

# Our vision is a world where no woman dies of cervical cancer.

**Cervical cancer** is entirely preventable, yet it kills hundreds of thousands of women around the world every year. BHI has the tools to prevent these unnecessary tragedies and is dedicated to eliminating cervical cancer.

# Our mission is to eliminate cervical cancer by:

- Conducting cutting-edge research on early prevention and treatment.
- Implementing sustainable strategies that can be scaled in limited resources settings.
- Leading advocacy efforts for evidencebased strategies and policies.

## Why cervical cancer?



It is a **leading cause** of death for women living in low resource countries.



Worldwide, a woman dies of cervical cancer **every two minutes**.



In 2018 there were **570,000** cases and more than **310,000** deaths.



**Nearly 90%** of these deaths occur in low resource countries.

## who we are Working on the ground for almost two decades.

Basic Health International (BHI) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is globally recognized as a leader in the secondary prevention of cervical cancer. We have expertise in research, training, implementation, and advocacy/public policy guidance.

BHI receives funding from private institutions such as the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, Rising Tide Foundation, and the Lui and Wan Foundation. In addition, as a subcontractor of the Cleveland Clinic Lerner School of Medicine, BHI collaborates on projects funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Gateway for Cancer Research.



Our impact



92,000+ women screened





**4,000+** health professionals trained

**46+** published medical and health-policy papers

#### WHAT WE DO

# Making screening, treatment and prevention accessible to the world's most vulnerable women.

#### Research

BHI has conducted ground-breaking research in the secondary prevention of cervical cancer and published more than 46 articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals to disseminate the findings.

#### **Advocacy and Policy Guidance**

BHI is active in creating national and international cervical cancer screening guidelines along with leading organizations ,such as the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control, and several Ministries of Health in Latin America.



#### Training

BHI trains health professionals in low-tech, low-cost screening and treatment methods appropriate for use in low-resource settings. We've trained more than 4,000 clinicians in China, El Salvador, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

#### Women's Health Impact

Our partnership with the Ministry of Health of El Salvador has enabled the screening of more than 82,000 women, and more than 10,000 have received life saving treatment when abnormal results were found during screening. Through the projects we support in Haiti, 10,000 women have been screened and more than 1,500 have been treated.

# Research, Implementation and Advocacy.

We currently have projects in El Salvador, Colombia, China and Haiti.



### case study El Salvador

BHI partnered with the Ministry of Health to create CAPE, a cervical cancerscreening project targeting four low-income communities. CAPE has helped EI Salvador become the first country in the world to procure low-cost HPV tests, and is expanding it into a national screening program. We are employing new developments and technologies to treat more women in cost-effective ways.

## Saving women, shaping the future.

BHI is currently working with the World Health Organization and global health experts to write a manual for the implementation of HPV screening in low resource settings. We expect this groundbreaking manual to re-shape cervical cancer prevention guidelines worldwide.

There is still much work to do. Women are fundamental in shaping the future of families and communities. With your support, we can eliminate cervical cancer and save millions of lives. BHI is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, USA

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