The International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) is a center within the Department of Global Health at the University of Washington, a premier academic institution located in Seattle, WA, USA. Founded in 2002, I-TECH’s work is rooted in transformative education and reciprocal learning, which appreciates and centers the diversity and complexity of individuals’ and institutions’ learning experience and applies it to programming for positive impact.

We are committed to building long-term capacity in health systems strengthening; human resources for health; and targeted, data-driven interventions and research that are responsive to local needs. Our global network spans more than 20 countries and partners with country governments, universities, non-governmental organizations, civil society partners, and funders to design and implement locally relevant health programs within existing local systems and processes.

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I-TECH AT A GLANCE

I-TECH BY THE NUMBERS

~1,000 health care facilities supported
120 laboratories supported
~ 250,000 people initiated on ART
> 660,000 men circumcised*
~ 5.2 million people tested for HIV
550,000+ people currently enrolled in HIV care

October 2017 to September 2022; *since beginning of programming

WHO WE ARE

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OUR GLOBAL NETWORK

Argentina
Botswana
Brazil
Colombia
Côte d’Ivoire
Ethiopia
Georgia
Haiti
India
Jamaica
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Malawi
Mauritius
Mozambique
Namibia
Nigeria
Paraguay
Peru
South Africa
Tanzania
Thailand
Trinidad & Tobago
Uganda
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Zambia
Zimbabwe

* Country office
Country office transitioned to local organization
Ensure Sustainable Local Capacity and Health Systems

I-TECH takes a holistic, system-wide approach to building individual, local, and health system capacity to ensure sustainable outcomes. We work within existing national health systems, recognizing the multiple factors that affect health systems and those who work within it. We provide tailored technical assistance to advocate for, strengthen, and transfer these systems and processes to local governments to assure the success of the health workforce to deliver and improve access to quality health care services.

Develop a Strong Health Workforce

I-TECH is a leader in global health workforce development. Our approach to education and training of an optimized health workforce is based on 20 years of experience developing, implementing, and evaluating innovative, multilingual, face-to-face, distance, and blended learning training programs. I-TECH facilitates learning and application of new skills and behaviors through skills building within professional, practicum, and educational settings, followed by on-site mentoring and distance consultation, and continuing education.

Implement Large-Scale Programs

We bring projects to scale rapidly through technical assistance at every phase of programming. Working closely with stakeholders, we have implemented national programs that support each level of a health system—from site level to governance—to monitor and refine its response to critical health threats.

Ensure Accuracy and Use of Strategic Information

I-TECH promotes a culture of using data for decision making. We bring together an expansive network of academic expertise related to health information systems, monitoring and evaluation, disease surveillance, and implementation science.

Expand Innovative Research and Evaluation

I-TECH specializes in developing appropriate research designs and methods for application in resource-limited settings. We conduct research to inform every phase of programming, starting with assessments to clarify the underlying nature and parameters of a problem before an intervention begins. I-TECH faculty and staff develop research studies worldwide to generate knowledge from the field, and we integrate robust assessments and evaluations into routine programming.

QUICK FACTS

- I-TECH has created more than 350 training programs and products that have been adopted by ministries of health in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean Region.
- More than 100,000 health care workers have been trained with I-TECH support.
- I-TECH has transitioned more than 400 programs to local entities and launched indigenous health organizations that have received ~$32 million in funding.
- I-TECH has hosted OpenELIS Global, an open-source laboratory information system (LIS) platform, and has developed and implemented 215 LIS systems since 2012.
- I-TECH has implemented more than 560 electronic health information systems.
- I-TECH has led national pre-service curriculum reform in five countries and led faculty development efforts to strengthen delivery of competency-based courses and practica.

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