

# Partner with the Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network



Improving pharmaceutical services in the faith-based health sector so that together we can make a lasting impact in the lives of millions of people, improving health outcomes and promoting healthy communities.

The Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN) is a Christian, not for profit network which is committed to the provision of quality pharmaceutical services, through promotion of access to quality medicines and their rational use, as a means of achieving health outcomes and goals. EPN believes that access to quality-assured medicines is a basic human right.



EPN values have their basis in Christian teachings, with the desire to uphold the following Christian virtues that enhance the dignity of humankind. Our values are Integrity, Compassion, Respect for others, Conscientiousness, Continuous learning, Professionalism and Fairness.

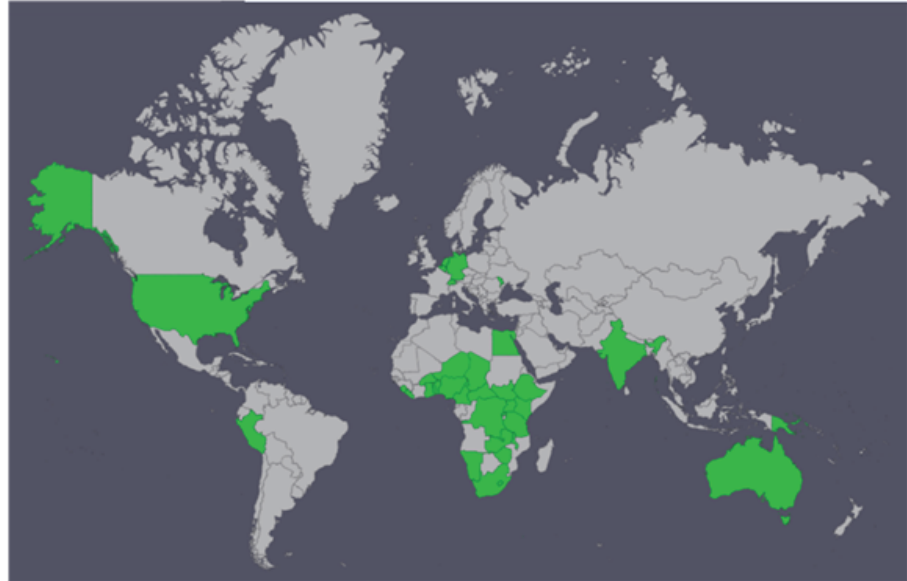


104  
Members  
Associations,  
institutions,  
and individuals

36  
Countries  
Around the World

>200 Million  
People  
Depent on healthcare  
provided by  
EPN Members

The work of EPN aims at improving the quality of pharmaceutical services provided by its member institutions in order to guarantee equal access to all without discrimination. The network addresses pharmaceutical issues in the faith based health sector by providing technical and expert advice to the members of its network. Its Secretariat is based in Nairobi, Kenya.





EPN's strategic plan (2016-2020) is structured around six priority areas:

- **Non-communicable diseases**

- **Maternal and child health**

- **Antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases**

- **Advocacy**

- **Pharmaceutical services capacity development**

- **Research and information sharing**

## **WHAT WE OFFERS TO OUR PARTNERS**

EPN offers a predictable and accountable mechanism for partners to support church health institutions and drug supply organizations achieve their targets in these focus areas mentioned above.

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- **Greater Reach with Accountability**

EPN seeks to mobilize resources and partner with members, church health facilities and drug supply organizations working in low resource countries with the highest disease burden and the lowest ability to manage resources. Through EPN, partners can reach more people in areas with limited capacity resource utilization and management.

- **Capacity Building for Sustainable Quality Pharmaceutical Services**

In most countries, the church health sector exists outside of Government health systems and lags behind in capacity for delivery of quality pharmaceutical services. EPN seeks to mobilize and provide necessary support (technical and financial) to facilitate capacity building of church health facilities and drug supply organizations.

- **Results for Focus Disease Areas**

EPN works through its network members, which are church owned/operated health facilities and drug supply organizations. It seeks to support these organizations and institutions to achieve specific targets and objectives in its focus areas. EPN therefore offers unique opportunities for partners who seek results in these disease areas.

- **Sustainability of Services in Low Resource Countries**

The Church and its affiliate health institutions are key partners to Government and they provide a critical contribution to health services in the countries where they operate. For long-term sustainability of services, a major focus area of EPN is to support these churches in advocacy work to lobby Governments, UN agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors/partners, to increase provision and coverage of services in the pharmaceutical area. An investment of partners in EPN is important for achieving sustainability of pharmaceutical services in low resource countries.



**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

In the foreseeable future, EPN requires the following support to continue these and other activities\*:

**\$ 231, 200  
for  
Advocacy activities**

**\$ 76, 500  
for  
Capacity building**

**\$ 181, 300  
to invest in  
Information sharing**

**\$ 234, 300  
for  
MCH programs**

**\$ 147,400  
for  
NCDs programs**

**\$ 162,400  
for  
AMR and HIV/AIDS  
programs**

**\$ 304,800  
for  
Secretariat costs**



With these funds we will

- Invest in training and system support activities to increase church health sector and supply organizations capacity for delivery of quality pharmaceutical services in at least 6 member countries;
- Conduct research to inform pharmaceutical practice, rational drug use, ART adherence, non-communicable disease treatment access and advocacy;
- Invest in information sharing through publications and thematic network meetings and conferences;
- Invest in access and availability of pharmaceuticals and other health products  
Increase focus on maternal and child health, including PMTCT and non-communicable diseases;
- Invest in actions and activities to reduce the development of anti-microbial resistance in a target number of countries and communicable diseases including HIV and AIDS..

\*Numbers based on prognoses for the next three years





## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 2015

Out of the 35 years of EPN's existence, let us have a look at just one of those years, to see what the impact of your support can be. During 2015 EPN carried out projects in various countries including Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Chad, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Sudan, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Kenya and India.

### Outputs in 2015

• 3000

#### Persons

Received regular (pharmaceutical) information from the secretariat

• 887

#### Medicine samples

Have been tested through the Minilab project as they were suspected to be counterfeit. 9 proved to be falsified and 22 other samples were of substandard quality.

• 300

#### Facilities

Benefitted from pooled procurement in Cameroon and have increased access to 50 medicines



• 160

**Pharmacy staff**

Have been trained in Essentials of Pharmacy Practice courses

• 89

**Pharmacy staff**

Received training during several shorter training programs

• 40

**Students**

Are enrolled in a scholarship program in 7 countries to get a degree in Pharmacy

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## Outcomes in 2015

In Church Health Institutions systems are in place for:

- Stock management
- Medicine storage
- Procurement (quantification, ordering)
- Quality assurance
- Promotion of rational use of medicines

This leads to the improved quality of

- Stock management
- Stock availability
- Dispensing practices
- Storage conditions

And a decrease in

- Levels of expired medicines



• **>500,000**

**People**

Have increased access to quality assured medicines.\*

• **40**

**Members**

Benefitted from the programs and their capacity was build.



## HOW TO SUPPORT EPN?

Access to health and quality medicines is an inherent human right for all. Help in making this a reality by becoming an EPN Partner!

If you are interested in partnering with EPN, please contact the Executive Director or the Resource Mobilization Officer to discuss further.

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## EPN's PARTNERS

EPN is grateful to its partners for their invaluable contribution which has really been helpful in making a difference in communities that we serve.

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