

Project ECHO 2024 Annual Report



From New Mexico to Côte d'Ivoire,
A Diabetes Specialist in Every Community

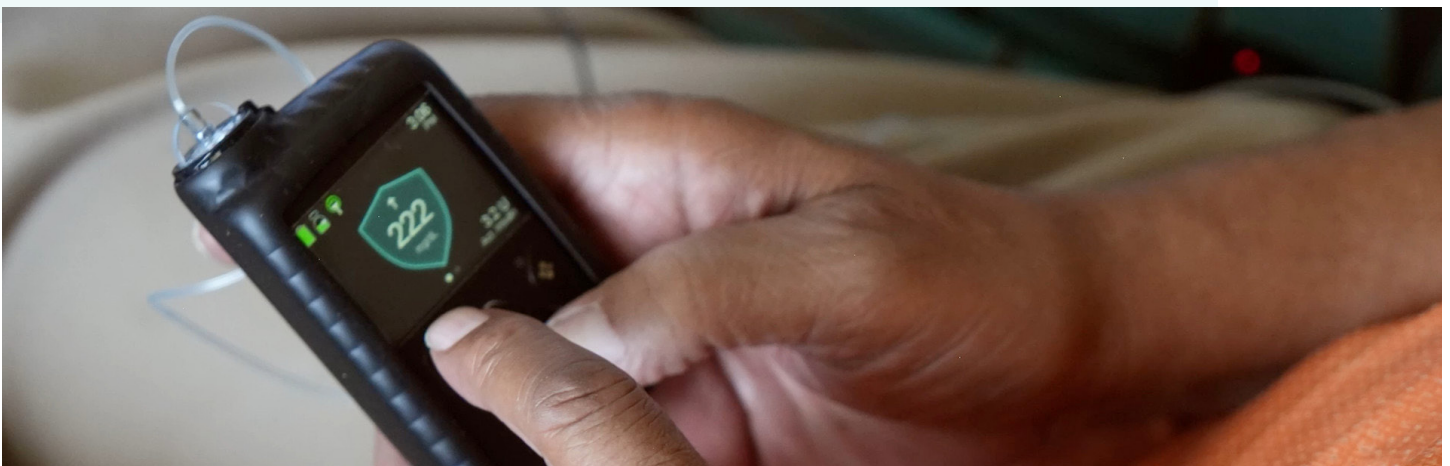


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MESSAGE FROM DR. ARORA

Dear Friends,

More than two decades ago, we envisioned a world where everyone, everywhere, would have equitable access to quality health care. Thanks to you, the ECHO movement, this vision is being realized, and my gratitude for the work you do every day is boundless.

As we begin a new year, we're honing our focus to ensure that we can meet the world's ever-expanding challenges to improving health outcomes.

Maximizing ECHO's Impact

In uncertain and tumultuous times like ours, I believe we must focus our efforts on doing the most we can with readily available resources. That is how I'm thinking about the future of Project ECHO. For many of the world's most pressing health care challenges, we have inexpensive, generic, and freely available medicines and screenings. What's missing is a trained and mentored workforce to deliver those treatments.

Project ECHO was made to address this challenge.

With your dedicated efforts, the ECHO Model has 700 peer-reviewed publications demonstrating efficacy and has emerged as the most evidence-based capacity-building platform in the world. By turning traditional training on its head, ECHO gives frontline health care workers mentorship and community while they gain the confidence to grow their expertise and take on more complicated cases.

Traditional training is like watering your garden once, then returning six months later expecting a bountiful harvest. But as we all know, a thriving garden needs constant care. ECHO is more like drip irrigation. With our low-dose/high-frequency approach to telementoring, we create a sustainable way to mentor community-based health workers as they gain the confidence to implement best practices. ECHO builds communities of practice that upskill the workforce faster, with lower costs and better results—all at a scale unachievable with traditional training.

Preventing the Most Preventable Deaths

Using the global trusted human network that you have helped build, we must now apply our focus to challenges that are all but solved – with the exception of the workforce necessary to deliver those solutions.

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) — such as diabetes, high cholesterol/blood pressure, heart attacks, and stroke — are the leading cause of death worldwide, disproportionately impacting poor and marginalized communities. These diseases widen health inequities, create unnecessary hardship, and result in early loss of life — even though screening and affordable, generic medicines are more available than ever.

This is simply unacceptable.

When the only intervention needed is expert knowledge and guided practice, the ECHO Model provides a

ready-made, low-cost solution to equip community-based providers with the mentorship, community and best-practice expertise to save millions from preventable, treatable diseases, today.

The same principle holds true for maternal and child health. Across the continuum of care for women, from family planning and prevention of STDs to prenatal care to safe delivery and helping mothers with lactation and beyond, the only thing not in place is a workforce that is skilled enough to deliver this relatively basic standard of care.

ECHO can build capacity and expertise because of our trusted global human network. And we are able to grow and sustain that network with our iECHO platform, which connects our partners and enables them to plan, manage, gain insights, and evaluate the learning experience of participants.

Ready for Emergency Response

As we work together to build a capable and resilient health care workforce that can treat NCDs and deliver quality care to women throughout their lifespans, in even the most remote communities, we continue to face epidemics, wars, and natural disasters. All of these unpredictable challenges demand a flexible health care workforce that can surge to respond when the unthinkable happens.

When COVID came in 2020, you all responded in force. In 2024, as the threats of mpox, and Marburg continued to grow in Africa and beyond, the ECHO movement was ready. In war torn Sudan and Ukraine, the ECHO movement helped train the local workforce. And whatever comes our way in 2025 and beyond, I'm confident the ECHO movement will respond with expert telementoring, education, resources, and community.

Our partners are working alongside global and national public health organizations to promote antimicrobial stewardship and share the latest updates on infectious diseases, emerging treatments and strategies to contain them. And at the ECHO Institute, we continue to collaborate closely with the World Health Organization, as a WHO Collaborating Centre and a partner in their digital training and telementoring efforts.

What makes me so confident in our ability to respond to these global public health challenges is that our network is ready to go, linking millions of providers who use our technology, already have time blocked to participate in ECHO sessions, and are ideally suited to help lead an emergency response.

Meeting the Health Equity Challenge

In everything we do, the ECHO Movement is hyper-focused on improving lives in poor and marginalized communities—lives often cut short due to widening racial and gender health inequities. ECHO's guided practice and knowledge-sharing are bringing better access to care to these communities, while at the same time providing their frontline workers with career development and opportunities for growth.

On a personal note, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone in our global network. Each of you has given your time, energy, or resources to the ECHO movement, in service of our mission to improve lives worldwide.

As Project ECHO begins the new year, we look forward to bringing the whole ECHO movement together, in person, at the MetaECHO Conference in September 2025. We will share stories, research, and strategies to bring the ECHO Model to more people in more communities, and we will use our trusted human network to build a global workforce that is prepared to meet the complex challenges of our time. I invite you to join us.

Warm Regards,

Sanjiv Arora

A Letter from an **ECHO** Partner

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES NEED ACCESS TO
SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE DIABETES CARE



Dear ECHO Community,

828 million people worldwide, or 1 in 7. That's the number of adults who are currently living with diabetes – a burden that has doubled, globally, in the past 30 years [1].

The International Diabetes Federation calls it a “pandemic of unprecedented magnitude [2].”

We have a critical shortage of endocrinologists (diabetes specialists): there is approximately 1 endocrinologist for every 5,000 people with diabetes in the United States [3]. Nearly 90% of people living with diabetes receive their care not from a specialist, but from frontline primary care clinicians.

Upscaling local frontline clinicians to manage diabetes is the only way to significantly increase our capacity to meet the need. The ECHO Model has a critical role to play: there is substantial evidence the Model has been used to upskill these clinicians quickly, effectively, and it improves diabetes outcomes [4].

When 10% of the population lives with diabetes and 1 in 4 health care dollars are spent on diabetes, we, as an ECHO community, have an ethical commitment to invest more in diabetes-related ECHOs [5].

As a champion for people living with diabetes, I am committed to supporting the ECHO movement. Currently, less than 1% of ECHO programming is diabetes related. Join me, and other clinicians and stakeholders, in stepping up to increase diabetes ECHO programming.

Together, using ECHO, we can change the course of this pandemic. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicolas Cuttriss', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nicolas Cuttriss,
MD, MPH, FAAP, Founding Director of the [ECHO Diabetes Action Network](#)

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IMPACT IN 2024

ECHO BY THE NUMBERS

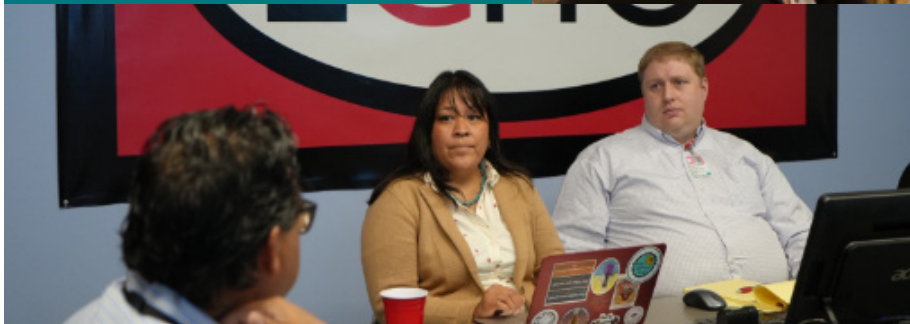


**89 Million
Patients
Impacted**

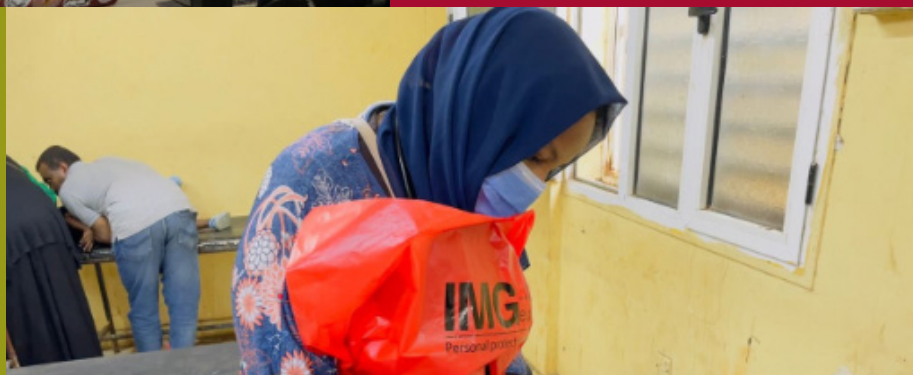
**225,000 Front-
line Workers
Mentored**



**Participants in
202 Countries
and Areas**



**2,813 ECHO
Programs**



VOICES OF ECHO CHAMPIONS



“Project ECHO is at the heart of our strategy to advance health care throughout Indonesia. By empowering our health care professionals with essential skills and broadening access to diagnosis and treatment, ECHO has already brought about significant improvements in managing breast and cervical cancer. We deeply value the collaborative efforts through Project ECHO and are dedicated to expanding these initiatives to enhance care in numerous other areas, striving for better health outcomes for everyone.”

BUDI GUNADI SADIKIN
Minister of Health, Indonesia



“Project ECHO is a powerful, affordable and scalable approach to significantly strengthen health systems to serve marginalized populations in the Global South. Through their partnerships with governments, NGOs and global health organizations, ECHO is helping to address urgent health care priorities by strengthening health care workforces to meet the needs of remote and underserved communities all over the world.”

OLIVIA LELAND
Founder and CEO, Co-Impact



“We used to do trainings in person. The problem was: even when the knowledge in the training is perfect, how were we going to take it to scale? We started deploying the ECHO Model to great success. In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, the work that we are trying to do is not just enabling partners and local programs to use ECHO effectively in general agricultural training, but looking at how we can use ECHO to truly change the system so that sustainable agriculture practices become widespread.”

SANJAY JOSHIE
Head of Climate Change, Agriculture and Livelihoods, ECHO India



“More than 75% of deaths in the Global South come from diseases that are preventable and treatable; Project ECHO is the most efficient way to build a global health workforce that can deliver quality care to those who need it the most.”

DR. SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN
Chairperson, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation

ECHO AROUND THE WORLD



NEW MEXICO

39 New ECHO Programs Launched in New Mexico



UNITED STATES

Always At The Ready



AFRICA

Meeting the Most Critical Community Needs



LATIN AMERICA

Furthering Our Impact



ASIA-PACIFIC

Significant Markers of Success



INDIA

Bridging Sectors and States

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GLOBAL SOUTH LEADERS

Dear ECHO Community,

As leaders of Project ECHO's locally-headquartered regional offices in India and Kenya, we have a unique view of the challenges to implementing solutions for improving health. We also have a singular view of the opportunities and impact that ECHO can and does have in the communities we live and work in.

Across the global south, Project ECHO's technology-enabled, human-powered network is driving change for millions.

From state and national health ministries to global health leaders like the World Health Organization to the universities and academic centers that are adapting the ECHO

Model to their local contexts, our partners are accelerating the impact of the ECHO movement in resource-scarce settings.

Each region in the Global South faces unique challenges, whether it's reaching 17,000+ remote islands in Indonesia, overcoming societal barriers in India, difficult terrain in Central and Latin America, or infrastructure in areas of Africa. We're grateful to have a solution in the ECHO Model that helps local leaders overcome these challenges.

In the true spirit of ECHO, our partners are collaborating to address the most urgent health priorities. Our partner network is keeping frontline health care workers up-to-date on the latest mpox developments, getting low-cost screenings for women's cancers to the most remote communities, and building workforce capacity to address the growing mental health crisis. As always, we're proving that together, we can be ready at a moment's notice to respond to the next public health crisis.

Critically, the ECHO movement is achieving real, measurable outcomes throughout the Global South, and doing so with an intentional focus on gender and racial equity. While the ECHO Model is inherently equitable, our partners are designing programs that go even further in ensuring that women and other underserved populations not only get access to best-practice treatment, but that health care workers at all levels get access to knowledge, mentoring and career development.

As we look to 2025, complex health care challenges will continue to evolve and challenge all of us. We're confident that the ECHO movement, driven by our vast global partner network, will continue to innovate and collaborate to help them meet those challenges.

Sincerely,



Kumud Rai

Dr. (Col) Kumud Rai
Chairperson & Managing Trustee
ECHO India



Caroline Kisia

Dr. Caroline Kisia
Africa Director
Project ECHO

NEW MEXICO

In Focus: The State's Most Vulnerable Populations

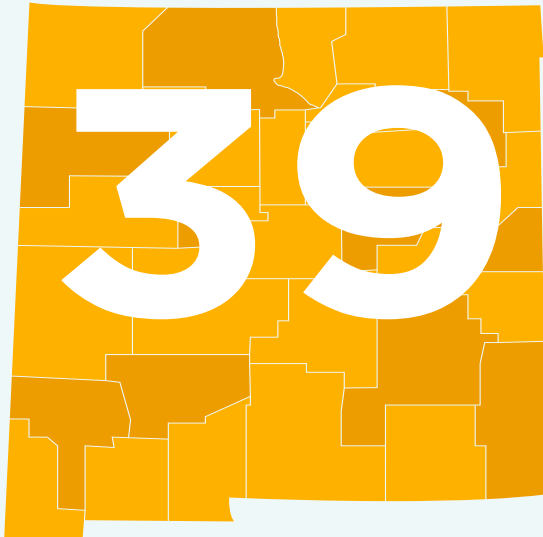


Headquartered in Albuquerque, Project ECHO supported our home state through 65 programs improving health and education access for all New Mexicans.

To address the systemic impacts of substance use in New Mexico, we launched two programs to provide treatment and medical care to two vulnerable populations: incarcerated individuals and people experiencing homelessness.

In response to a nationwide syphilis outbreak, we were able to quickly stand up an ECHO program to disseminate best practices in prevention and treatment, especially for marginalized populations.

Our programming to support New Mexico's public education system reached more than 4,000 educators in support of the state's priorities: literacy, STEM and workforce resilience. And, in response to the youth mental health crisis, we created an ECHO program to support suicide prevention.



39 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN NEW MEXICO



Celebrating 15 Years of Making a Difference for Public Health

Since 2009, the New Mexico Peer Education Project team has been successfully training peer educators to teach other incarcerated individuals about hepatitis C prevention and treatment.

Today, PEP's success is well-known in New Mexico, operating in all of the state's prison facilities. Several other states and two countries have followed in its footsteps.

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Stronger Guardrails for New Mexico's Most Vulnerable Children

New Mexico has the highest rate of children with four, or more, adverse childhood experiences in the country.

Project ECHO supports a novel solution to a crisis: establishing a cross-community network of professionals using an “all teach, all learn” approach to support kids that could otherwise fall through the cracks.

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Steps Forward for Opioid Use Disorder Care in New Mexico

The New Mexico Community Health Worker and Peer Support Worker Opioid ECHO Program demonstrates how the ECHO Model bridges critical training gaps for frontline providers.

These critical support professionals learn best practices and share knowledge; and they have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships in their field. A strong professional network is a lifeline for workforce resilience; and it's a lifesaving resource for better, faster solutions for clients recovering from opioid use disorders, says Matthew Pettit, a peer support worker.

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“This ECHO program has given me education and empowerment to improve the services we offer our pregnant and postpartum members, as well as inform other stakeholders of current trends and evidence-based practice. I am more able to actively participate in maternal health quality efforts and am grateful for the connections and collaboration I have experienced.”

Mandy Lee

MSN, RN, CCM

United Healthcare Community Plan of Washington,
Healthy First Steps Program Manager
New Mexico Improving Perinatal Health ECHO Program



UNITED STATES

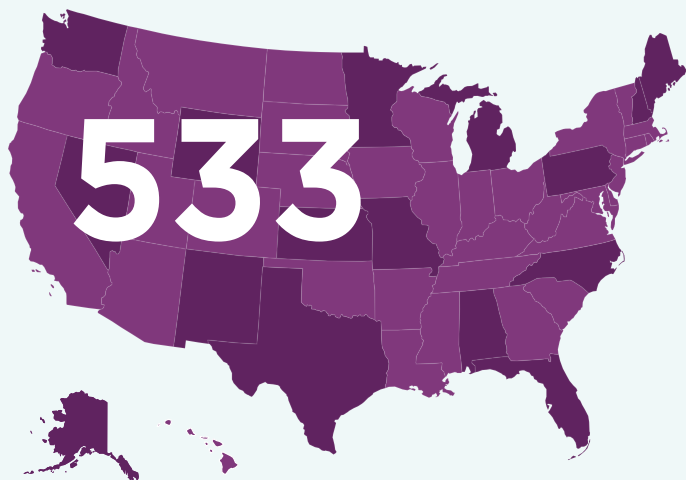
Always At the Ready



With more than two decades of growth across the United States, the ECHO network has become foundational to national efforts in public health and health care workforce resilience. In 2024, this network demonstrated new opportunities to scale up, or scale down, to meet ever-changing needs.

In partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration and Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services, national ECHO programs support workforce resilience and training in all sectors of health care, increasing tools to decrease burnout and increase retention. This year, those lessons helped expand an ECHO program exclusively for supporting Indian Country correctional officers, an often isolated, high-intensity professional group.

In response to the surging syphilis epidemic (and syndemic with HIV and substance use), Project ECHO leveraged its existing infrastructure to rapidly deploy critical training and support for frontline health care workers. With infectious disease specialists at academic medical centers in nearly every state, ECHO supported quick-to-scale program launches for a range of public health issues including environmental health impacts, mpox and suicide prevention.



533 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN THE UNITED STATES



ECHO Autism Programs Integrate Self-Advocates' Lived Experience

ECHO Autism communities were the first ECHO programs to incorporate “self-advocates”— people who have lived experience with a condition or issue — as program experts alongside medical specialists.

“Nothing for us or about us, without us” is their slogan; the self-advocates weigh in on everything from family and legal issues to potential prescriptions.

“I do this work with Project ECHO because I want people with disabilities to live in a better world,” says John Lemus, a self-advocate with ECHO Autism.

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Oklahoma State University Establishes **Statewide Programs**

Often ranking among the lowest nationally for public education, Oklahoma needed an innovative solution...and found Project ECHO.

Today, Oklahoma State University is leveraging ECHO to strengthen its public school system, with educators and administrators from all 77 counties participating in ECHO education programs.

Participants learn how to improve their class curricula and school health systems; strengthen their leadership skills; and build tools and awareness for social-emotional learning.

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ECHO Program Prioritizes Maternal Health Care for Black Women

In the Black Maternal Health ECHO program at the University of Indiana, ECHO participants co-create solutions for healthier communities that work within — and reimagine — our current health care system.

Professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including social services and clinical settings, advise each other on: navigating barriers to care, supporting Black fathers, and providing trauma-informed care. This year the program focused on creating better support systems for health care and social service workers.

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“The biggest impact ECHO has made on me personally and on countless other professionals—has been a connection to community. ECHO has positively affected the wellbeing of thousands of first responders, behavioral health and other health care professionals.

By improving our own wellbeing, we can more strongly, passionately, and consistently provide excellent services to our patients who rely on us.”

Kimble Richardson

MS, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC Manager,
Business Development and Referrals,
Fairbanks Behavioral Health and Community Fairbanks Recovery Center
Behavioral Health Professional
Workforce Resilience ECHO Program



AFRICA

Meeting the Most Critical Community Needs



With a newly appointed Africa director and her Nairobi-based team, Dr. Caroline Kisia is shepherding the expansion of ECHO programming and strategic partnerships. This growth is bolstered by regional Super-hub teams in Cote d'Ivoire and Zambia, who train and support new ECHO partners.

Now in seven countries, the Telementoring, Equity and Advocacy Collaboration for Health through Antimicrobial Stewardship initiative expanded to Rwanda, Senegal and Zambia with new programs to curb antimicrobial resistance.

With the outbreak of mpox, regional partners—the World Health Organization's Africa Regional Office, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and others—leveraged their ECHO networks to launch emergency digital learning sessions designed to disseminate urgent guidance. Similarly, the recently established Rwanda Infection Prevention and Control ECHO Program leveraged their network to address the Marburg virus outbreak.

Across the continent, 20 ministries of health are deepening their work with ECHO. Many have expanded their reach beyond infectious diseases to noncommunicable ones, such as cancer and diabetes. And, Nigeria recently cut a new path, launching Africa's first ECHO for Education program.



144 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN AFRICA



Africa's First K-12 ECHO Education Program

In 2024, Nigeria held the first education-focused ECHO sessions in Africa.

Overcoming challenges, including limited data access, educators focused on sustainable school leadership, leveraging low-data technology, and new tools to build engaging lessons plans.

The Nigerian Education ECHO program is a testament to the power of ECHO's human network. Its success can be attributed, in part, to the 30 successful ECHO health programs already taking place in Nigeria as well as a connection with Nigerian students at Oklahoma State University.

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Cote d'Ivoire: An ECHO Catalyst in Francophone Africa

The National Public Health Institute (INSP) was a trailblazer for the ECHO Model in 2016, when it first launched programs for HIV and cervical cancer.

But, when the Ministry of Health needed to quickly train health providers on HIV diagnosis and treatment in 2019, ECHO became a valuable tool.

Today, INSP is an ECHO Superhub and recognized partner of Cote d'Ivoire's Ministry of Health. They are focused on supporting the spread of the ECHO Model throughout francophone Africa.

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The Power of the ECHO Model for Emergency Response and Public Health

The ECHO SuperHub at Zambia's Ministry of Health has established partnerships across Africa fighting for better care for cancer, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases and, now, coordinated regional emergency response efforts.

Today, the Zambian Ministry of Health is reaching across borders through its Southern African Regional ECHO Program, bringing together partners in five countries in a concerted effort to prevent public health crises and be able to rapidly scale in response to emergencies.

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“All cadres of health professionals, even those in the peri-urban and rural [areas of] Ghana can join in a biweekly, practical, case-based engagement. Together, we have been learning how to push against antimicrobial resistance and be better anti-microbial stewards. For us, in Ghana, I can say it’s been revolutionary.”

Dr. Mavis Sakyi, MPH

Senior Medical Officer,
Ministry of Health Ghana,
Ghana TEACH Antimicrobial Stewardship ECHO Program



LATIN AMERICA

Furthering Our Impact



Thanks to our regional Superhubs, there are ECHO partners in more than 20 countries in Latin America. In 2024, these local leaders provided seven Partner Launch Trainings for 36 organizations in Spanish and Portuguese.

Women's health was a top priority, with four new ECHO programs for rural communities focused on breast and cervical cancer, gender-based violence, maternal mental health, and reproductive health.

In Argentina, the nonprofit organization PROAnet led an antimicrobial stewardship ECHO program across 10 countries on common standards for population-level antibiotic use and needs for antimicrobial program development.

As the ECHO network continues to grow and deepen its impact throughout the region, cross-country and regional collaborations, as well as locally led programming, has been key to a successful, and sustainable, positive impact.



51 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN LATIN AMERICA



A New Focus on Women's Health Emergencies

High rates of maternal mortality and morbidity continue to plague many South and Central American countries. This year, ECHO partners launched four new programs focused on best practices in women's health emergencies.

Focused on rural areas and high-impact interventions—such as hypertension in pregnancy—these initiatives focus on upskilling providers who are least likely to access additional training.

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Mental Health in Latin America: Reaching Even Farther Than Before

The need for mental health services in Latin America has reached a breaking point. And ECHO partners in eight countries have answered the call.

These ECHO programs provide mental health training and mentorship to rural and low-resource providers, who often only have enough technology and mobility to reach continuing education through a smartphone. These providers may live in remote jungle areas or areas that can only be accessed by boat – truly, a patient’s only hope for help.

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‘Pasantes’ ECHO Supports Newly Minted Doctors Working in Rural Communities

In Mexico, the final year of medical school takes place in the country’s most remote and marginalized communities, where young doctors often struggle with unreliable supplies of medicine, outdated medical equipment, and lack of access to specialists.

All new doctors in Mexico are required to complete a year of social service in a remote area, providing a safety net for people in rural and underserved communities. Historically, these social service doctors, known as “pasantes,” have been unsupervised and unsupported, diluting their impact in the communities where they work.

Now, however, pasantes in the Mexican states of Hidalgo, Morales, Oaxaca, and Tlaxcala receive ongoing support and exchange best practices through Project ECHO.

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“ECHO is a model that connects multidisciplinary teams of experts with health care teams throughout our region. Strategically, ECHO contributes to primary health care by bringing specialized expertise to patient care, contributing to the reduction of health risks as well as the burden of communicable diseases and chronic non-communicable diseases in the region.”

María de los Angeles Campos

Director of Health Integration,
Executive Office of the Secretary,
Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and Dominican Republic (SECOMISCA) and the Central American Integration System (SICA)



ASIA-PACIFIC

Significant Markers of Success



This year, our ECHO partners focused on strengthening in-country networks and supporting local adoption of the ECHO Model.

Vietnam: ECHO teams established landmark partnerships with major cancer centers and hospitals in the central and southern regions. The Vietnam National Children's Hospital supported this expansion with their largest-ever ECHO Partner Launch Training, with participants from 30 organizations.

Malaysia: First establishing a footprint in 2021, Project ECHO has now signed a memorandum of understanding with the Malaysian Academy of Medicine in a ceremony with health officials from around the country, including the Minister of Health. Partners in Malaysia continue to leverage expertise and support from the existing ECHO networks in Indonesia and across the region to build programs in cancer, maternal and child health, and palliative care.

Indonesia: Indonesia's Ministry of Health has ambitious goals: lower the maternal mortality rate; improve cancer outcomes for women and children; and, ultimately, establish universal health care coverage. And, it's using the ECHO Model to get there.

On an archipelago of 17,000 islands, there is a critical need to provide training and mentoring to the health care work force.

Cancer needs a multidisciplinary approach for better outcomes, and ECHO made it easier and accessible for our peripheral hospitals and doctors to get guidance from experts," says Dr. Haridini Intan S. Mahdi, a pediatric oncologist and advisory board member of the Cancer ECHO Program.



77 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN ASIA-PACIFIC region



Overcoming Barriers on an Island Nation

The Indonesian Ministry of Health has an ambitious goal: to establish universal health care...and is using the ECHO Model to achieve it.

On an archipelago of 17,000 islands, there is a critical need to provide training and mentoring to the health care work force.

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In Vietnam, ECHO Means More Opportunities for Women

ECHO's female leaders in Vietnam believe the ECHO Model makes a difference for helping women achieve workplace visibility.

ECHO empowers women to be heard and to access higher-level positions by increasing access to continuing education, allowing women to become more easily specialized in their field.

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Answering the Call for Specialized Care in Malaysia

In a country with only four specialized physicians for every 10,000 patients, the ECHO Model creates new possibilities for equitable care.

In 2024, we celebrated new partnerships in Malaysia, as well as the expansion of ECHO programming to address a variety of cancers—breast, head and neck, liver—as well as palliative care.

"It is difficult to multiply doctors immediately, but it is easier to build the capacity of our current doctors so that they can provide diagnoses and treatment in their own geography," says Dr. Rosmawati Mohamed, clinical specialist for two ECHO programs focused on liver cancer and the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia's chief chairperson.

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“The ECHO Model has changed traditional medical training for the better. Our Ministry of Health’s partnership with ECHO has helped to train tens of thousands of pediatricians and health care workers not only in our cities, but in our most rural and inaccessible areas.

The ECHO Model provides training we otherwise wouldn’t have, and contributes to a more diverse and capable workforce — ultimately improving the quality of care that patients receive, at scale.”

Dr. Le Hong Nhung

Director of Pediatric Health Care,
Vietnam National Children’s Hospital Founder and Facilitator Lead,
ECHO Superhub at Vietnam National Children’s Hospital



INDIA

Bridging Sectors and States



Building on 15 years of successful partnerships to improve health outcomes, ECHO India focused on growing mentorship and training for frontline health workers to identify, diagnose and treat noncommunicable diseases with the potential early interventions, including: cardiac health, cervical cancer, diabetes and respiratory health.

ECHO India leveraged their existing ECHO network to further support nurses (a largely female workforce) with training and specialization in the fields of: administration, infectious diseases and mental health. This country-wide network also catalyzed the launch of an ECHO program for women in agriculture, with a specific focus on workforce development and sustainable farming practices.

For Indian educators, a new program focused on social emotional learning integrates the ECHO network's knowledge about how to best support children's mental health and social learning.

With more than 400 ECHO Hubs and partnerships in every state, including the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, ECHO India has become a leader for the ECHO movement.



432 NEW ECHO PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN INDIA



This Indian Non-Profit Saves Mothers and Babies

A mother-daughter nonprofit team, focused on reducing neonatal and maternal deaths in India, found a solution with ECHO. Every Infant Matters uses the ECHO Model to train frontline health care workers on critical emergency response care and perinatal care best practices.

"Ninety percent of the people we train are women, so all of our work with ECHO is directed toward making women feel more empowered," says Dr. Radhika Batra. "This [ECHO] training gives women strength to stand up for what they believe in."

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ECHO India: Building a Country-Wide Network for Holistic Health

Since the ECHO India Trust was established in 2008, the ECHO Model has become the country's preeminent solution for improving last-mile health care, from small mountain villages to coastal cities.

Today, the ECHO India team is focused on solving country wide systems-level challenges that affect health and well-being: clean water, education, gender equity and sustainable farming practices.

"We've come a long way, but our work is far from over. Every life improved, every provider empowered, drives us forward. In ECHO, we see the future of health care, and it's a future where quality care is within everyone's reach," Dr. Col. Kumud Rai, chairperson and managing trustee of the ECHO India Trust.

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“The ECHO Model reaches to the last mile. It is a trusted human network which ECHO has created for the democratization of knowledge. That is why the ECHO Model is the flagship program of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the government of India.

In India, that trusted human network has increased day by day and year by year with our partners, and now, we have tens of thousands of workers, and millions of patients, who owe their health and their education to the ECHO Model.”

Dr. Sandeep Bhalla

Vice President of Projects, ECHO India



AN ECHO OF HOPE

Judy Wanyoike (Nairobi), a patient who lost hope in the face of steep financial, logistical & social challenges to treatment.



Judy Wanyoike

Cervical Cancer Survivor, Dandora, Nairobi-Kenya

About 90% of cervical cancer deaths happen in low- and middle-income countries. They don't have to. If detected and treated early, cervical cancer is curable. Using the ECHO Model, our partners in Kenya are sharing best practices with providers in screening and treating cervical cancer – and their support goes beyond just medications. Today, Judy has fully recovered, in part, thanks to an ECHO-trained health advocate who supported her recovery journey by helping her navigate those challenges.

“Cervical cancer is almost 100% preventable through the HPV vaccine, routine screening and appropriate follow-up treatment,” says Caroline Kisia, director of ECHO Africa. “Project ECHO is a critical intervention that assures these essential tools, such as the recently approved, single-dose HPV vaccine, actually reach patients throughout Africa.”

SUPPORT PROJECT ECHO

Join us in saving and improving the lives of millions around the world.

Donate to Project ECHO and help us improve health care outcomes in communities worldwide.

Your generosity makes a difference. Join Project ECHO in getting the right knowledge to the right places at the right time so we can bring best-practice health care and education to everyone, helping them achieve their full potential. Backed by a solid body of research, Project ECHO's potential is unprecedented. Put simply, we are changing the way knowledge is shared to advance human health and well-being. The result looks different in every community, but the impact is always profound.

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