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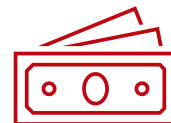


Protect Americans. Invest in Global Health.

Deadly diseases know no borders. To protect Americans here at home, the United States must prevent the spread of disease abroad. Addressing threats at their source saves lives and makes the best use of taxpayer dollars. Among our strongest partners in prevention is the World Health Organization (WHO), which works in over 150 countries worldwide and alongside nearly 70 research institutions across our nation to make America safe, healthy and prosperous. Did you know:



For less than the annual budget of the Maryland Department of Health, the **WHO fights diseases in 150 countries around the world.**



For every \$1 the U.S. pays in WHO assessed contributions, **the U.S. gets \$0.46 back in procurement contracts** that support American businesses and jobs.



There are **more Americans in leadership at the WHO than any other country.** Americans at the WHO outnumber Chinese employees 3 to 1.



The WHO is a leader in combatting a bird flu epidemic that has cost American taxpayers more than \$1.7 billion and sent grocery store prices for poultry and eggs through the roof.

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Here are a few of the things America gains from WHO membership:

Cash Back for Every Dollar Invested

American businesses and workers lead the world in the research, development and manufacture of products that diagnose, treat and prevent disease. So it's little wonder that the UN buys more of these products from the United States than from any other country. In fact, **for every dollar in assessed contributions the United States sends to the WHO, about 46 cents comes back to our economy through procurement contracts.** In 2023, the WHO purchased American goods and services valued at \$51 million. Those purchases benefit workers and businesses small and large across the country, including in states like Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Expands U.S. Global Influence

Academic research institutions partner with the WHO to better tackle the biggest health challenges of our day. **American institutions host nearly 1 in 10 of these WHO centers - more than any other country.** Through collaborating with WHO, centers in Alabama, Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and a dozen other states gain greater visibility and opportunities to work with other institutions across the world. These centers also support health nationally, by strengthening information, services, research and training.

American Jobs and American Leadership

Hundreds of Americans work for the WHO. They play a pivotal role in supporting and directing the organization's essential work around the world - from responding to disease outbreaks and training local health care workers to classifying disease variants and chairing the WHO Science Council. In fact, according to data compiled by the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), three times more U.S. nationals work for the WHO than Chinese nationals. **There are more Americans in leadership positions at the WHO (P, D and ASG posts) than from any other country.**

A Partner in Health Solutions

The WHO plays a critical role in **stopping dangerous fentanyl and combatting a devastating bird flu outbreak** that has crippled American poultry and dairy farmers and sent grocery store prices for meat and eggs through the roof. The WHO acted decisively to impose international controls on synthetic opioids that have killed thousands of Americans and cost our economy more than \$1.5 trillion. In partnership with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and others, WHO evaluates candidate vaccine viruses and provides guidance on bird flu prevention, surveillance and response

Fast Access to American Innovations

By "pre-qualifying" and listing medicines, shots and diagnostics for emergency use in the fight against deadly diseases, the WHO provides an **accelerated path to procurement of safe, effective, reliable and high-quality American health innovations.** In 2024, for example, the WHO pre-qualified a Hepatitis self-test manufactured by Bethlehem, PA-based OraSure Technologies. An innovative mpox point of care molecular test developed by Sunnyvale, CA-based Cepheid became the first such diagnostic ever approved by the WHO for emergency use

Efficient Impact on a Global Scale

For just a fraction of the annual budget of some U.S. state departments of health, the WHO prevents and fights diseases in more than 150 countries around the world. For example, the WHO's annual budget of just over \$3 billion is 15% as large as the Maryland Department of Health's fiscal year 2024 allowance of \$19.6 billion. The total U.S. contribution to the WHO's annual budget in 2023 (\$660 million assessed and voluntary) was less than the federal share of the Maryland Department of Health working budget in the same year.