# UNC's MEASURE Evaluation Project

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# UNG center wins \$180M grant

2nd-largest award ever to continue efforts in developing countries

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by UNC-Chapel Hill has won a \$180 million federal grant to continue its nearly two-decade effort to improve the collection and use of public health data in dozens of countries.

Chancellor Carol L. Folt announced the award Tuesday afternoon at a news conference. The five-year grant from the U.S. Agen-

cy for International Development is the second-largest in the university's history, topped only by the previous round of funding – just \$1 million more – for the same project, which is called Monitoring and Evaluation to Assess and Use Results (MEASURE Evaluation).

The program helps developing countries better monitor epidemics and use data to make decisions about disease control. It has helped in the battles against a host of public health problems, including HIV AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

Folt described it as USAID's flagship research project for monitor-

ing and evaluating the effectiveness of government spending on global health, population and nutrition. It uses "Big Data," she said, to im-

prove public health in 80 countries, repeating the number of countries.

"I emphasize that, because that's a very big bite at tackling what are some of the world's most impor-

tant and pressing issues," she said.

The project has created 100 local jobs directly, Folt said, and spun off companies such as FHI 360, which

#### Inside

Coup for Duke: \$7.2M grant aids work in Undiagnosed Diseases Network. 1B

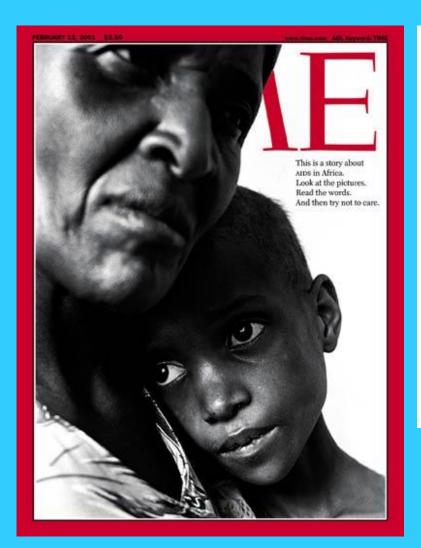
employs several hundred people in its Durham headquarters and thousands more around the world.

James C. Thomas, director of the project and an associate professor of epidemiology at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health, said USAID had shown vision in enacting MEASURE Evaluation so that countries could make vital decisions about where to spend public

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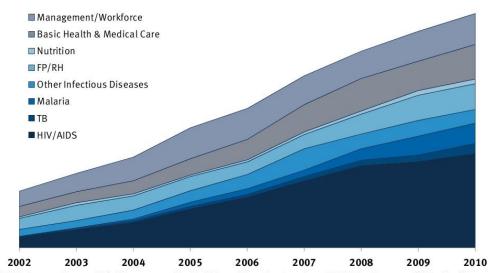
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- What is it?
- How did we win it?
- Why does it matter?



# US response to global epidemics

#### Health ODA Disbursements by Major Sub-Sector, 2002-2010



NOTES: Amounts in gross US\$ disbursements. Health ODA combines data from three OECD CRS sub-sectors: (1) Health; (2) Population Policies/Programs and Reproductive Health (includes HIV/AIDS & STDs); and (3) Other Social Infrastructure and Services - Social Mitigation of HIV/AIDS.

SOURCE: Analysis of data obtained via online query of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Database and Creditor Reporting System (CRS); November 7, 2012.



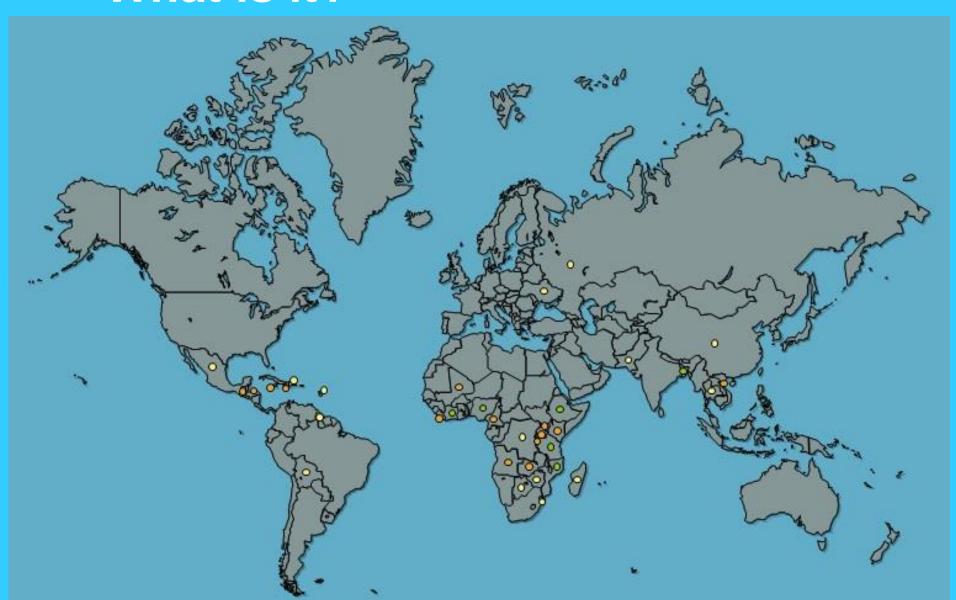
#### Cooperative agreement with USAID



A partnership of organizations



#### Global reach



#### What we do



#### **Capacity Building**

Enabling the public health workforce to collect and use data to guide programs and policies.



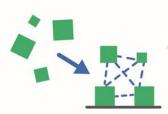
#### **Evaluating**

Determining whether public health policies and programs are working as they should.



#### System Building

Developing systems for collecting and using public health data.



#### Innovating

Developing new tools and approaches to address new challenges.



Better decisions

Better programs

Better health



#### Leading

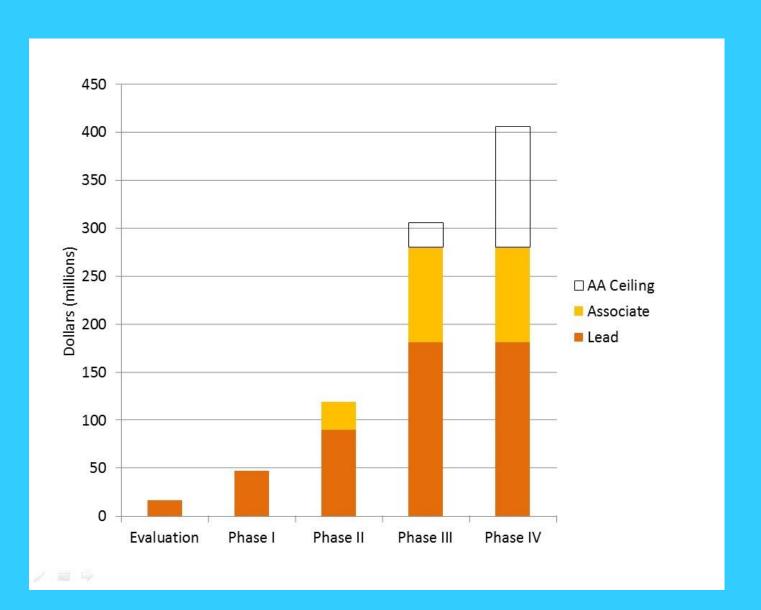
At the table, helping shape international policies and programs.



#### Sharing

Distributing widely and freely our tools and approaches.

#### Funding history



#### Our competition







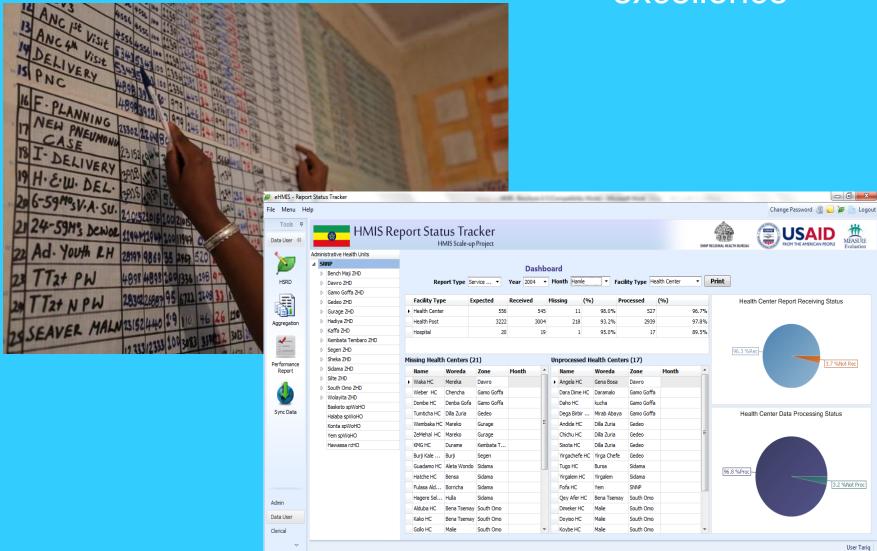








# Consistent excellence



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2010: PHFI attended a MEASURE Evaluation GIS workshop

2011: Training of trainers

2012: Co-training

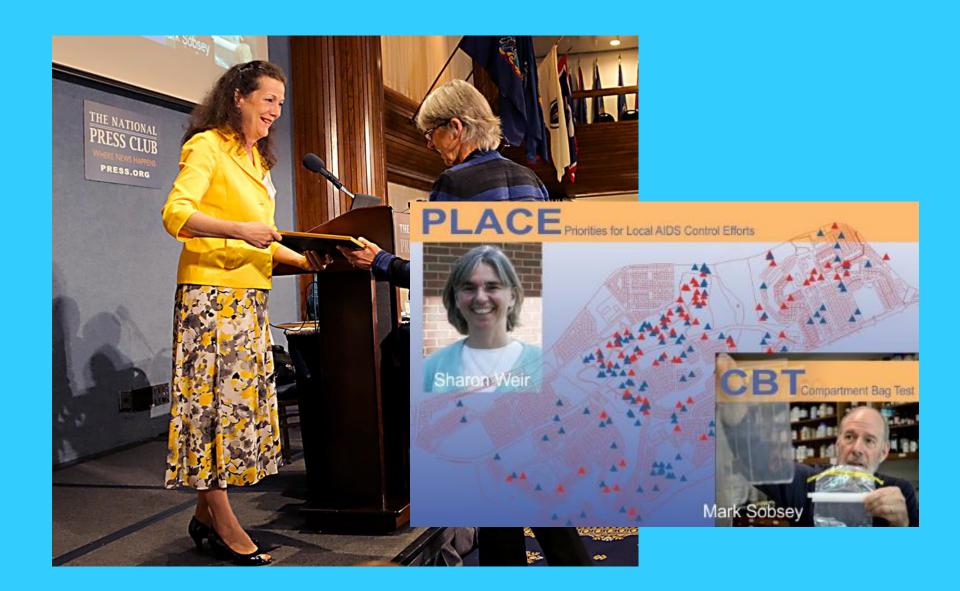


2013: Independent training

# Consistent excellence



#### Innovation



# Resilience and adaptability



### **Planning**



University

- Faculty appointments
- Research Assistants
- Fellowship
- Classroom teaching



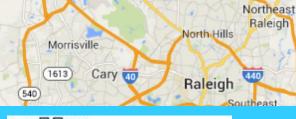
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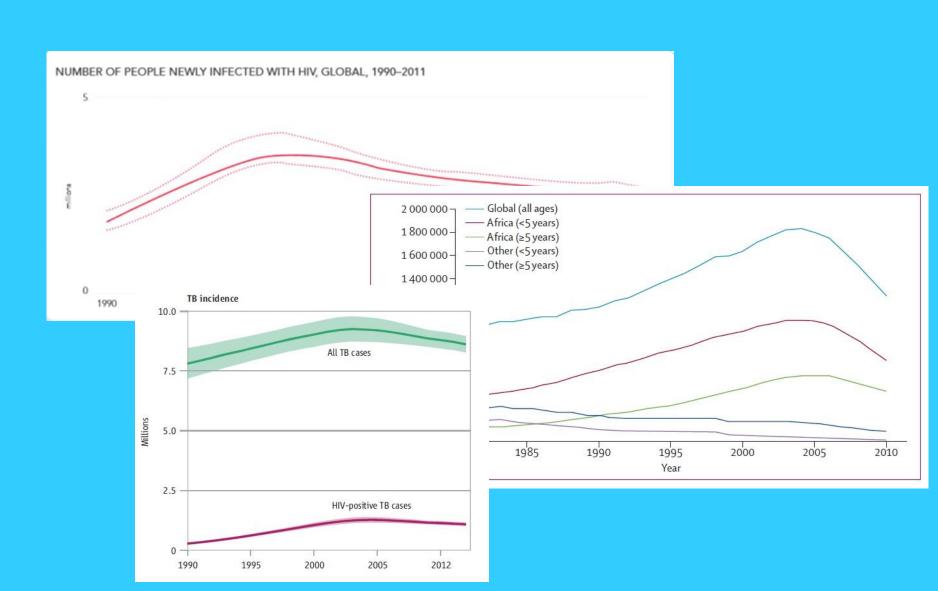


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#### **MEASURE Evaluation**



"Yet again, one of North Carolina's public research universities demonstrates that it is capable of returning to the people who have supported it, and to humanity, the dividends of over 200 years of progress. It is indeed a proud, and life-saving, day."