



North Carolina Institutions, U.S. Foreign Policy, and Global Health Policy: North Carolina as a Driving Force for the Obama Administration's Global Health Initiative

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Introduction

- Changes in US global health policy will greatly influence North Carolina organizations and institutions
 - NC policymakers hold key positions in shaping that policy – for the state, the nation, and the world

Objectives

- Articulate key features of the Obama Administration's Global Health Initiative (GHI), document global health policy initiatives in the 111th Congress, and identify levels of state initiation and support
- Describe the work of Research Triangle area leaders in global health

U.S. Foreign Assistance for Health

- Global health has become an explicit goal of US policy in the past decade
- This role is set to grow under the Obama Administration
- US moving away from model of working through international institutions for global health governance

Global Health Initiative

- Seeks to develop a comprehensive global health strategy to integrate and organize US global health initiatives
 - Shapes how US government coordinates its resources across global health activities and engages with developing countries
- \$63 billion set aside for this initiative over a 6 year period
 - Builds on existing disease-specific efforts – 70% of funds earmarked for PEPFAR
- Promises to develop sustainable country-led platforms for health
 - Focus on public health systems
 - Views improvements in public health as a means to economic development in the developing world

9 GHI Targets for Global Health

- HIV/AIDS
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Maternal Health
- Child Health
- Nutrition
- Family Planning and Reproductive Health
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Health Systems Strengthening

7 GHI Key Principles

- Women- and girl-centered approach
- Strategic coordination and integration
- Strengthen and leverage other global efforts
- Encourage country ownership
- Promote sustainability through health system strengthening
- Improve metrics, monitoring, and evaluation
- Encourage innovative research

North Carolina's Influence on Global Health Policy

- Despite an overwhelming role of NC institutions in promoting global health innovation, NC's Congressional delegation has done comparatively less to advance state interests by way of sponsoring or co-sponsoring bills or resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives

111th Congressional Global Health Policy Initiatives (2009-2010)**,**+,*+*

Title	Bill Number	Summary	Total Number Co-Sponsors	NC Response (Co-Sponsors)
21 st Century Global Health Technology Act	S.1591; H.R.3560	Bill to establish a Health Technology Program in USAID to research and develop technologies to improve global health	Sen. (1) Rep. (25)	Sen. (0) Rep. (0)
Global Child Survival Act of 2009	S.1966	Bill to provide assistance to improve health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries	Sen. (10)	Sen. (0)
Global Food Security Act of 2009	S.284; H.R. 3077	Bill to authorize appropriations for FY2010-FY2014 to foreign countries to promote food security, stimulate rural economies, and improve emergency response to food crises	Sen. (16) Rep. (82)	Sen. (0) Rep. (82) Miller; Rep. David Price
Global HEALTH Act of 2010	H.R.4933	The Global Health Expansion, Access to Labor, Transparency, and Harmonization Act establishes coordination for all U.S. health-related foreign assistance, assists developing countries in health service delivery, and establishes initiatives to strengthen indigenous health workforces	Rep. (19)	Rep. (0)
Global Health Care Cooperation Act	S.3135	Bill to enhance global healthcare cooperation	Sen. (0)	Sen. (0)
Global Poverty Act 2009	H.R.2639	Bill that requires the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for the reduction of global poverty, elimination of extreme poverty, and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals	Rep. (6)	Rep. (0)
Global Resources & Opportunities for Women to Thrive Act of 2009	S.1425; H.R. 5193	Bill to increase U.S. financial and programmatic contributions to further economic prospects for women in developing countries	Sen. (21) Rep. (12)	Sen. Kay Hagan Rep. (0)
Global Sexual and Reproductive Health Act of 2010	H.R.5321	Promotes sexual and reproductive health of both individuals and couples in developing countries	Rep. (38)	Rep. David Price
Global Service Fellowship Program Act of 2009	S. 589	Directs the Administrator of USAID to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program for and fellowships and establishes the Office of Volunteers for Prosperity	Sen. (5)	Sen. (0)
Improvements in Global Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes while Maximizing Successes Act	H.R. 5268	Authorizes the President to furnish assistance to improve maternal and newborn health in developing countries; includes of HIV/AIDS prevention programs	Rep. (74)	Rep. David Price
Increasing America's Global Development Capacity Act of 2009	S.355	Bill to enhance United States' capacity to carry out global development activities	Sen. (7)	Sen. (0)
International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2009	S.987; H.R. 2103	Bill to prevent child marriage for the protection of girls in developing countries	Sen. (40) Rep. (108)	Sen. Richard Burr; Sen. Kay Hagan Rep. Bob Etheridge; Rep. Bradley Miller; Rep. David Price
International Violence Against Women Act of 2010	S.2982; H.R.4584	Bill to combat international violence against women and girls	Sen. (11) Rep. (118)	Sen. (0) Rep. Larry Kissel
International Women's Freedom Act of 2009	S. 230; H.R. 606	Establishes an Office of International Women's Rights within the Department of State	Sen. (0) Rep. (17)	Sen. (0) Rep. (0)
Microfinance Capacity-Building Act of 2009	H.R. 1987	Directs USAID to provide grants to eligible private non-profit microfinance institution networks that serve the poor and very poor in developing countries	Rep. (19)	Rep. (0)
Newborn, Child, and Mother Survival Act of 2009	H.R.1410	Bill to provide assistance for newborn, child, and maternal health improvement in developing countries	Rep. (94)	Rep. Larry Kissel; Rep. Bradley Miller; Rep. David Price
Roadmap Act of 2009	H.R. 2817	Establishes the White House Office on Global Hunger and Food Security and the Permanent Joint Select Committee on Hunger to address global hunger and improve food security	Rep. (37)	Rep. (0)
Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2009	S.624; H.R. 2030	Bill to provide 3 million people with first-time, sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015	Sen. (33) Rep. (78)	Sen. Richard Burr Rep. George Butterfield; Rep. Melvin Watt
A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming the United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative	S.RES.499		Sen. (10)	Sen. (0)
A resolution supporting the goals of World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis	S.RES.454		Sen. (0)	Sen. (0)
Recognizing the disproportionate impact of the global food crisis on children in the developing world	H.CON.RES.11		Rep. (0)	Rep. (0)
Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should provide, on an annual basis, an amount equal to at least 1% of U.S. gross domestic product for nonmilitary assistance programs	H.CON.RES.63		Rep. (15)	Rep. (0)
Recognizing the disparate impact of climate change on women and the efforts of women globally to address climate change	H.CON.RES.98		Rep. (39)	Rep. (0) Rep. George Burd
Expressing the sense of Congress that Africa is of significant strategic, political, economic, and humanitarian importance to the United States	H.CON.RES.128		Rep. (44)	Rep. (0)
Recognizing Project HOPE for 50 years of exceptional service to improve and save the lives of children and adults in developing nations through humanitarian assistance and health education	H.RES.666		Rep. (14)	Rep. (0)

* Current as of September 1, 2010

** None of these initiatives was sponsored by a North Carolina Representative

+ THOMAS (Library of Congress). <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. Accessed September 1 2010.
 ++ U.S. Congress Legislation - GovTrack.us. <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/legislation.xpd>. Accessed September 1, 2010.

State Global Health Activities

- Global health policy is inextricably linked to North Carolina's major nongovernmental, nonprofit, academic, research, and private sector institutions
- Many NC institutions are already leaders in the pursuit of GHI target areas and key principles

Implementation of the GHI Targets by Selected Research Triangle Institutions*

	HIV/AIDS	Tuberculosis	Malaria	Maternal Health	Child Health	Nutrition	Family Planning and Reproductive Health	Neglected Diseases	Health Systems Strengthening
Non-Governmental/Not-for-Profit Organizations									
Curamericas	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
FHI	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Global Vaccines, Inc.		x						x	
IntraHealth International	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Ipas				x			x		x
Stop Hunger Now					x	x			
Academic and Research Institutions									
Duke University	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
North Carolina State University	x	x	x					x	
RTI International	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Private Industry									
Chimerix	x								
Features Group	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
GlaxoSmithKline	x	x	x		x			x	
Novartis		x	x					x	
Quintiles	x	x	x						
Trimeris	x								

* Table is a representative, not EXHAUSTIVE, list based upon publicly available information

Conclusions

- NC is uniquely poised to serve as a leader in the development and sustained implementation of the GHI
- Global health policy is – increasingly – state innovation opportunity
 - NC's Congressional delegation has an opportunity to support state institutions by leading the effort to promote the GHI through global health policy reform
 - Lack of legislative support for US foreign health assistance and NC global health institutions presents a missed opportunity in global health policy