance and coordination, or implementing verbal autopsy. **Data Impact** projects often involve integrating data sources to address priority health issues, developing reports for decision-makers, or publishing public health bulletins. **Cancer Registry** projects typically center on strengthening population-based cancer registries or improving quality of cancer registry data.

Health Equity

Health equity is at the heart of all D4H work. Within the programmatic areas of CRVS, Data Impact, and Cancer Registry, the GGP projects are encouraged to consider the equity dimensions of their proposed project activities. As of September 2025, 46 GGP-supported projects focused on health equity, addressing disparities across key areas, including access to services, age, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, and social determinants of health.

Success Stories

Fiji: To close critical gaps in birth data, the Fiji Bureau of Statistics collected paper records from health facilities nationwide that had never been digitized in the national system. This effort registered over 55,000 births and enabled the country's first fully representative vital statistics report, providing more comprehensive evidence to inform policy decisions.

Brazil: In Goiania, 13 health databases were linked to track gender-based violence, identifying 8,295 cases over ten years. Most reports (77%) came from hospitals, while primary care accounted for less than 10%, revealing major underreporting despite mandatory notification laws. The work showed that strengthening primary care reporting is essential to better prevent gender-based violence.

Ecuador: To address chronic child malnutrition, the Ecuador team built the country's first nationwide integrated data system, enabling the government to identify and enroll eligible children and families in a cash transfer program. This effort provided more than 40,000 children and their families with access to the nutrition needed for healthy growth and development.

Syria (Northwest): A verbal autopsy (VA) surveillance system was established to improve cause-of-death (COD) data. By interviewing next of kin or caregivers, VA provides essential insights into community- and population-level mortality. This initiative strengthened evidence for health policy and planning, providing timely support for rebuilding a war-torn country.

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