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Canadian Association for Global Health

MISSION

To connect, engage, strengthen and mobilize the global health community across Canada and internationally through collaborative research, learning, advocacy, policy and practice.

VISION

A vibrant global health community creating a healthier and more equitable world.

ABOUT US

The Canadian Association for Global Health (CAGH) brings together a vibrant global health community working to create a healthier and more equitable world.

Our action on health equity and the social determinants of health in Canada and worldwide is rooted in collaborative research, learning, advocacy, policy and practice and driven by knowledge exchange, the design and delivery of meaningful international projects, and the flagship annual Canadian Conference on Global Health (CCGH).

We are a member-based, not-for-profit organization representing, and supported by, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and students with academic and civil society partnerships across Canada and globally.

CAGH is the outcome of a member-supported amalgamation of the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) and builds on our more than 60 years of combined history, leadership, and action.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear CAGH members,

It has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the inaugural Board of Directors of the Canadian Association for Global Health during the past two years or so. I want to start by thanking all the board members and staff for their tireless commitment and hard work during this time. Associations like CAGH rise and fall based on the energy and commitment of their volunteer leaders and their streamlined staffs; we are fortunate to have attracted some outstanding individuals to these roles.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To say it has been a time of turbulence and change would be to understate the situation significantly. My term started with the search for a new executive director for the organization. After saying a sad farewell to Eva Slawecki, who had been with the association in its various guises for many years, we were fortunate to welcome Nafissatou Diop ("Nafi") to the role earlier this year.

An additional challenge for the organization has been the transition away from providing secretariat support for Health Systems Global (HSG). A contract was signed prior to the establishment of the current Board that provided funding to CAGH in return for providing these services to HSG. However, it became clear over time that CAGH staff was spending more time than anticipated on the needs of HSG, to the detriment of the work of CAGH. Both parties agreed to an early termination of the contract, which will occur at the end of October 2023. While this will result in some additional financial challenges for CAGH, it will free up our staff to focus on the work of our association.

An important part of this work moving forward will be the development and implementation of a new strategic plan, being led by Dr. Colleen Davison, who will soon transition to the role of Chair of the Board. In spite of the challenges we face, this is an exciting time for CAGH – with fresh perspectives and ideas supported by a highly skilled and committed volunteer Board of Directors and staff. I encourage all of you to find ways to volunteer and participate in the important work of the organization. And I want to thank you for your interest and support during my time as Chair.

It has been an honour to serve.

Jeff Blackmer
MD MHS Sc MBA FRCPC CCPE
Chair of the Board Canadian Association for Global Health

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear CAGH members,

Although I took function as Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Global Health on January 9, 2023, it is my pleasure to present to you the 2022 Annual report of the Association.

As we are opening up to a post-pandemic stage of COVID-19 and learning to better prepare for future pandemics, we continue to tackle pre-pandemic challenges that did not go dormant while COVID was raging. Issues such as HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, or Climate Change remain at the forefront.

In this report, read more about the 28th edition of our flagship annual Canadian Conference on Global Health which was held in a hybrid format November 21-23, 2022 under the very timely theme of “Towards Inclusive Global Health: Research and Practice Priorities in Uncertain Times”.

Over the year, CAGH continued to implement existing programming and pursued new opportunities. You will read about our contribution to the Canada Pavilion at the 24th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2022) which took place in Montreal, Canada, July 29–August 2, 2022, under the theme of Solidarity. Science. Support; the World Hepatitis Day Art contest organized in partnership with the Correctional Service Canada and provincial correctional services in Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Nova Scotia; the Students and Young Professional Network and the Mentornet program to continue bridging links between generations of global health leaders; and many more exciting projects and partnerships.

I would like to thank all the staff (past and present) working tirelessly behind the scenes to help drive this work forward, the Board (past and present) and all of you who are contributing to making CAGH a visible presence in the Canadian global health landscape. Together, we are contributing to creating a healthier and more equitable world.

Happy reading. Stay safe.

Nafissatou Diop, PhD
Executive Director
Canadian Association for Global Health

28TH CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

The 2022 Canadian Conference on Global Health was held from November 21-23, in Toronto and was delivered in a hybrid format for a second time, allowing participants from all over the world to participate both in person and virtually. The conference theme centered on the pursuit of inclusive global health in a world reeling from several crises, chief among which was COVID-19.



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2022 CANADIAN CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL HEALTH

Towards inclusive global health: research and practice priorities in uncertain times

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The uncertainty of conflict, climate change, economic crises, and pandemics, continues to call for attention and resources that will redress the inequities that exist along the continuum from local to global, within and between countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic upended life for people everywhere and highlighted the dramatic uncertainty of our times. Pandemic experiences have exacerbated the negative and differential impacts of already unpredictable environmental, political, social, and funding landscapes. Health inequities and exclusion remain deeply entrenched in our systems. With growing calls to decolonize global health and attention paid to equity, diversity, and inclusion, global health researchers and practitioners must channel attention toward inclusive rebuilding. How do we achieve meaningful inclusion in our research and practice in ways that will advance global health while creating and promoting opportunities for authentic partnerships and diverse leadership? How is inclusion considered and reflected while building stronger, decolonized spaces?

The uncertainties that emerge from climate change, poverty, growing inequalities and health emergencies have pervasive impacts on communities and people

who are already marginalized and disadvantaged. The impacts of such uncertainties reverberate across communities and are experienced in all countries around the world.

CCGH 2022 provided a platform to revisit and re-envision policies, strategies, and practices with the aim of identifying barriers and bottlenecks that may hinder the attainment of inclusive global health and Universal Health Coverage goals. The three-day event combined panel sessions, practical workshops, orals and poster presentations.

Subthemes addressed through plenaries included:

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice
- Local and International Inequities
- Indigenous Health
- Local Implementation as Key to Inclusivity
- Global Health in Times of Crisis

CCGH 2022 drew in just over 650 registrants – global health practitioners, students, university partners, civil society and government representatives – from 55 countries. Sixteen percent of participants were from low and middle-income countries (LMICs). In addition, 60% of the registrants self-identified as women. The CCGH also had a scholarship program open to its Student and Young Professional (SYP) members; in total, 17 scholarships were awarded to SYPs for the conference. CCGH 2022 was hosted in partnership with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and was made possible with the gracious support of Global Affairs Canada, the International Development Research Centre, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health. Air filtration was provided by Aeroex, whose generous support helped us create a safer conference environment.



Abia Akram, keynote speaker



Plenary: Equity, diversity and Justice

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY ART CONTEST

World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes place every year on July 28; this day is an occasion to raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis and advocate for real change. In 2022, the theme “I can’t wait” was chosen by the World Hepatitis Alliance to accelerate the fight against viral hepatitis and highlight the importance of testing and treatment of vulnerable individuals. The theme also helped channel the voice of those affected and called attention to the need to dismantle the pernicious stigma that accompanies this disease.

CAGH, with support from AbbVie, partnered with Correctional Service Canada, and provincial correctional services in Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Nova Scotia to facilitate its annual World Hepatitis Day art contest for incarcerated persons across Canada.

Hepatitis disproportionately affects people who are incarcerated. Low inmate awareness regarding hepatitis C infection is one of the major barriers to screening and care across correctional institutions in Canada. The World Hepatitis Day art contest was developed to raise awareness of the impact of hepatitis C and encourage incarcerated persons to learn their hepatitis status by getting tested.

Inspired by this year’s “I can’t wait” theme, participants created posters that depicted the urgent need to address viral hepatitis. Over 39 submissions were received from federal and provincial correctional institutions across the country.



Winning poster - male category



Winning poster - female category

CANADA PAVILLION 2022

CAGH managed the development, design, coordination and implementation of the Canada Pavilion at the 24th International AIDS Conference held in Montreal from July 29th to August 2nd, 2022. A National Advisory Committee (NAC) with representatives from HIV/AIDS organizations and groups across the country was formed to support CAGH and provide input on the development and execution of the Canada Pavilion and related initiatives.

The overarching theme of the Pavilion was Solidarity. Science. Support. | Solidarité. Science. Soutien. The Pavilion featured both a virtual and a physical exhibit, as well, included a scholarship program for community members to attend the conference.

The physical and virtual exhibits showcased the contributions of Canadian researchers, community-based organizations, public health and healthcare providers, and governments, as well as promoted Canadian best practices and achievements related to HIV and related STBBI globally. Components of the exhibit included a resource hub, live sessions, opening ceremony,

Pavilion Representatives who engaged with guests, online quizzes, contests, photo booths and more. The hybrid format provided new opportunities to reach a wider audience.

A total of 311 individuals attended the conference in person, while 39 distinct visitors accessed the virtual pavilion exhibit. Through the community scholarship program, CAGH offered 160 community scholarships to community members, with 76% of recipients identifying as living with HIV, to attend AIDS 2022.

Post-conference, CAGH maintained active engagement to share the materials from the Canada Pavilion. Shortened video clips of relevant sessions, newsletters, blog posts, and other digital content were circulated through networks and social media. In addition, a large-scale social media campaign featuring video interviews with Pavilion representatives and lessons learned from AIDS 2022 was launched around World AIDS Day under the title, “Global Lessons. Local Actions”.

More information about the Canada Pavilion can be found on the AIDS Canada website.



Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos visited the Canada Pavilion to learn about Our Healthbox and other community innovations happening in Canada.

CANADIAN WOMEN IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Since its inception in 2018, the Canadian Women in Global Health (CWIGH) Leadership initiative has been at the forefront of championing gender equality in global health by engaging a diverse group ranging from researchers and policymakers to students and young professionals. The CWIGH Directory celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of Canadian women in the global health sector. This initiative not only fosters novel collaborations but also champions the cause of gender equity in health workforce and leadership. With continued efforts, these collective voices ensure that the discourse on gender equality remains active and vibrant.



2021–2023 CWIGH Steering Committee members:

Beverly Johnson, co-chair
Jocalyn Clark, co-chair
Dhwani Babla
Barbara Astle
Eva Slawecki
Alayne M. Adams

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Margo Greenwood
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Deborah Lester
Muriel Mac-Seing
Heather McPherson
Hani Rukh E Qamar

WOMEN IN GLOBAL HEALTH CANADA

WGH Canada is the official Canadian chapter of Women in Global Health, aligning with 40 other international chapters. Together, they merge Canadian priorities with our worldwide mission to bring gender transformative change in global health. The chapter undertakes advocacy and education efforts, including virtual and in-person events, and the preparation and dissemination of knowledge products and resources. These efforts are coordinated by the CWIGH Leadership Steering Committee and are hosted by the Canadian Association for Global Health, which serves as the institutional home of WGH Canada. In 2022, WGH continued to support global activities to achieve gender equality in global health leadership by representing and providing Canadian interests and expertise.

WGH CANADA PRIORITIES

WGH Canada works to advance gender equality in the global health movement both globally and nationally. Specifically, the chapter focused on two priority areas:

1. Ensuring there is gender equality in global health leadership and decision-making

Women make up 70% of the global health workforce but occupy only 25% of leadership roles and are often underrepresented in decision-making. WGH Canada is advocating for gender parity in leadership and for the women who are delivering global health to have an equal say in its design and delivery.

2. Creating a high-quality work environment for Canadian health care workers

Profoundly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Canadian health care system is struggling. The strain experienced by our frontline healthcare workers (75% of whom are women) is especially grave. WGH

Canada calls for attention to gender in current workforce planning and advocates for frontline workers to receive support and resources to protect their well-being. Speaking on behalf of the rising number of women in health care, our campaign, titled “Building Humanity into the Primary Care Workforce - what comes into focus through a gender lens,” argues for workforce flexibility, gender pay equity and psychological safety for frontline workers. Nearly half of primary care providers in Canada are reporting burnout, and our workforce is dwindling in spirit and numbers. It is time to take action.

2022 WGH ACTIVITIES

WGH Canada’s leadership has represented the chapter in numerous international conferences including the World Health Summit (WHS); United Nations General Assembly; World Health Assembly 75; WGH Peer to Peer Meeting of Chapter Leads in Nairobi, Kenya; WGH Flagship Event Health Heroines Gala; and the Canadian Conference on Global Health 2022.

K2A PROGRAM UPDATE

The Canadian Alliance for HIV and HCV Knowledge to Action (K2A), a joint effort between CAGH and CAHR, uses a program science approach to improve the health of Canadians affected by HIV, HCV, and STBBI. This approach emphasizes breaking knowledge barriers and enhancing collaboration and communication among all stakeholders. In other words, the core of the program focuses on engagement and creating meaningful connections. The Alliance has invested a considerable amount of time and effort into building and maintaining relationships with key populations, thereby creating opportunities for dialogue and the exchange of information in support of local interests.

Through conference sessions, workshops, and online learning modules, the K2A initiative strives to equip community members, health care professionals, and researchers with the knowledge to curb new infections and support the affected communities. In 2022, the activities covered topics such as:

- Advancing Research Integrity in HIV Social Science Research: New Investigator Workshop
- Local Implementation as a Key to Inclusivity
- Women Speak: Community Building for and by Women Living with HIV in Canada
- Positive Asian Diasporic Experiences in North America (Padena) Virtual Forum
- World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Viral Hepatitis
- Tips for Qualitative Research Using Online Focus Groups and Interviews
- Top Tips to Include "Lived Experience" in Research



TRAINING AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

SYPN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Students and Young Professionals Network (SYPN) executive team was solidified in 2022 with a total of eight executive leads who addressed key pillars of the network:

- Member Engagement leads (SYPN membership community, student chapters): Mishail Bhatia, Hannah Dawson
- Mentorship leads (MentorNet program): Alex Kwok, Rupinder Chera
- Events leads (GHSYPS, SYPN Events): Satveer Kaur Dhillon, Sienna Guo
- Education and Professional Development (resources, training, growth opportunities, and the Chat & Connect series): Elisabeth Huang, Matt Jalink

CAGH STUDENT CHAPTERS

Our growing network in 2022 includes student chapters from various partner institutions:

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Laurentian University
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Queen’s University
- University of Alberta
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- York University

These chapters serve as our primary touch-points across the nation, ensuring that the SYPN vision and mission are being pursued at all levels in universities.



2022 Global Health Students and Young Professionals Summit

MENTORNET PROGRAM

MentorNet continued its efforts in bridging the gap between emerging global health professionals and their more seasoned counterparts. This platform allows mentees to connect with experienced mentors, fostering relationships grounded in formal and informal discussions and research. Both parties benefit from educational modules curated by the MentorNet steering committee, culminating in a presentation of their global health projects.

The 2022 MentorNet program comprised 24 mentor-mentee pairings. Their overarching topics included:

- “There is nothing for us, without us” on international development and equity
- Pregnancy experience for migrant peoples in Canada during and post-natally and barriers to care: a summary of evidence
- The Importance of Youth Engagement in Global Health: Opportunities for Improvement
- Guidance for Pursuing a Career in Global Health
- Neglected Tropical Diseases in Sudan policies

REGIONAL HUBS

Our regional hubs, with standout groups in Ottawa and British Columbia, have been instrumental in fostering connections among young professionals who are passionate about global health. A hallmark of these hubs is the “Chat & Connect” series: recurring online events that offer participants an opportunity to engage with global health practitioners.

Notable SYPN activities and highlights:

- 9th Global Health Students and Young Professionals Summit (GHSYPS 2022): Hosted at the Hilton Toronto on November 20, 2022, this summit saw a turnout of over 60 attendees from various Canadian cities. Under the theme “Stepping onto the Global Health Scene as Students & Young Professionals,” the successful event was a collaborative effort between the SYPN executive and the GHSYPS committee.
- uOttawa Symposia Representation: SYPN underscored its presence with a dedicated booth at the uOttawa Symposia in April 2022.
- Chat and Connect Series: This online initiative has been pivotal in facilitating conversations between global health aspirants and practitioners, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and networking.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH WORKING GROUP

Increasing average temperatures and changes in the amount, intensity, and timing of precipitation are impacting rates of morbidity and mortality directly and indirectly around the world. Indirectly, the consequences of climate change threaten food security, water security, health care systems, and other social and physical infrastructure, further threatening health and wellbeing and exacerbating inequities. As such, the climate crisis represents an immediate and urgent threat to global health that requires consideration in the design of any and all interventions to enhance global health in Canada and around the world.

The Working Group on Climate Change and Health (WGCCH) was launched in 2018 by CCGHR in recognition of the urgency of addressing intersecting challenges in health and climate change. The group plays an important role at CAGH by raising awareness of drivers of and changes in climate-related health issues and enhancing climate change-related knowledge and capacity among those operating in the global health space, primarily through:

- Enhancing access to relevant and timely resources;
- Engaging health and climate professionals and decision-makers in dialogues on climate change mitigation and adaptation; and
- Collaborating with groups and individuals with shared values and goals.

The WGCCH has been focused on the delivery of critical information through its Climate Change and Health Webinar Series. Topics addressed in 2022 through these webinars included:

- Sparking global collaboration: the Cochrane Climate-Health Working Group
- Homelessness, climate change, and health disparities
- Reflecting on the complexities of the links between the ecological crisis and displacement/migration
- Innovation transformed by participatory action research

To learn more about WGCCH or to get involved, visit our website.

FINANCIALS

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2022

Revenues	2022
Technical Assistance Projects	
Global Affairs Canada	\$79,522
International Development Research Centre	\$133,835
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$761,686
Health Systems Global	\$484,619
CCGH Registrations	\$93,722
Memberships	\$44,785
Other	\$61,417
	\$1,659,586

Expenses

Technical assistance	
Knowledge Exchange and Networking	\$766,428
Health Systems Global - Secretariat	\$410,694
Global Health Conferences	\$293,759
International Development Research Centre	\$29,995
Program development	\$20,808
Other	\$16,630

Administration

Salaries and benefits	\$95,657
Operational costs	\$54,953
Governance	\$8,5011
Other	\$797
	\$1,698,222
Excess of revenues over expenses	-\$38,636

Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended December 31, 2022

Current assets	2022
Cash	\$298,144
HST receivable	\$19,123
Grants and contributions receivable	\$33,362
Work in progress	\$45,591
Prepaid expenses	\$15,794
Total Assets	\$412,014

Liabilities

Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$160,251
Deferred revenue	\$70,382
	\$230,633

Net assets

Unrestricted	\$81,381
Contingency Reserve Fund	\$100,000
	\$181,381
Total liabilities	\$412,014

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year	\$220,018	\$141,254
Deficiency/surplus of revenue over expenses	-\$38,636	\$78,764
Balance, end of year	\$181,382	\$220,018

WITH GRATITUDE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CAGH extends a heartfelt thank you to its board members for their strong leadership, guidance, and support. Your leadership has been essential to our success.

Jeff Blackmer, Chair
Colleen Davison, Vice-chair
Matthieu Kamwa, Treasurer
Sarah Boucaud, Treasurer
Michelle Amri
Shafi Bhuiyan
Sian Fitzgerald
Nasreen Jessani
Margaret Mutumba
Drissa Sia
Nalini Singhal

CAGH MEMBERS

Recognizing our members is particularly special for CAGH. We thank you for your engagement and support; we look forward to continuing to build an organization that helps to unify, represent, and support the global health community in Canada and abroad.

CAGH TEAM

Eva Slawecki, Interim Executive Director
Catherine Alexander, Project Manager
Nazik Avagyan, Director of Finance
Sarah Brown, Events Manager
Lauren Chender, Manager, Membership and Operations
Zoe Friedman, Project Assistant (MPH Practicum)
Jessica Helwig, Program Manager, Knowledge Management
Olivia Jobin, Digital Communications Officer
Michel Kafrouny, Project and Events Coordinator
Johanna Manga, Project Coordinator
Judith Martin, Event Planner (contract)
Ben René, Communications Manager
Jeannine Richard, Administrative Coordinator
Sean Rideout, Program Assistant, K2A Program
Melisa Valverde, Program Assistant (MPH Practicum)
Grace Zhou, Accounting Coordinator

GET INVOLVED

BECOME A MEMBER

Join our diverse community committed to improving global health, health equity, and systems strengthening in Canada and around the world. By becoming a member, you can help advance CAGH's work in addressing critical global health needs and building the next generation of health actors and leaders. You'll also benefit from greater opportunities to share your perspectives, learn from your colleagues, and stay informed through our member-only resources and forums.

Interested in becoming a member? Visit our website to learn more.

DONATE

Donate now to help advance CAGH's mission – to create a healthier, more equitable world. Your support will help us make a meaningful impact across Canada and internationally.

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