



CHILD HEALTH TASK FORCE

Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What is the Child Health Task Force?

Created in 2010,* the Task Force is a global network, working to support the design and delivery of high quality child health programs that take a life-course approach. To date, the Child Health Task Force is comprised of over 7000 individuals from 159 countries representing implementing partners, governments, donors (bilateral and multilateral), academic institutions, and private sector at global and country levels.

Q. What does the Task Force do?

The Task Force aims to generate and share evidence on how to implement equitable, comprehensive, and integrated programs that will translate into better outcomes for children. As a learning community, the Task Force facilitates sharing, provides countries and child health stakeholders with access to a pool of technical experts, tested implementation tools, approaches, and engages members to translate knowledge into better practices.

Q. How is the Task Force organized?

Within the Task Force are [ten subgroups](#) that focus on: Childhood Vaccination; Digital Health and Innovations; Emergencies and Humanitarian Settings; Re-imagining the Package of Care for Children; Institutionalizing iCCM; Monitoring and Evaluation; Nutrition and Child Health; Private Sector Engagement; Newborn and Child Health Commodities; Quality of Care. Members engage with the Task Force by contributing to one or more subgroup(s).

The Task Force is coordinated by a Secretariat led by JSI. A Steering Committee provides the Task Force with support, guidance, and oversight. The committee includes Aga Khan University-Pakistan, the Global Financing Facility/World Bank, JSI, Makerere University, the Malawi Ministry of Health, the Burkina Faso Ministry of Health, Save the Children, Total Family Health Organisation Ghana, UNICEF, USAID, and WHO.

* Initially, iCCM Task Force (2010-2016).

Child Health Task Force Goal

To strengthen equitable and comprehensive child health programs — focused on children aged 0–19 years in line with the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030) — through primary health care, inclusive of community health systems.

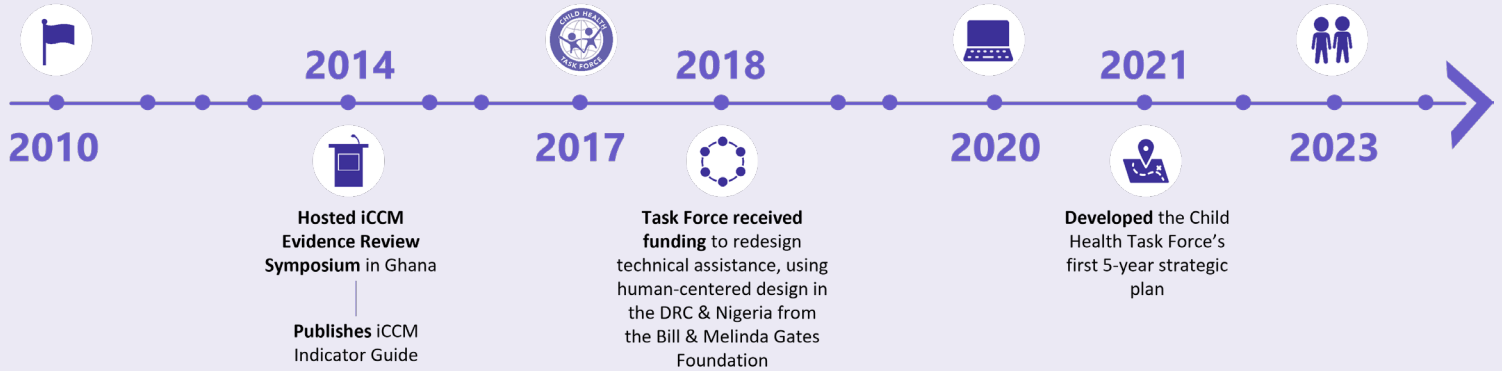
Child Health Task Force Milestones

Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) Task Force established to advance community-based treatment for diarrhea, pneumonia & malaria

Launched the Child Health Task Force, an expanded mandate from iCCM

Developed COVID-19 resource hub & webinar series

Launched the Child Survival Action Initiative: a renewed call to action for the unfinished child survival agenda, especially in Africa



Q. What are the subgroups? What do they do?

Subgroups address specific themes within child health programming and each group has its respective agenda with activities that are stated in its terms of reference (TORs). Subgroups organize meetings (typically bi-monthly), technical webinars (available in French and English), consultations, and review global goods important to child health. Recordings and materials from all past events are all available on the website. Collaboration is expected across subgroups, especially those that are cross-cutting.

Each subgroup is led by 2-3 co-chairs from different member organizations. Co-chairs are an extension of the Steering Committee and provide strategic and technical inputs to guide Task Force priorities. If you are interested in being considered for a co-chair position and/or want to get more involved, reach out to the Secretariat at childhealthtaskforce@jsi.com.

Q. What is the role of the Steering Committee?

The SC's roles and responsibilities include: setting the agenda of the Task Force in consultation with members; promoting the agenda and accomplishments of the Task Force to stakeholders and potential funders; and contributing to resource mobilization for Task Force activities. The SC meets bi-annually to review progress, assess feedback from members, and set priorities. Reports from these meetings are shared widely with the Task Force and posted on the website.

Q. Who funds the Task Force?

The Secretariat (JSI) is funded by USAID's Global Health and Africa Bureaus through the MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project.

Q. How can I get more involved?

Sign up for subgroups and to receive communications from the Secretariat and co-chairs by completing [this form](#). You will be automatically added to the respective mailing list(s). If you have an idea for an activity or webinar or want to share feedback, do not hesitate to reach out at childhealthtaskforce@jsi.com.