



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Nossal Institute
for Global Health

Our experts explore, connect and assess decisions, policies, and strategies made in different settings for their impact on the health and wellness of people.

WHO WE ARE

OUR PURPOSE

Nossal Institute's purpose is to improve the health of all people globally by deepening our collective understanding of how multiple systems operate and interact to shape health through applied research, learning and partnership.

OUR GOAL

We aim to support the strengthening of health systems towards achieving health equity, inclusion, sustainability, people centredness, resilience and security.





WE ARE SYSTEMS THINKERS

Achieving health and wellbeing for all, means recognising health outcomes are reliant on multiple relationships, processes and systems. Complex interactions between political, social, cultural, economic (including industrial), agricultural and ecological factors influence our health system and our health. Using a systems lens, the Nossal Institute for Global Health’s multi-disciplinary team of experts work with partners to formulate, explore, monitor and evaluate policies, strategies and programs in different settings for their impact on the health and wellbeing of people drawing on and contributing to an evidence based understanding of how these systems interact.

Ultimately, we use systems thinking to advance health equity, inclusion and sustainability.

HOW DO WE APPLY SYSTEMS THINKING?

We focus on the contexts in which systems were designed and operate; explore both their intended and unintended consequences; and consider how they can equitably and best serve the health of populations.

We draw on our trusted and extensive partnerships in the Asia Pacific and beyond to undertake collaborative research. We engage our collective expertise across a broad range of disciplines.

We communicate and translate knowledge into policy and practice. Our teaching and learning experts integrate these insights and learnings from our research into degree programs, short courses, and continuing professional development programs.

OUR APPROACHES



EVIDENCE BUILDING

We explore different elements of systems to build understanding of how social, political, economic, health, agricultural and cultural systems operate and interact to impact health at the global, national and local levels.



CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

We work with partners to develop relevant and sustainable skills, structures and resources across the partnership.



APPLIED RESEARCH

Our researchers are at the leading edge of discovery to develop, test and validate approaches to improving global health.



POLICY DEVELOPMENT

We use our expertise to work with decision makers to develop and improve policies that promote the health wellbeing of communities and support their implementation.



PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership is essential to everything we do. It ensures relevance, quality, sustainability and ownership.

OUR WORK

We establish and extend the evidence base for strengthening health systems and extending universal health coverage to ensure access to healthcare. We strive to promote well being across our region's diverse communities. The Nossal Institute is multi-disciplinary. We draw on academic and professional expertise from a broad range of disciplines, sectors and regions for our applied research, teaching and leadership.

DISABILITY, INCLUSION AND REHABILITATION

We support equitable development through the design and delivery of tools, strategies, research and training to overcome discrimination and ensure the participation of the most disadvantaged population. Our work delivers practical targeted and mainstreamed solutions for real world impact.

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Our education and learning program takes a whole-of-institute approach that guarantees academic excellence and real world relevance through the integration of insights from our research and development practice.

EMERGING PROGRAMS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

The Emerging Program team are multi-disciplinary applied researchers responding to emerging priorities in Global Health. Our team members have disciplinary expertise in demography, economics, engineering, psychology, and statistics, and are engaged in delivering evidence-based research and training to support the work of Australian and international stakeholders across a wide range of areas of public health relevance, including measurement and data analysis, mathematical modelling, law enforcement, well-being and livelihoods, gender and living spaces, urban resilience, and programmatic and economic evaluations.

HEALTH SYSTEMS GOVERNANCE AND FINANCING

We support countries to improve equity in access to and utilisation of quality health services, while responding to changing health needs. We undertake applied research to inform, monitor and evaluate health system strategies, programs and interventions. We aim to strengthen the foundations of health systems – their governance, funding arrangements and policy frameworks – to better support the delivery of effective services and programs.

ONE HEALTH

One Health research combines the elements of environmental-health, animal-health and human-health for a common goal. It considers the interdependent needs of different populations and sectors of the economy in securing human, animal and environmental wellbeing, and how this is addressed by governance, decision-making structures and processes, communication, and actions across institutions and communities.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

We use theoretical and methodological insights from across the social and health sciences to support countries to better understand and transform their health systems to effectively deliver good quality and responsive services, equitably. In all our engagements we take a people-centred approach, and have an explicit focus on partnerships, learning, and strengthening of capacities across communities and health systems.

"The Nossal Institute for Global Health works with stakeholders across the globe. We are currently working on 56 projects in 24 countries"



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