

A network of partners

The DIHM enjoys a network of privileged contacts with numerous organizations based in Geneva.

Its main partners are cooperation agencies (e.g. SDC), international organizations (e.g. WHO, ICRC), and non-governmental organizations (e.g. MSF) active in the health sector. The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva is an institutional partner of the HUG and the DIHM.

In the field, the activities of the DIHM are conducted in close collaboration with local institutions, health authorities, and NGOs.

Geneva Health Forum

Actively promoting reflection and debates on themes pertaining to access to health and strengthening of health systems, the DIHM is the initiator and organizer of the Geneva Health Forum.

Held every two years, this international conference - also serving as an exchange platform - brings together the key actors in global access to health.

For information: www.genevahealthforum.org



Attached to the Department of Community Medicine and Primary Care of the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG), the DIHM is comprised of two complementary sectors:

- International and humanitarian medicine
 - project management
 - capacity building
 - research, teaching, and training
 - consultancy
 - technical assistance
- Tropical and travel medicine
 - vaccination and advice to travellers
 - expatriate health services (international organizations, companies, NGOs)
 - coordination of www.safetravel.ch
 - tropical medicine consultations
 - parasitology laboratory
 - research and teaching for tropical and neglected diseases

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Division of International and Humanitarian Medicine

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The Division of International and Humanitarian Medicine (DIHM) reinforces the humanitarian and international cooperation activities of the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG). These activities form one of the main strategic orientations of the HUG.

Building on innovation, training, and research in the fields of international medicine and global health, the DIHM works through partnerships based on transparency, mutual interest, participation, and sustainability. It brings together the scientific rigour of a university institution and practical experience to develop effective activities and reinforce local capacities.

Many of its activities contribute to the strengthening of health systems and to reducing existing inequities in access to health and care. Project evaluation, project management, and technical assistance are among the services offered by the DIHM.



With its team of doctors, nurses, managers, economists and other health system professionals, the DIHM brings together a broad range of experience in project management and development cooperation.

Ten domains of competencies

- Family medicine and primary healthcare
- Tropical medicine and neglected diseases
- Emergency humanitarian interventions
- Nursing care
- Migrant health and travel medicine
- Organization and management of hospitals and health systems
- Project organization, management and evaluation
- Applied research, clinical and epidemiological studies
- Training of health workers and capacity building
- Knowledge exchange platforms.

Six leading projects

- Support to family medicine reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Applied research on diagnostic methods for visceral leishmaniasis in Nepal and India
- Manual for medical interpreters
- Mental health in the Balkans
- Training of nursing staff in Cameroon and Tanzania
- Training of Lebanese Red Cross volunteers.

A port of entry

The DIHM serves as a facilitator, bringing potential partners into contact with HUG expertise in various domains:

- Medical specialities of a university hospital (surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry, etc.)
- Nursing care
- Hospital organization and management
- Medical technologies (radiology, imagery, laboratory, biomedical engineering)
- Hospital logistics (provisioning and maintenance)
- Medical informatics, telemedicine
- Reorganization of services: intensive care, laboratory, out-patient care.

