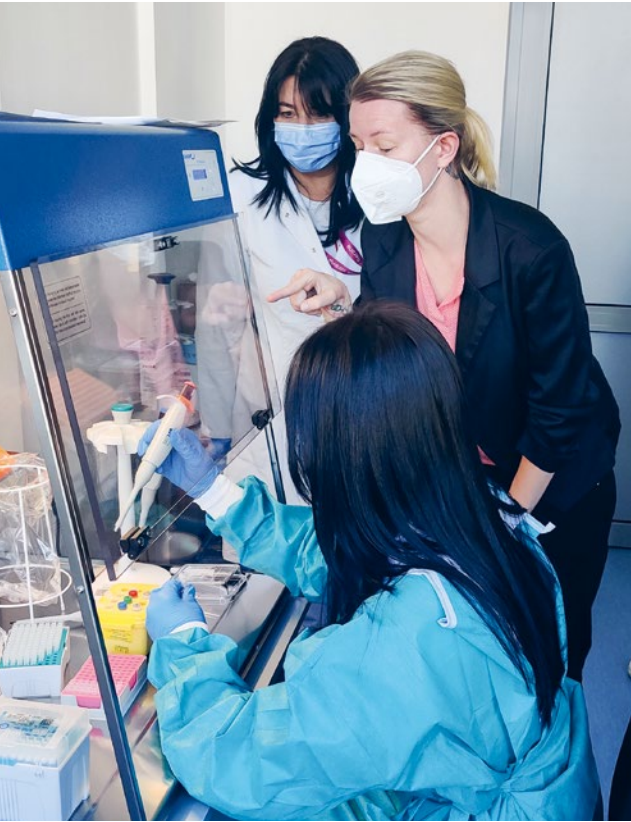


According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the COVID-19 pandemic has led to 14.9 million excess deaths and cost 336.8 million years of life lost globally in 2020 and 2021. The overall death toll of the pandemic is even higher as it has indirectly increased mortality through mechanisms such as disruptions to health-care services and changes in care-seeking behaviours. Be it emerging respiratory pathogens like SARS-CoV-2, multi-resistant bacteria or highly-pathogenic viruses like Ebola: it has never been easier for pathogens to spread than in today's mobile, interconnected world. In order to identify and address health hazards in good time, an efficient public health system is indispensable. The Robert Koch Institute (RKI), the national public health institute for Germany, cooperates with partners around the world to strengthen public health systems and thus improve global health protection.

Since 2016, most of RKI's international projects have been funded through the Global Health Protection Programme (GHPP). The Robert Koch Institute continues to play a key role in the implementation of GHPP's second phase which runs from 2023 to 2025. It implements 25 projects by utilising the interdisciplinary expertise available in various departments of the institute. The second phase of the Programme builds on lessons learned from the first phase and the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to further partnership-based capacity development for disease outbreak management, the pro-



Laboratory training in Montenegro for determining SARS-CoV-2 lineages in the country



Doffing of personal protective equipment for high consequence infectious diseases in Rwanda

jects address surveillance, including genomic surveillance and bioinformatics, laboratory diagnostics and infection prevention and control. Projects also deal with the animal-human-environmental health interface (One Health) and digital approaches to outbreak prevention and management. Apart from bilateral partnerships and cooperations with international public health actors, the Robert Koch Institute connects different partner countries and institutions by offering joint workshops and training programmes.

3-year strategic projects strive to establish and expand longer-term partnerships for strengthening public health capacities and institutions with partner countries. 1-year projects respond to ad-hoc needs, pilot the implementation of innovations or serve as precursor to potential strategic projects. More information on the RKI-led projects in the second phase of the Global Health Protection Programme can be found in this flyer and online (www.rki.de/ghpp-en).



Taking samples in Nigeria for research on zoonotic spillover of pathogens from animals to humans

The Global Health Protection Programme (GHPP)

The Global Health Protection Programme (GHPP) is an initiative of the German Federal Ministry of Health started in 2016 in response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH assumes the function of the secretariat in the second phase of the programme from January 2023 to December 2025. The programme promotes networking, exchange, and close collaboration between German experts and public health actors internationally. Around 40 projects under the GHPP aim to strengthen public health capacities at national, regional, and international level. A particular focus is on the prevention, preparedness and response to infectious disease outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics.

- Today seven German institutions contribute their specific expertise and long-standing experience:
- Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM)
 - Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM)
 - German Central Committee against Tuberculosis (DZK)
 - Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute (Federal Research Institute for Animal Health, FLI)
 - Research Centre Borstel, Leibniz Lung Centre (FZB)
 - Paul-Ehrlich-Institute (Federal Institute for Vaccines and Biomedicines, PEI)
 - Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

The projects are implemented in partnership with international and regional public health actors such as WHO and Africa CDC, and bilaterally with partners primarily on the African continent and in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. The projects address ten thematic areas as follows:



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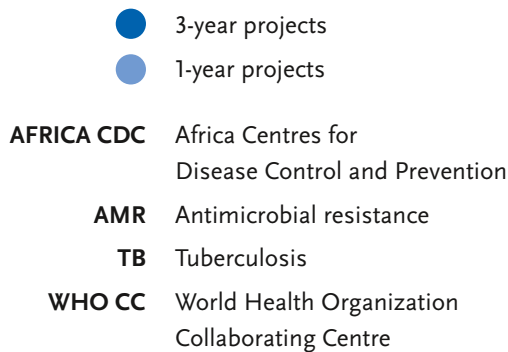


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