

PARTNERS IN HEALTH CANADA WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Women Taking Action
for Global Health Equity



WHO WE ARE

WHY WOMEN'S HEALTH MATTERS

Estimated number of pregnancy and childbirth-related deaths in 2023: 260,900—every two minutes

A woman's lifetime risk of dying in pregnancy or childbirth:

- 1 in 40 in Liberia
- 1 in 74 in Sierra Leone
- 1 in 113 in Malawi
- 1 in 11,000 in Canada

Women are the champions of health care in their communities. Whether they are mothers caring for their sick children or the nurses and midwives in health clinics who deliver over 90 percent of health care in the world, women are the backbone of health systems.

Women are also the lynchpins of their families and communities. When a mother dies in childbirth, the entire family and community suffer. When women are healthy, poverty and malnutrition decline, living standards improve, and economic growth increases. Finally, maternal health is often considered a "report card" for the strength of a health system and global action towards health equity and human rights.

Delivering excellent health care for women in resource-poor settings requires the staff, equipment, facilities, and systems that ultimately make the entire community healthier and more prosperous. Investing in women's health is an investment in health for all.

The PIH Canada Women's Alliance is an emerging initiative for those ready to leverage their voice, resources, and networks to drive lasting change for women and children around the world. We are a community of passionate, purpose-driven women who believe health is a human right.

Since 2017, PIH Women's Alliance members in Chicago and South Florida have led this movement to raise awareness, grow vital resources, and deepen their understanding of the systemic issues driving health injustice.

Inspired by this legacy, the inaugural PIH Canada Women's Alliance is taking root as a space for connection, learning, and action. Members serve as supporters and ambassadors for PIH, convening regularly to hear from frontline leaders, learn about urgent health challenges, and mobilize support. Along the way, they build deep relationships, both with each other and with the communities we aim to serve.

Together, we're forging a future where every woman and child, no matter where they're born, has the right to quality care, dignity, and opportunity.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Women are leaders in philanthropy and in global health and caregiving—holding 70% of all health worker roles, over 80% of nursing positions, and more than 90% of midwifery roles worldwide. Investing in women's health strengthens entire systems and communities. In Canada, women's charitable donations rose by 287% between 2011 and 2023—from \$1.5 billion to \$4.3 billion in 2021 alone. Today, women's collective and individual philanthropic influence is stronger than ever. Women now control a greater share of philanthropic dollars and have more influence over the key issues of our day. At the same time, women's health and rights around the world are under attack. We are calling on women philanthropic leaders to stand in solidarity with the women and children we serve around the world.

PIH'S RESPONSE

Partners In Health provides access to family planning, medical care for pregnancy and childbirth, antiretroviral treatment for pregnant women living with HIV, support for victims of gender-based violence, and more. Approximately two-thirds of all our health care services are provided to women and their children, representing nearly one million women's health visits, family planning visits, and deliveries each year. Read more about [PIH women's programs](#), like Kay Manmito, a safe haven in Haiti for women with complicated pregnancies and mothers of premature and NICU infants, where they are guaranteed a facility-based birth, prenatal care, meals, psychosocial support, and health education.

2024 IMPACT

- 1.8M+ women's health visits
- 154K+ prenatal care visits
- 57K+ safe deliveries

YOUR COMMITMENT

Through strategic giving, shared learning, and bold advocacy, we envision a future where justice in health is a reality, not a privilege. Whether you are a seasoned philanthropist or just beginning your journey of impact, we invite you to shape something meaningful with us from the ground up by:



Support Our Work

Contribute or raise \$1,000 annually to join the PIH Canada Women's Alliance and help fund care for mothers and children. Your support funds trained staff, safe births, follow-up care, essential medicines, and social support.



Lend Your Talent

Share your voice, time, and expertise as a member of the Women's Alliance. Help organize engaging events, amplify our message, and lend your skills to advance global health equity.



Help Us Grow

Invite others to join and take part in events that inspire connection and action. Every conversation, gathering, and new member strengthen our shared commitment to advancing global health equity.

BACKGROUND ON PARTNERS IN HEALTH

Partners In Health Canada is a global health and social justice organization relentlessly committed to improving the health of the poor and marginalized. We bring high quality health care and other resources to impoverished communities not as an act of charity, but as a fulfillment of fundamental human rights.

Partners In Health (PIH) was founded in 1987 to support a one-room health clinic serving a destitute squatter settlement in rural Haiti. Our founders believed the conditions in the settlement — the crushing poverty, absence of modern health care and pervasive poor health — were not inevitable. These were social conditions subject to human intervention and so could be changed... in Haiti or anywhere else.

For more than four decades, we have gone where we're needed most, whether that be to Haiti, Rwanda, or any of the other countries where we work and live. We care for patients in their homes and communities. We work in close partnership with local government officials and the world's leading medical and academic institutions to build capacity and strengthen health systems. And we stay in the countries where we work, committed to accompanying the people and communities we serve for the long-term. Through serving millions of patients across four continents, created tens of thousands of jobs and transformed global health, the work of PIH has proved our founders right.

*"There will be no equity without solidarity.
There will be no justice without a social movement."*

Dr. Joia Mukherjee, PIH Senior Advisor to CEO,
Clinical and Academic Strategy



BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES

You are invited to help spark something extraordinary.

As a member of the inaugural cohort of the PIH Canada Women's Alliance, you'll be among the first to shape an ambitious, women-led social justice movement, helping to actualize the vision, guide activities, and ensure its growth for years to come.

Your annual membership opens the door to meaningful engagement: deep, thought-provoking conversations on global health and PIH's impact, and genuine connections with other passionate, purpose-driven women. Together, you'll take part in inspiring in-person and virtual experiences*, including:

- **CELEBRATING IMPACT.** Join us in Toronto for our annual reception, where we'll reflect on the year's achievements and look ahead**
- **BOOK CLUB MEETS.** Dive into compelling reads that inspire learning and action
- **HOST YOUR OWN GATHERING.** Bring people together through a dinner, brunch, film screening, or fundraiser in your home or workplace**
- **TRAVEL WITH PURPOSE.** Visit a PIH care site to witness lifesaving work firsthand
- **GLOBAL HEALTH LEARNING.** Attend lectures, panel discussions, or webinars with PIH staff and special guests
- **CREATIVE CAMPAIGNS.** Mark special days like your birthday, International Women's Day or Mother's Day with personalized fundraising and awareness efforts
- **GENERATIONAL CONNECTION.** Involve your grand/mothers, grand/children, nieces, or any cause-driven women in your life in these activities

This is your moment to lead, learn, and connect while making a lasting difference in global health.

*Subject to availability

**In-person events only available in Toronto 2025-2026

NEXT STEPS

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Yes, I am ready to join and help build a global health movement in my community.

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I would like more information on membership requirements, specific activities, or other.

For other questions/comments, please contact: Laura Kim - lkim@pih.org / (416) 646-0666

Join us today.

Stand with women around the world.

**Together, we can build a healthier,
more just future.**