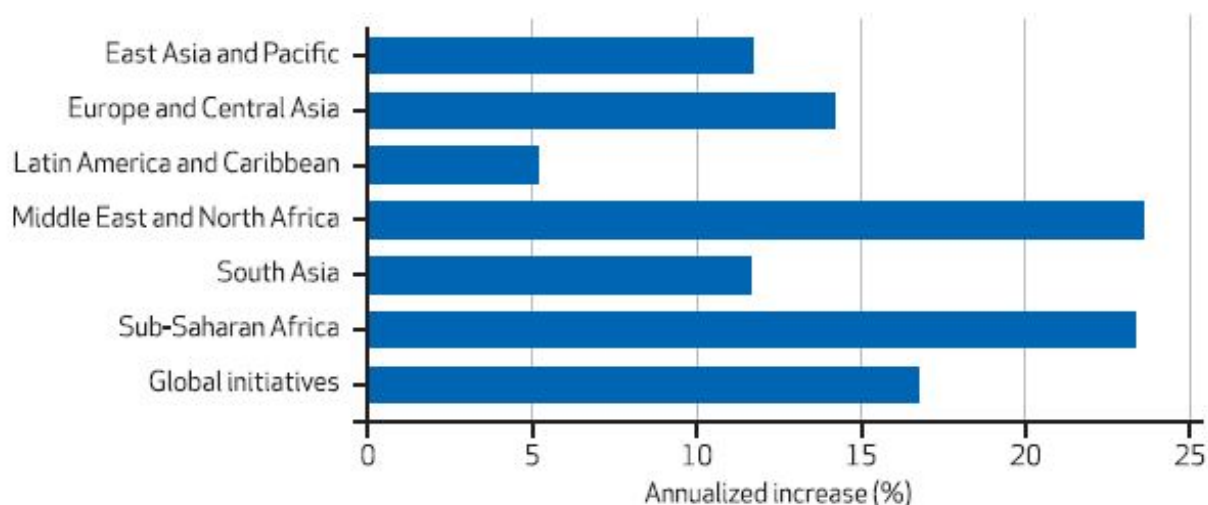


Vaccine development assistance nearly quadrupled over 14 years

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Annualized Increases In Development Assistance For Vaccination In Low- And Middle-Income Countries, By Geographic Region, 2000-12



Annualized increase (%) in development assistance. Credit: ©2016 *Health Affairs*

The February issue of *Health Affairs* explores the current environment in which vaccines are discovered, produced, and delivered. The issue also contains several studies examining the economic benefits and value of sustainably financing vaccinations in the United States and globally.

One of the studies in the February issue of *Health Affairs* examines the

international vaccine funding provided to low- and middle-income countries, noting that aid grew from \$822 million in 2000 to \$3.6 billion in 2014. Increases in assistance are largely attributed to the creation of the international organization Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, which saw funding grow 18.8 percent annually since 2001. The United States and the United Kingdom also provided substantial assistance, with contributions increasing each year by 6.7 percent and 13.9 percent, respectively.

The study, by Joseph L. Dieleman, assistant professor at the University of Washington; Annie Haakenstad, doctoral student at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and coauthors, used estimates compiled by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, which looks at development assistance for eight separate [health](#) focus areas.

"The continued increases in development assistance for vaccination are encouraging signs that the goals of the Global Vaccine Action Plan could be realized through increased financing," the authors conclude.

"Development assistance partners such as Gavi, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the UK government are fueling continued growth in financing."

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