



# The Office of Global Women's Health

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

*Our vision is a world where every woman has access to quality healthcare for her entire life.*

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is the nation's leading professional association of physicians providing health care for women. The Office of Global Women's Health (OGWH) leverages the strengths of ACOG's more than 57,000 members to bring expertise and program implementation to global partnerships to improve care for women around the world. Our global work is a complement to our domestic programs, to ensure that every woman, everywhere, gets the best possible care in reproductive health.

OGWH plays a *catalytic role* in helping global and local stakeholders meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). OGWH is committed to using science to assure successful implementation of sustainable interventions at scale and, as a trusted partner with local and global organizations, advances targets for health, education, gender equality, and partnerships.



## SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

To improve women's health throughout their lives, ACOG will:

- Support the implementation of team-based care, quality improvement and advocacy to improve all areas of women's health, especially the elimination of **preventable maternal deaths**.
- Ensure global access to the most up-to-date, **evidence-based guidelines** on women's health as well as strategies to ensure **adherence**.
- Provide comprehensive training in emergency obstetric care with an emphasis on **surgical obstetrics**.
- Expand knowledge, skills and ability of **healthcare workers** to recognize emergencies and perform lifesaving procedures.

## SDG 4: Quality Education

To combat the health care provider shortage forecasted to be at 12.9 million by 2035, ACOG will:

- Improve the **quality of medical education, residency training and continuing education programs** to increase the number of skilled providers and improve quality of care delivered.
- Serve as a **bridge for our university partners** by developing a resource hub for distance education and skills development.

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- Work with universities, hospitals, professional associations and governments **to improve pre-service education and team-based, multidisciplinary training** of the healthcare work force

### SDG 5: Gender Equality

As we have always done, we support the empowerment of women and girls to ensure that they have access to:

- **Sexual and reproductive healthcare services** including cervical cancer screening and treatment and a full range of **contraception** options.
- Respectful and appropriate **maternal** healthcare.
- The power to make **decisions** for their own health.

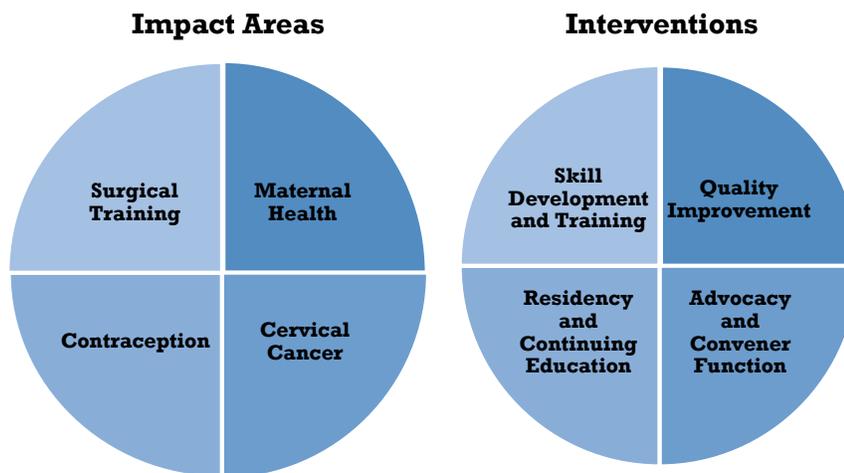
### SDG 17: Partnerships

To create sustainable change, ACOG will:

- Continue to work in consultation with **professional associations to strengthen** their ability to design and define better quality healthcare programs and training at the local level.
- **Increase the capacity of ob-gyn professional associations** to advocate for women's health
- Expand **collaboration** among professional associations representing other disciplines.

### OGWH Programs

OGWH uses ACOG's organizational expertise and the experience of our Fellows to implement interventions in four impact areas:



Currently the OGWH has **nine programs in 21 countries**, including Burma, Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Vietnam, Cambodia and 12 countries in Central and South America.

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