



Canadian Association
for Global Health

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Canadian Association for Global Health

VISION

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

MISSION

To connect, engage, and mobilize a strong global health community across Canada and internationally in support of health equity.

ABOUT US

The Canadian Association for Global Health (CAGH) is a convener, partner, and champion for health equity. We bring together a vibrant global health community working to create a healthier and more equitable world. Our actions are 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

Welcome to the 2023 annual report of the Canadian Association for Global Health! This year was marked by significant success, but also significant change at the organization. We had the distinct pleasure of being guided by new Executive Director Nafissatou Diop this year. Nafi brought a wealth of experience in global health from her roots in Senegal, to her time at IDRC and beyond. She took on the ED role with grace and focus – thank you Nafi!

Between June and September 2023, CAGH undertook a strategic planning exercise including a facilitated deliberative process with a full committee and staff and member consultations. This resulted in a new strategic document that positions the organization as a convener, partner and champion for global health equity. Our vision of a vibrant global health community creating a healthier and more equitable world remains. We will continue to be guided by our mission to connect, engage, and mobilize a strong global health community across Canada and internationally in support of health equity over the next five years.

Many CAGH achievements from 2023 are detailed in this report. I would like to highlight our ongoing work with the Canadian Association for HIV Research and the K2A project, a newly approved World Vision partnership, expansion of our student and emerging professional network with seven student chapters, submission of a new Global Affairs Canada grant, the facilitation of a very successful conference, Health Systems Global (HSG) Secretariat activities and so much more. A huge thank you goes out to all our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to CAGH!

At the same time as all these activities were taking place however, CAGH was also facing financial and administrative challenges. We required more sustainable sources of core funding and had to update and streamline some of our administrative functions. Due to rising demands within the partnership and the desire to focus centrally, the Board also made the decision to end the HSG project early. This had very significant financial implications and resulted in a pause in operations. There was significant downsizing of staff and projects at the end of October 2023. There were also a number of changes within the Board as it moved from an advising to a working-board model.

Over the months of November and December 2023, the remaining Board and staff members were able to stabilize the financial situation, close the physical office space, update some financial and record keeping systems and enter with a renewed sense of hope and purpose for CAGH into 2024. I would personally like to thank all the staff and Board for their work throughout 2023 and particularly in the last few months. It was certainly a challenging year for the organization, but I believe that CAGH has used this moment to refocus on the goal of being the most effective convener, partner and champion for global health equity that it can be. I look forward to working with all CAGH members and partners in pursuing this goal together for the coming two years of my term as Chair.

Sincerely,
Colleen Davison
Chair, CAGH Board of Directors



CAGH Executive at the 2023 CAGH AGM

29th Canadian Conference on Global Health

From Rhetoric to Action: Moving Policy, Research, and Practice

The 2023 Canadian Conference on Global Health (CCGH 2023) was held from October 16th to 18th, in Ottawa, and was delivered in a hybrid format.

The nature of global health is arguably centered on health equity, inclusivity, and research and practice. Global health addresses transnational health issues, is multidisciplinary, and takes a multisectoral approach. Each of these aspects, in addition to other aspects inherent to global health, have been studied, considered, and discussed to varying degrees. For example, there are numerous epidemiological studies mapping the prevalence of HIV, TB, malaria, and so forth, but we know that these diseases and other global health challenges exist. Prioritizing continued publication and discussion of such issues, although valuable, may not always translate into practice.

Now what is often missing is an emphasis on moving from rhetoric to action.

What do we need to do next to take the knowledge we have to advance policy, research, and practice in light of resource constraints and lack of political will? We are at an opportune time to consider how we can act in our roles as scientists, practitioners, clinicians, advocates, citizens, and many others, to deliver evidence-informed and tangible outcomes.

CCGH 2023 aimed to explore how we can turn rhetoric in global health, whether that be in terms of program and policy implementation, practice, or advocacy, into action to deliver positive results to the beneficiaries of global health efforts.

Sub-themes addressed through the plenaries included:

- How do we ensure no one is left behind?
- Fostering partnerships with shared benefits in global health
- How are innovation, technology, and digital health transforming global health?
- Unpacking the role of policy and politics in global health

2023 Canadian Conference on Global Health
Oct. 16–18 | Ottawa, Canada & virtually

**FROM RHETORIC
TO ACTION:**

Moving research, policy and practice.

CCGH 2023 drew in 1,263 participants with 355 in-person and 908 virtual – global health practitioners, students, university partners, civil society and government representatives – from 40 countries. 58.30% of the registrants self-identified as women.

CCGH2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- **1,263** Participants
- **40** Countries
- **280** Abstracts reviewed
- **57** Posters Presentations
- **4** Plenary sessions
- **74** Oral presentations
- **24** Symposia/Workshops



Award winners and staff at the 29th annual Canadian Conference for Global Health.

Partners and Sponsors

CCGH 2023 was made possible with the gracious support of The International Development Research Center (IDRC), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Mercy Ships, Canadian Heritage, as well as many others who provide more limited but targeted funding support. Thank you.



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PROJECTS, WORKING AND AFFILIATE GROUPS

Knowledge to Action (K2A)



The K2A resources aim to bridge the gap between knowledge and implementation that enable HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections to persist. K2A continued collaboration with the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) in building and maintaining relationships with key populations, thereby creating opportunities for dialogue and the exchange of information in support of local interests.

2023 K2A Activities

- Safe Supply in the context of STBBI Knowledge sharing workshop
- HIV self-testing and nurse-led HIV prevention workshop at CAGH conference 2023
- Positive Asian Diasporic Experiences in North America (PADENA) Virtual Forum 2023
- Development of E-learning modules

MentorNet Program

CAGH MentorNet connected 27 mentor-mentee pairs interested in global health with experts in the field for discussion and coaching over a period of 8 to 10 months.

Students & Young Professionals

Global Health Webinar



The Students and Young Professionals Network hosted a [Graduate School Panel](#) featuring a number of amazing panellists across a variety of different academic backgrounds, including public health and translational research.

The panellists discussed why they chose their respective programs and expanded on their professional experiences.

Chat and Connect event

Guest speakers included Dr. Alison Krentel and Tina Lines.

CAGH Student Chapters

Our network in 2023 includes a student network from various partner institutions:

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

Women in Global Health

Webinar

WGH Canada hosted a webinar to gather diverse perspectives on the Gender Equal Health and Care Workforce and explore how to establish a new social contract for women health and care workers.

**Towards a Gender Equal Health and Care Workforce:
A New Social Contract for Women**
27 June 2023 | 14:00 - 15:00 EDT



Dr. Beverly Johnson
Chair, Canadian Women
in Global Health Steering
Committee

Dr. Ivy Lynn Bourgeault
Professor &
Researcher,
University of Ottawa

Ms. Deb Lester
Chief Executive
Officer, Covenant
House

Ms. Ann Keeling
Senior Fellow,
Women in Global
Health

Canadian Women in Global Health

Deb Lester was announced as the new co-chair of CWIGH. She will work alongside Dr. Bev Johnson and Eva Slawecki to lead future efforts.

**CWIGH
Leadership
2021-2023
Steering
Committee**



2021-2023 CWIGH Steering Committee: › Eva Slawecki, Co-Chair › Beverly Johnson, Co-Chair › Jocalyn Clark, Co-Chair › Alayne M. Adams › Sophie Arseneault › Barbara Astle › Dhvani Babla › Margo Greenwood › Janet Hatcher Roberts › Djenana Jalovic › Felicia Knaul › Abel Koka › Deborah Lester › Muriel Mac-Seing › Heather McPherson › Hani Rukh E Qama.

2023 CWIGH Activities

- Symposium
- Meet-and-Greet event

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES	2023
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$162,472
Health Systems Global	\$310,769
International Development Research Centre	\$135,000
Global Affairs Canada	\$119,843
Registrations	\$151,642
Other contributions	\$25,300
Memberships	\$27,492
World Vision Canada	\$21,006
Digital Storytelling for Global Health Research and Action	\$1,350
International Development Research Centre	-
Other	\$9,311
	\$964,185

EXPENSES

Global Health Conferences	\$342,171
Health Systems Global	\$263,364
Knowledge exchange and networking	\$178,764
Administrative expenses	
-Salaries and benefits	\$171,064
-Fixed costs	\$43,029
-Variable costs	\$30,935
-Governance	\$3,429
-Other	\$776
World Vision Canada	\$42,906
Program Development	\$9,350
International Development Research Centre	-
Digital Storytelling for Global Health Research and Action	-
Other Initiatives	\$7,925
	\$1,093,713

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES*

\$129,528

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended December 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$85,694
HST receivable	\$22,196
Grants and contributions received	\$20,568
Work in progress	\$6,583
Prepaid expenses	\$12,335
	\$147,376
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$5,714
Deferred revenue	-
Grants and contribution payable	\$89,809
	\$95,523

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$11,853
Internal restriction	
-Contingency Reserve Fund	\$40,000
	\$51,853
	\$147,376

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 2023

BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2023	2022
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$129,528	\$38,637
Internal restriction	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$51,853	\$181,381

Full financial statements can be provided by [email request](#).

Acknowledgments

CAGH Executive

Colleen Davison, *Chair*

Chantal Davis, *Vice-chair**

Sarah Boucaud, *Treasurer**

CAGH General Directors

Darryl Anderson*

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Michelle Amri

Nalini Singhal

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Shafi Bhuiyan*

Sian Fitzgerald*

Susan Elliott*

Tina Lines

CAGH Team

Nafissatou Diop, *Executive Director **

Mariana Stefanut, *Administrative Coordinator**

Meena Mangal, *Knowledge Exchange Manager*

Melanie Lazaris, *Director of Finance*

Krystal Lewis, *Membership and Operations Manager*

Ben René, *Communications Manager**

Catherine Alexander Burrows, *Program Manager*

Johanna Manga, *Program Coordinator**

Grace Zhou, *Finance Coordinator*

**Until November 2023.*

CAGH Members

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



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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