HEPATITIS IS A SILENT KILLER

Globally, 354 million people are infected with hepatitis B or hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis B and C cause 1.1 million deaths per year.

Only 9% of HBV-infected people and 20% of HCV-infected people have been tested and diagnosed. Of those diagnosed with HBV infection, 8% are on treatment, while 7% of those diagnosed with HCV infection have started treatment.

By 2040, hepatitis B and C deaths will surpass deaths from HIV, TB and malaria.

The elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030 will prevent 7.1 million deaths.

THE COALITION’S VALUE PROPOSITION

Since our inception in 2019, CGHE has become the go-to resource for informed viral hepatitis program guidance and policy making. We have been a critical champion in supporting country leaders around the world in bolstering their health systems to meet their unique challenges impeding hepatitis elimination.

The Coalition takes a unique, holistic view to elimination, directly supporting countries across income levels and health system development on their elimination journeys. CGHE serves as a key connector of countries and stakeholders working on pressing public health issues. The Coalition works in partnership with professional societies, technical organizations, industry, governments, and others – all with the common aim to eliminate viral hepatitis and strengthen public health systems.

“For the first time in history, the disease can now be cured, raising hopes of eradicating hepatitis C virus from the world population” - 2020 Nobel Prize for Medicine Committee

THE COALITION’S ACTIVITIES FALL WITHIN OUR THREE STRATEGIC PILLARS

1. The Coalition connects and supports programs by growing a Community of Practice to build capacity for hepatitis prevention, testing, and care and treatment programs through activities.

2. Strengthen the evidence base to support countries with the greatest hepatitis burden by spearheading new research and developing novel technical assistance resources.

3. Mobilize commitment to build awareness and urgency around the importance of hepatitis elimination from public and policy stakeholders.

- Virtual learning sessions through four established webinar series.
- Building a community of practice in African countries to support introduction of hepatitis B birth dose vaccine.
- Assisting five countries to develop robust national testing and treatment policies.

- Developing National Elimination Profiles (NHEPs) for 40 high-burden countries and leverage profiles to mobilize political commitment.
- Creating a HCV Treatment in Pregnancy (TiP–HepC) Registry to improve evidence on safety of HCV treatment in pregnancy.

- Serving on technical advisory committees such as WHO HQ, WHO WPRO, WHO PAHO, and the African Union to promote hepatitis elimination.
- Co-convening or serving on planning committees for global hepatitis meetings to advocate for hepatitis elimination.
WHAT WORKS
Components For Strong National Hepatitis Elimination Programs

1. Developing strategic national plan & monitoring performance
2. Catalyzing micro-elimination pilots
3. Implementing strong prevention, testing & treatment policies
4. Mobilizing political & community support
5. Focusing on health equity
6. Integrating hepatitis elimination services with existing health systems
7. Leveraging sustainable financing
8. Participating in operational research
9. Revising targets as programs improve

Mobilizing Commitment
Connecting & Supporting Programs
Building Evidence Base

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CGHE 2022 Key Targets

Improve prevention of mother to child transmission for HBV and HCV
Improve HBV and HCV testing and linkage to care
Support national planning and evaluation
Capitalize on health systems transformations from COVID-19 response