

TogetHER for Health

2025 Year in Review



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We remain inspired by our vision of a world without cervical cancer deaths.

We know we're not alone.



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Cervical cancer remains a global health emergency impacting hundreds of thousands of women, their families, and their communities. Every death from cervical cancer is a preventable tragedy. **We remain committed.**

TogetHER was launched in 2018 to end this unacceptable status quo through advocacy, partnership, and knowledge-sharing. Subsequent years have seen the launch of a global elimination plan for cervical cancer, an expanding evidence base on what works to keep women and girls healthy, and a rising number of countries implementing strategies to expand preventive services for women and girls.

Everything changed in 2025 as the new U.S. administration began to undermine decades of progress in global health. U.S. leadership has reduced support for lifesaving health programs around the world and elevated misinformation about vaccines. We've seen aid agencies shuttered and billions in funding for global vaccines withheld.

Despite the challenges, we redoubled our resolve and sustained our focus. **We at TogetHER remain inspired by our vision of a world without cervical cancer deaths.**

We know we're not alone. We cheered when Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance reached their ambitious goal to vaccinate 86 million girls against HPV ahead of schedule. Kenya just joined the growing list of countries with a plan to eliminate cervical cancer. And 365 organizations from 60 countries applied for support from our Cervical Cancer Grants Program. Progress continues to drive us all forward.

Throughout 2025 and into 2026, **the number of people, organizations, and countries working to end cervical cancer for all time continues to grow.** We're proud to be playing a role in building a global movement, and to call all of you our partners.

We can realistically eliminate cervical cancer, but only if preventive care is accessible to women and girls. TogetHER for Health partners with implementers, practitioners, advocates, and policymakers to make cervical cancer elimination a reality. To do this, we organize our work around three key goals:

- ◆ **Creating structural change** through policy and advocacy;
- ◆ **Driving regional impact** through partnership and education; and
- ◆ **Addressing cultural barriers** by increasing awareness and amplifying critical perspectives.

Creating Structural Change Through Policy and Advocacy

Getting women and girls everywhere access to cervical cancer prevention can't be done without political and financial support, evidence-based policies, and accountability to ensure that leaders follow through on their commitments. In 2025, TogetHER collaborated with dedicated partners on building a productive environment for cervical cancer prevention at the national, regional, and global levels.

Understanding the funding landscape is an important tool for advocates for elimination. Since 2019, TogetHER has published an annual analysis of the global funding environment for cervical cancer prevention, with an explicit focus on programs in low- and lower middle-income countries. In November, we partnered with amfAR to outline funding trends and describe the devastating impacts that United States government cuts to global health programs are having on cervical cancer prevention in high-burden countries, while making recommendations on how to rebuild momentum to save women's lives. [Read that report here.](#)



Executive Director Heather White attends ministerial meeting on cervical cancer in Hanoi, Vietnam, August 2025.

Global efforts to get more women and girls vaccinated against HPV have made incredible progress in recent years, with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance meeting its ambitious goal to vaccinate 86 million adolescent girls by the end of 2025. Unfortunately, progress in getting women screened for precancerous lesions is not keeping pace, with as many as a billion women worldwide having never been screened. In January, TogetHER partnered with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Roche Diagnostics to publish [a report making the case for balanced global investment in cervical cancer prevention.](#)

Cervical cancer elimination won't be possible if global goals aren't translated into national action plans. That's why TogetHER joined the APAC Women's Cancer Coalition to build regional leadership in Asia-Pacific countries. We worked with national experts and our coalition partners to develop [a white paper examining Vietnam's progress to date on cervical cancer](#) and make recommendations towards a national elimination plan, drawing on case studies from six countries across the APAC/ASEAN region. Executive Director Heather White presented our recommendations at a forum in Hanoi in August.

Advocating for change means building relationships and applying positive pressure on leaders to accelerate commitments. Since 2022, TogetHER has spearheaded efforts to generate political support for global cervical cancer prevention programs among leaders in the United States Congress. In 2025, TogetHER met with staff representing 60 congressional offices and invited partners to participate in [a day of advocacy on Capitol Hill in June.](#)



Advocates from GreyRobinson, TogetHER for Health, Jhpiego, and Cervivor in Washington, DC., June 2025.

Driving Regional Impact Through Partnership

Local organizations already know what works to prevent cervical cancer in their communities. With the right resources and collaboration, grassroots solutions are more affordable and more effective. That's why our [Cervical Cancer Grants Program](#) invests directly in innovative community-driven solutions that expand access to high-quality preventive care and treatment.

In 2025, our Request for Proposals received 365 applications from 60 countries. [The six exciting projects selected](#) represent our most geographically diverse cohort yet:

- ◆ KMC Alumni Health Sector is using a “mother-daughter” approach to increase cervical cancer screening among hard-to-reach women in rural Nepal, introducing HPV self-sampling kits alongside the national HPV vaccination campaign for girls 10–14 years of age.
- ◆ Health Systems Insight (formerly ThinkWell Institute) is supporting the implementation of Kenya's national cervical cancer elimination plan by equipping national and county-level policymakers in Kenya with compelling evidence on HPV vaccination and screening investments.
- ◆ Jhpiego Philippines is piloting a community-based, community-led patient navigation model encouraging positive health-seeking behavior and norms around treatment of cervical pre-cancer lesions in Quezon City, Philippines.
- ◆ The Tajik Family Planning Association is launching a targeted cervical cancer prevention initiative in two high-risk areas of Tajikistan — Rasht District and the city of Tursunzade — where incidence rates have risen sharply in recent years. The project combines community education, HPV self-sampling for women, and follow-up care for those testing positive for high-risk HPV types.
- ◆ Fundación SalBo is validating the use of a novel urine-based self-sampling tool for HPV DNA detection as an innovative strategy for cervical cancer screening, in partnership with the INMUBO Research at Universidad El Bosque in Colombia.
- ◆ DawaMom Foundation is adapting its multilingual, GenAI-powered chatbot to educate Zambian women on HPV vaccination and screening. The platform will also allow women to order HPV DNA self-test kits, delivered through DawaMom's motorbike network.

2025-2026 Grantees



Addressing Cultural Barriers

Hundreds of thousands of new diagnoses and deaths from cervical cancer quantify the emergency we're seeking to end. Behind those statistics are the stories of patients, practitioners, and advocates dedicated to making a difference. In 2025, TogetHER tried something a little different - a story series called [Voices TogetHER](#) - to put a human face on the global fight against cervical cancer.

Our Voices TogetHER series presented a diverse group of people and organizations. [Check out the entire list of these stories here.](#)

Listening to expert voices is just as critical as amplifying them. In 2025, TogetHER reconstituted our [Advisory Board](#) with a new group of women's and global health luminaries to guide our work in a turbulent moment. We're grateful to Mame-Yaa Bosomtwi, Casey Daniel, Elaine Gibbons, Colleen Gregerson, Jody Hoyos, Lacy Hubbard, Eve McDavid, and Karen Nakawala for offering their powerful perspectives to strengthen TogetHER's work and strategic planning.



We can do it! Cervical cancer is the one cancer we can defeat if we work together.

YOU can support cervical cancer elimination by:

- Spreading the word about the importance of **HPV vaccination** and **cervical screening**.
- Calling legislators to tell them that **women's health matters**.
- Supporting **Together for Health's** mission.



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Rosie the Riveter: Cervical Cancer Prevention Advocate

A Year of Partnership and Inspiration

As we sought to bring new attention to our work to end cervical cancer deaths, we enlisted a familiar face in 2025. To celebrate International Women's Day, [we welcomed classic feminist icon Rosie the Riveter to our cause.](#)

Together convenes and supports [our network of member organizations](#) working in cervical cancer prevention: the American Cancer Society, the Clinton Health Access Initiative, Grounds for Health, Jhpiego, Pathfinder, and Population Services International (PSI). In a year in which many international organizations were roiled by financial and political pressure, we provided spaces in which organizations implementing these lifesaving projects could share intelligence and discuss ongoing challenges.

In addition to the members of Together, we would like to thank our collaborating partners and supporters, including amfAR, AVAC, Becton Dickinson, Cepheid, Cervical Cancer Action for Elimination, Cervivor, Colectivo, the Commonwealth Secretariat, Conquering Cancer, Hologic, the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation, Maverick Collective, the Matibabu Foundation, Panorama Global, Roche, Rotary International, Scope Impact, the Sullivan Charitable Foundation, the Tiba Foundation, VAX TO STOP CANCER, the Women to Watch Foundation, and all of the organizations that share Together's commitment to the global elimination of cervical cancer.

What's Next - and How You Can Help

In 2026, Together for Health will be putting a special focus on garnering support for our Cervical Cancer Grants Program. We've launched a campaign called Prevention is the Point that aims to generate support for five new grants, helping us keep pace with the growing number of applications we're seeing each year. Learn more at www.togetherforhealth.org/2026campaign.

2025 represented a difficult year for those working to safeguard the health of women and girls, but we're proud to have emerged with renewed conviction to end cervical cancer deaths forever. Thank you to all who are playing a role in this inspiring battle to keep women healthy, preserve their families, and strengthen their communities.



*Prevention is the Point.
Let communities lead the way.*



Click here to learn more about Prevention is the Point, our 2026 campaign.