

2020–2025 Impact Report

Evidence, Action, Ambition



RGHI's Values

Evidence-Based

We ground all our work in rigorous research and data, championing science that matters.

Collaborative

We believe that meaningful progress comes from partnership. Whether with researchers, policymakers, or practitioners, we foster open, inclusive, and cross-sector collaboration.

Inclusive

We prioritise equity and representation, ensuring that diverse perspectives shape our research, convenings, and partnerships.

Innovative

We support bold thinking and creative solutions, backing new ideas and approaches that challenge conventions and address emerging global hygiene challenges.

Impactful

We exist not just to fund, but to amplify—translating evidence into policy, action and impact.

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A dynamic gathering of international researchers, policymakers, and practitioners convened at the 2023 Global Hygiene Symposium to elevate hygiene beyond everyday practice and position it as a strategic pillar of global health and security.

Foreword



Lisa Ackerley
Chair of the Board

Building on Strong Foundations

Big milestones are always an opportunity for reflection. As we mark five years since RGHI's founding, I feel enormous pride in how far we've come — and deep gratitude to everyone who has helped lay these foundations.

RGHI set out with an ambitious mission: to put hygiene where it belongs, at the heart of global health. What began as a bold idea is now a thriving institute, recognised for the strength of its research, the leadership of its Fellows, and its ability to bring together diverse voices to shape global conversations.

From the very beginning, the team took a deliberately thoughtful approach to growing our funding portfolio. Each programme of funding is built on the successes and challenges of what came before, aiming to fill gaps in the evidence base and responding to the real needs we hear from the hygiene world globally.

As a Board, we have watched with excitement as RGHI has grown — not only investing in groundbreaking studies but also nurturing a new generation of hygiene leaders. The Fellows we supported in 2021 are now publishing influential research, securing senior academic positions, and becoming the next generation of hygiene leaders. Our grantees are informing WHO guidelines, strengthening partnerships across continents, and generating evidence that's directly improving people's lives. We've convened partners across continents and built the trust that comes from independence and integrity. The 2023 Global Hygiene Symposium in Singapore was a powerful example of this: proof that RGHI is more than a funder, it is a convener and a catalyst.

Looking ahead, I believe we stand at a pivotal moment. With nearly \$14 million USD invested in research spanning six continents, the foundations are strong. But even more important than what has been achieved is the potential that lies ahead. Hygiene remains too often overlooked, yet never more essential.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our partners, our Fellows, our grantees, and our dedicated team. Together, we have built something extraordinary. The next chapter promises to be even more impactful, and we are excited to walk it alongside you.

RGHI's work over the past five years would not have been possible without the generous founding support of Reckitt PLC. Their vision and commitment to advancing hygiene research enabled us to award millions of dollars in grants, support groundbreaking research across the globe, and build a vibrant community of researchers dedicated to improving health and wellbeing through better hygiene practices. We're deeply grateful for their partnership in establishing RGHI and their ongoing belief in the transformative power of evidence-based hygiene research.

Reflection

Phase II: From Evidence to Impact



Sarah Roberts
Executive Director

When I joined RGHI as Executive Director in February 2024, I inherited both a proud legacy and a clear view of the road ahead. What struck me immediately was not just what we had accomplished, but the sharpened sense of purpose that had begun to define our work.

Our first five years have taught us valuable lessons. We've learned that generating evidence is only the beginning: turning that evidence into policy and practice demands new skills, stronger partnerships, and persistent advocacy. We saw how the COVID-19 pandemic briefly elevated hygiene on the global agenda, but sustaining that prominence requires compelling economic arguments and long-term commitment. We also discovered that truly world-changing research demands risk, innovation, and courage. Not every initiative has succeeded, but every attempt has deepened our understanding.

With almost \$14 million USD invested across our research portfolio and Fellowship programmes, we've begun to close critical knowledge gaps and strengthen the sector's capacity. Yet with every answer comes new questions: how hygiene intersects with climate change, how it shapes gender equity, and how it influences broader systems of health and wellbeing.

Our evolution has extended beyond research. We are working to rebalance historical inequities in funding by supporting institutions to build capacity and strengthen processes, ensuring our commitment to equity and inclusion is embedded in how we operate—not just in what we say.

In 2024, our strategy review confirmed what was becoming increasingly clear: RGHI must be more than a funder. The persistent marginalisation of hygiene in health debates means we must also be advocates, connectors, and capacity builders. Our value lies not just in the studies we support, but in weaving their insights into a powerful narrative that elevates hygiene on the global health stage.

Evaluation of our work and funded research underscored another truth: our most impactful projects don't stop at publication. They build local expertise, connect disciplines, and create pathways to policy influence. This has reshaped how we design programmes and measure impact, with a sharper focus on leadership, collaboration, and translation into action.

As we look to the next phase, we are shifting from laying foundations to driving scale. This next chapter will expand our focus beyond filling evidence gaps to tackling pressing challenges at the intersection of hygiene, climate, gender, and health systems resilience. It will mean investing more deeply in leadership and capacity at the local level, while leaning further into our role as an independent convener and advocate. Sustaining and scaling this work will require visionary partners who share our conviction that hygiene must be central to global health.

The challenges facing hygiene research remain formidable. Shrinking donor landscapes, cuts to foreign aid, and competing priorities threaten to push hygiene back to the periphery of global health discussions. Yet these very challenges make our mission more important than ever. By positioning ourselves at the intersection of evidence, policy, and practice, RGHI can help ensure that hygiene isn't just included in global health frameworks but recognised as fundamental to their success.

Our ambition now extends beyond building evidence—we're building a movement. Through strategic partnerships, targeted advocacy, and continued investment in research capacity, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, we aim to create lasting systems that keep hygiene at the forefront of public health.

The path forward will require bold thinking. It demands that we not only fund research but reimagine how research is conducted, communicated, and converted into action. With the foundation we've built and the strategy we've refined, I believe RGHI is uniquely positioned to lead a global transformation in how hygiene is valued—not as an optional extra, but as a cornerstone of health, dignity, and equity.

Executive Summary

RGHI 2020–2025: Evidence, Action, Ambition

Over the past five years, the Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI) has transformed from an ambitious idea into a recognised force in global hygiene research. With nearly \$14 million USD invested in research spanning six continents, we have built the foundations for a field that has too long been overlooked in global public health.

Our impact extends across three interconnected pillars:

Advancing Knowledge

We have funded transformative research that addresses critical evidence gaps in hygiene science. From supporting the development of the TIDieR-WASH guidelines which are now setting global standards for hygiene reporting to examining the intersections between hygiene, climate change, antimicrobial resistance, and gender equity, our grants portfolio is generating the evidence base needed to inform policies and practices worldwide.

Strengthening Capacity

Through our Fellowships and Senior Fellowships, we are nurturing the next generation of hygiene research leaders. Fourteen Fellows across four continents are developing both the technical expertise and leadership skills essential for tackling hygiene's complex challenges. Women lead 55% of RGHI-funded awards, and over half of our fellowships have gone to researchers from low- and middle-income countries — deliberately addressing historical inequities in research funding and building capacity where it is needed most.

Convening Stakeholders

The 2023 Global Hygiene Symposium in Singapore brought together over 70 experts from research, policy, and practice, establishing RGHI as more than a funder; we are a convener and catalyst. Through strategic partnerships with institutions including the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and governance structures including our independent Research and Advocacy Advisory Committee, we facilitate collaboration that translates evidence into action.

Looking ahead, we stand at a critical juncture

The persistent marginalisation of hygiene in global health debates, combined with shrinking donor landscapes and cuts to foreign aid, makes our mission more urgent than ever. Our next phase will shift from laying foundations to driving scale, tackling pressing challenges at the intersection of hygiene, climate, gender, and health systems resilience. We will invest more deeply in leadership and capacity in low- and middle-income countries whilst leaning further into our role as an independent advocate for hygiene on the global stage.

With the foundations we have built and the strategy we have refined, RGHI is uniquely positioned to lead a global transformation in how hygiene is valued—not as an optional extra, but as a cornerstone of health, dignity, and equity.

Our Vision

A world where hygiene equity enables everyone, everywhere to live healthy and productive lives with dignity.

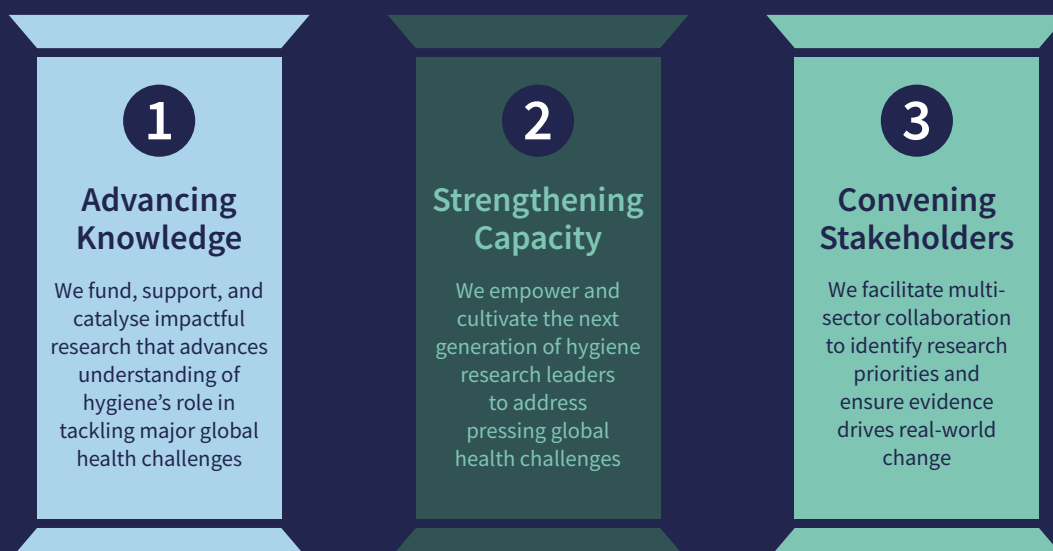
Our Mission

To fund transformative research, strengthen global research capacity, and foster collaboration to advance hygiene equity that enables improved health and wellbeing.

Our Theory of Change



Our Three Strategic Pillars





RGHI has invested almost \$14m in research bridging epidemiology, microbiology, social sciences, behavioural sciences and more.

About RGHI

Turning Evidence Into Action

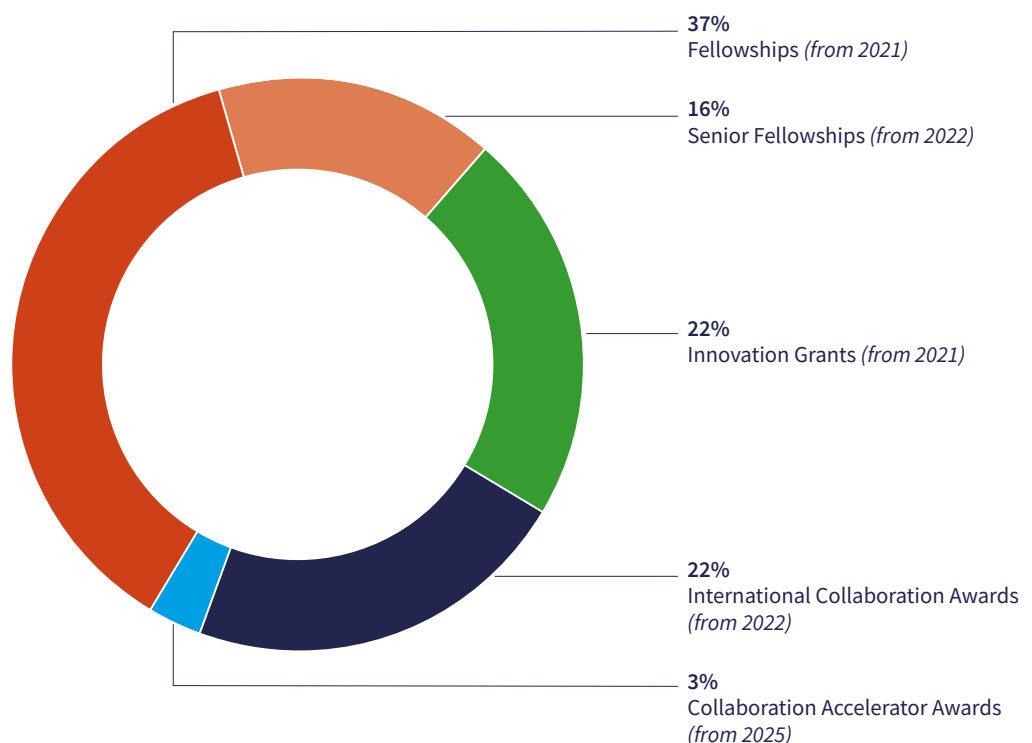
The Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI) exists to fund transformative research, strengthen global research capacity, and foster collaboration. Through these activities, RGHI will advance hygiene equity that enables everyone, everywhere to live healthy and productive lives with dignity.

Founded in 2020 with a generous grant from Reckitt LLC, RGHI is an independent private foundation. Over the past five years, we have committed almost \$14 million USD towards innovative research projects, fellowships, and capacity development. Reflecting the intersectional nature of hygiene, RGHI-funded research projects bridge epidemiology, microbiology, social sciences, behavioural sciences and more. Through our research investments, RGHI hopes to generate evidence that will continue to shape the future of public health policies and practices worldwide.

RGHI's Fellowships are nurturing the next generation of hygiene leaders and equipping them with the skills, networks, and knowledge to drive lasting change in global health. Through our convening efforts we have brought together stakeholders from every continent and elevated the profile of hygiene as a critical yet often overlooked pillar of global public health.

Our five-year impact report reflects only a small portion of the scope and breadth of the incredible work our grantees and fellows are leading and the growing impact these projects have on hygiene research, practice, and policy.

Portfolio Expenditure by Award Type



How We Operate

RGHI is committed to funding research and researchers with the potential to transform hygiene policy and practice. Everything we do is led by our values: we are evidence-based, collaborative, inclusive, innovative, and impactful.

All our funding decisions are driven by evidence, guided by expert review, and protected by strong governance structures that ensure transparency and accountability. All grants and fellowships undergo extensive peer review before award. Open grant calls are assessed through multi-stage panels chaired by leading academics and sector experts, while fellowships are awarded following rigorous panel interviews. Past panel chairs and reviewers have included Professor Barbara Evans (University of Leeds), Professor Katrina Charles (University of Oxford), and Professor Federico Costa (Universidade Federal da Bahia), among others.

We are committed to fostering equal opportunities for researchers and research institutions. Women lead 55% of RGHI-funded awards and over half of RGHI Fellowships have been awarded to researchers based in low-and middle-income countries. Equity is embedded in our funding design; for example the International Collaboration Awards not only support novel, groundbreaking hygiene research but also dedicate resources to partnership building and capacity strengthening between partner institutions. We are also committed to an ethical, equitable and proportionate approach to due diligence, acknowledging potential resource disparities and power imbalances and working collaboratively to manage potential risks in funding and research.

RGHI's Board of Directors is responsible for our governance and oversight, strategic planning, and financial accountability. The Board is made up of public health and strategic experts, bringing diverse perspectives and deep experience in research leadership, policy, and nonprofit governance. We work in close partnership with colleagues at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), who support the design of grant calls, coordinate peer review, and provide post-award support to grantees. LSHTM also provides in-depth scientific advice that helps RGHI translate research into impact.

Our governance is strengthened by the Research and Advocacy Advisory Committee (RAAC). Serving as an independent advisory body, the RAAC provides high-level strategic guidance on research and advocacy priorities, ensuring our work remains impactful, equitable, and aligned with our mission. Together with the Board of Directors, this governance structure safeguards RGHI's independence and ensures that our decisions are always grounded in science and the public good.

RGHI Board



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Chair of the Board



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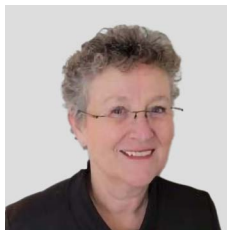


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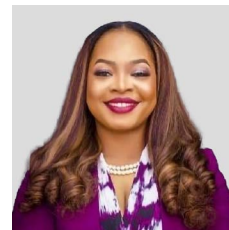
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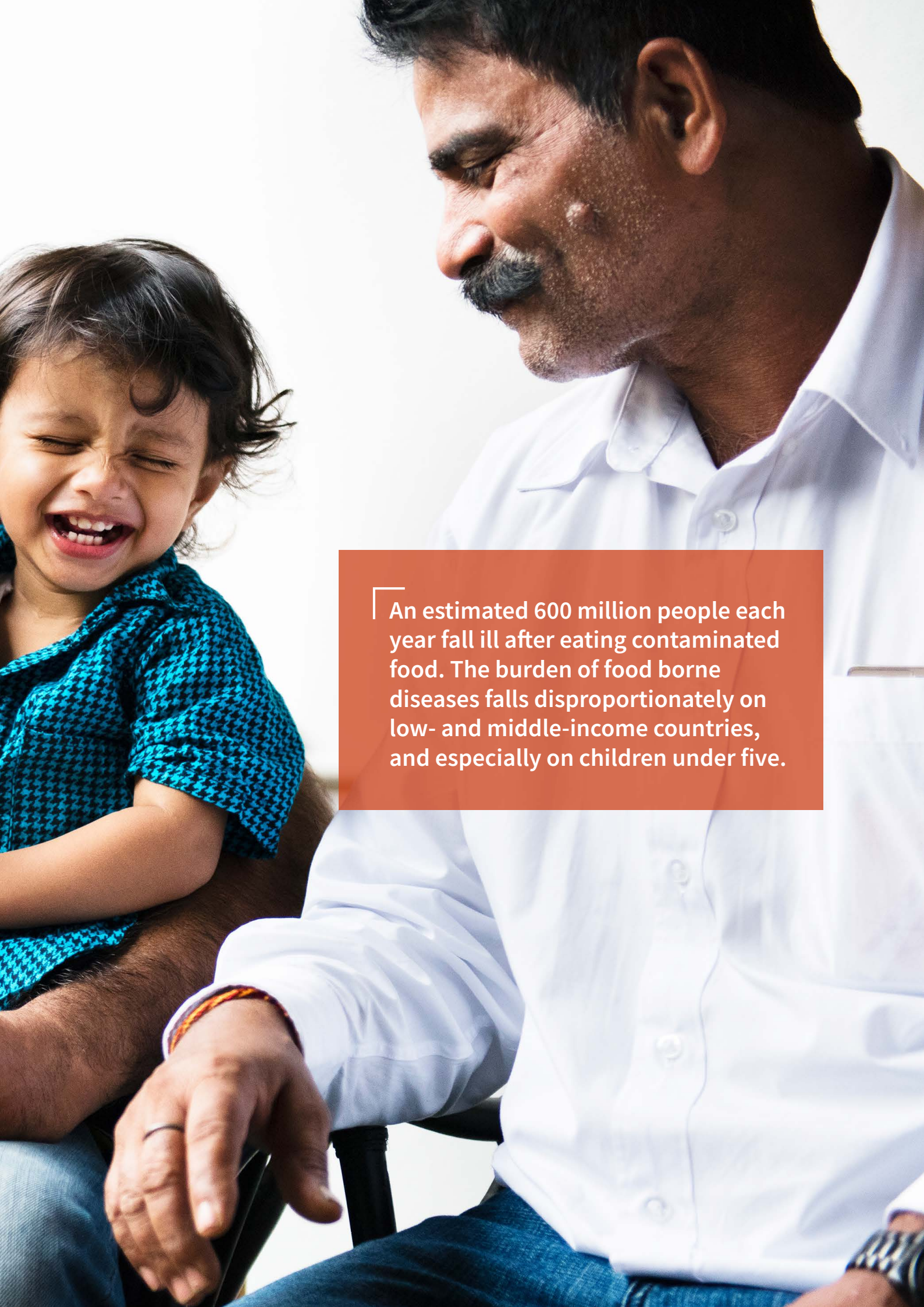


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Juliet Willetts leads applied
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development policy and
practice. She is a recognised
expert in water and
sanitation in Asia and the
Pacific





└ An estimated 600 million people each year fall ill after eating contaminated food. The burden of food borne diseases falls disproportionately on low- and middle-income countries, and especially on children under five.

Our Impact

Global Health's Blindspot

Hygiene is the first and last line of defence against disease, yet it remains one of global health's most underfunded priorities. Every year, diarrhoeal disease kills over a million people, almost half of them children under the age of five – deaths that are largely preventable through basic hygiene practices. At the same time 2.3 billion people still lack access to basic handwashing facilities with soap and water at home.

Despite hygiene's proven impact on health, dignity and wellbeing, the field has suffered from chronic underinvestment. Because hygiene challenges are most visible in low- and middle-income countries, they are often seen as localised rather than global priorities. Yet hygiene is a universal determinant of health – one that cuts across infectious disease control, education, gender and climate resilience. Its cross-disciplinary nature means it frequently falls between funding silos with no single sector or institution owning the agenda. As a result, it lacks the sustained attention and dedicated investment required to deliver its full potential.

Traditional health research has often focused on treating specific diseases rather than understanding and promoting the preventive behaviours that could stop them. Meanwhile environmental and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) funding tends to prioritise infrastructure over the human behaviours that ultimately determine health outcomes. This fragmented approach has left fundamental questions unanswered about what works, where, and why. We still lack rigorous studies on effective behaviour change mechanisms, standardised metrics for measuring impact, and a comprehensive understanding of how hygiene interventions perform across different contexts and populations. At the same time, limited career pathways mean too few researchers are equipped to tackle these challenges, creating a cycle where insufficient expertise compounds the evidence gaps. Without robust evidence and sufficient research capacity, policymakers struggle to justify investments, programmes are designed on assumptions rather than data, and opportunities to prevent disease and improve lives are missed – particularly in the places where hygiene challenges are most acute. This matters now more than ever. As antimicrobial resistance rises and climate related hazards compound existing barriers to hygiene, hygiene research is not a “nice to have” – it's essential infrastructure for global health security. Strong evidence underpins effective interventions that deliver measurably better outcomes than those built on assumption. And the impact extends far beyond disease prevention: robust hygiene systems improve gender equity, school attendance, mental wellbeing, and economic opportunity.

RGHI is on a mission to break this cycle, to elevate hygiene as a critical component of global health strategy and ensure that quality hygiene practices are accessible to everyone – not a privilege for a few.

Research themes and key focus areas

Since 2020, RGHI has strategically invested in research areas addressing critical gaps in our understanding of hygiene. Our funding priorities reflect both urgent global challenges and opportunities where evidence-based approaches can transform lives.

Hygiene behaviours and behaviour change

Understanding why people adopt—or don't adopt—effective hygiene practices is fundamental to designing solutions that work in real-world settings. By investigating behavioural drivers across diverse contexts, our researchers are developing interventions that stick, creating lasting impact beyond initial implementation.

Planetary health and climate change

As climate-related disruptions intensify, traditional hygiene approaches face unprecedented challenges. Our funded research in this area explores sustainable practices that remain effective with shifting resource availability and disease patterns, ensuring communities maintain resilience even as environments change. RGHI has also worked directly with researchers to scope the current literature on climate change, hygiene, and health and develop multi-stakeholder research priorities.

One Health, including zoonosis and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically highlighted the interconnections between human, animal and environmental health. RGHI-funded research addresses these critical intersections, developing hygiene interventions that interrupt transmission pathways for emerging infectious diseases and combat the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance.

Gender equity and social inclusion

Hygiene challenges don't affect all populations equally. By centring the experiences of women, girls, and marginalised communities in our research, we're building an evidence base for interventions that address structural inequities and create sustainable improvements for those most affected by inadequate hygiene access.

Economic and policy dimensions of hygiene

Despite its importance, hygiene often remains undervalued in public health planning and resource allocation. RGHI-funded research demonstrates the economic returns of hygiene investments and provides policymakers with actionable frameworks to integrate hygiene into broader health, education and development agendas.

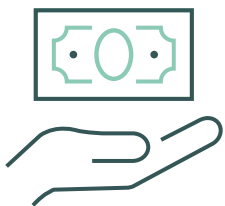
Through these interconnected focus areas, RGHI is building a comprehensive evidence base that bridges critical knowledge gaps and translates into practical solutions for communities worldwide.

Impact Summary



Key

- Fellowship/Senior Fellowship
- International Collaboration Award
- Collaboration Accelerator Award
- Innovation Grant
- Active research location



30

proposals for further
research funded



407

citations in peer-
reviewed journals



24

news outlets featured
our research



82

publications across

52

journals



67

training opportunities
accessed by Fellows



102

collaborating institutions
connected across

6

continents



12

national or international
policies and guidelines
influenced



66

conference events
convened or
contributed to



Floods and other climate events are associated with an increased risk of diarrhoea in children under five low- and middle-income countries.

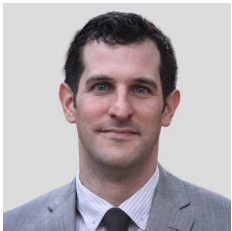
Advancing Knowledge

The evidence gaps in hygiene research have real-world consequences for communities worldwide. Without rigorous studies demonstrating what works and why, effective interventions remain scattered, difficult to scale, and challenging to adapt across different contexts.

We are addressing these knowledge gaps.

Case Study

Innovation Grant



Principal Investigator
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Setting a New Global Standard for Hygiene Reporting Professor Matthew Freeman

Programmes to improve water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are critical for reducing disease and improving health, but it's often hard to know which ones really work. Dozens of well-run epidemiological studies and hundreds of development projects have been led by governments and NGOs. Yet incomplete and inconsistent reporting of these interventions makes it difficult to compare outcomes, identify what can be scaled up, or assess value for money. Professor Freeman and team reviewed the 40 most cited WASH studies in the last ten years and found that only two studies (5%) reported all necessary items from their intervention.

To address this limitation, this project quantified the scope of the problem in WASH reporting, and then created the TIDieR-WASH guidelines – a simple, standardised framework that researchers, policymakers and practitioners can use to clearly describe and share WASH interventions.

The guidelines capture essential details, including:

- Technologies and equipment used.
- The behaviour-change strategies applied.
- How programmes were delivered and how well they worked.
- The context that shaped their success or failure.

Already being used in research and programmes worldwide, the guidelines are transforming how the sector learns from experience. It has recently been mainstreamed into CARE International's Water Team and as part of CARE's global learning agenda.

By standardising reporting, it makes it possible to:

- Identify what truly works across different settings.
- Improve programme design by learning from past successes and failures.
- Guide smarter investments so funding has maximum health impact.

Better reporting means stronger evidence for global action on safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, ultimately helping to build healthier communities.

Further reading

TIDieR-WASH: A Guideline for Reporting Implementation of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Interventions

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39607683/>

The state of reporting context and implementation in peer-reviewed evaluations of water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions: A scoping review

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1438463924000440>

Case Study

Innovation Grant



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Making Hospitals Safer in Cambodia and Lao PDR Dr Siyan Yi, Dr Vonthanak Saoponn, Dr Somphou Sayasone

Hospital-acquired infections are a serious but often overlooked public health challenge in low- and middle-income countries, putting vulnerable patients at risk and straining already stretched health systems. Strong infection prevention practices such as handwashing and personal protective equipment are crucial to keep patients, healthcare workers, and communities safe.

This project brings together experts from Lao PDR and Cambodia to develop practical, locally tailored infection prevention solutions for hospital settings.

The team is:

- Mapping current infection prevention practices and identifying gaps across hospitals.
- Designing tailored interventions specifically suited for the local context, informed by global evidence.
- Testing and evaluating solutions to ensure they are practical, effective, and acceptable to healthcare staff.

By focusing on strategies that are specific to these areas, the project is delivering solutions for real-world implementation, helping to prevent infections, save lives, and strengthen health systems. The evidence generated will guide policymakers and hospital leaders in Cambodia, Lao PDR and beyond, ensuring that future investments in hospital safety achieve the greatest possible impact.

Project highlights

- Developing locally appropriate infection prevention methods for hospital settings
- Facilitating cross-country learning between Lao PDR and Cambodia
- Engaging policymakers and hospital leaders to inform infection prevention strategies



Experts from Lao PDR and Cambodia meet regularly under the project to share learning and expertise. Left: Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, Cambodia; Above: Savannakhet Provincial Hospital, Lao PDR.

Case Study

Collaboration Accelerator Award



Principal Investigator
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Strengthening Health Systems in Malawi Dr Kondwani Chidziwisano

In Malawi's healthcare system, family members serve as essential caregivers and provide basic patient care that often-understaffed facilities cannot deliver. Guardian Waiting Shelters (GWS) are a lifeline for these families, providing a place for caregivers to stay during their loved one's treatment. Yet many shelters are unsafe and overcrowded, with limited water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities. Without safe spaces for guardians, hospitals risk becoming hotspots for infection, putting patients, families and health workers at risk.

An initial RGHI-funded assessment of GWS in Southern Malawi revealed gaps in infrastructure, management and standards related to GWS. These findings sparked strong engagement with the Ministry of Health. This momentum transformed a regional project into a national initiative to ensure GWS are safe, hygienic, and consistently managed across the country.

Together with the Malawi Ministry of Health and other partners, Dr. Chidziwisano's project will co-develop practical hygiene guidelines and integrate GWS into Malawi's national healthcare standards and policies. Through nationwide facility assessments, stakeholder consultations, and policy analysis, the project is generating the evidence needed to influence national infection prevention and control (IPC) guidelines and secure lasting improvements. This project is being conducted in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine.

By turning evidence into action, this project will set national standards for safe and hygienic GWS to reduce infection risks, create safer conditions for caregivers, and strengthen Malawi's health system for the future.

Project highlights

- Building on evidence: expanding on a previous RGHI-funded assessment of GWS in Southern Malawi
- Co-developing guidelines: collaborating with partners to create practical, nationally relevant hygiene standards for GWS

Further reading

Assessment of infrastructure, behaviours, and user satisfaction of guardian waiting shelters for secondary level hospitals in southern Malawi

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11268604/>

Case Study

RGHI Senior Fellow



Principal Investigator
Dr Bethany Caruso
Emory University, USA

Making Women Visible in Global Hygiene Monitoring Dr Bethany Caruso

Despite shouldering the primary burden of water collection and hygiene-related work worldwide, women remain largely invisible in global water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) monitoring systems. Not measuring women's experiences means that WASH policy and practice cannot address their needs or hold governments accountable for gender-equitable progress.

Dr Bethany Caruso's groundbreaking RGHI Senior Fellowship project is transforming this reality by integrating gender indicators into the UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 (clean water and sanitation) monitoring. Working in close partnership with the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) — the global custodian of WASH data — she has developed and is now testing indicators that capture critical but overlooked aspects of women's hygiene experiences, from menstrual health needs to the time burden of water collection for household hygiene.

Throughout her fellowship, Dr Caruso has developed the specialised skills needed to navigate public health, gender studies, and global policy systems, and built collaborative partnerships that span research institutions, NGOs, UN agencies, and national governments. Her systematic approach combines rigorous field research in Bangladesh to validate new measurement tools to report against the gender indicators, with strategic engagement to document processes that support adoption of these indicators at the national levels. She exemplifies how Senior Fellowships build the kind of interdisciplinary research capacity essential for tackling hygiene's complex, cross-cutting challenges.

The fellowship's impact extends far beyond data collection. By making women's hygiene needs visible in global monitoring systems, Dr Caruso's work directly influences resource allocation and policy decisions affecting billions of lives. Her systematic reviews have already shaped WHO's Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Community Settings, establishing new global standards that acknowledge gendered experiences of hygiene access. As discussions begin on post-2030 sustainable development goals, her research provides timely evidence for centring gender in future hygiene targets, ensuring that women's voices and experiences are embedded in the frameworks that will guide global development for decades to come.

Further reading

Priority gender-specific indicators for WASH monitoring under SDG targets 6.1 and 6.2

<https://washdata.org/reports/emory-2024-priority-gender-specific-indicators-for-wash-monitoring>

Case Study

RGHI Fellow



Principal Investigator
Dr Julie Hennegan
Burnet Institute, Australia

Advancing Measures for Menstrual Health and their Association with Health and Education Outcomes Dr Julie Hennegan

Two billion people around the world currently menstruate. Yet for many, menstruation is a barrier to health, education, and gender equity. A lack of supports including education, materials and facilities to manage menstrual bleeding, healthcare, and a supportive social environment for menstruation all contribute to widespread poor menstrual health. Despite the scale of the problem, little research exists to quantify the contribution of poor menstrual health to its anticipated influence on broader health and social outcomes – making it difficult to drive investment to menstrual health and the inform pathways for driving real change.

At the heart of this work is the Menstrual Practice Needs Scale (MPNS), a comprehensive tool first developed in 2020 to assess unmet menstrual health and hygiene needs. In her fellowship, Dr Hennegan has tested this scale across different countries and cultures, and developed a Short and Rapid version. These tools are now widely available and can support making menstrual health visible in more places.

Dr Hennegan has then used the MPNS among other tools as part of the Adolescent Menstrual Experiences and Health Cohort (AMEHC) – study, a longitudinal cohort funded by combining the fellowship with complementary grants. Through her fellowship, Dr Hennegan followed 400 girls throughout their first year of secondary school to understand for the first time short-term changes in menstrual experiences and needs, and to estimate how these contribute to girls’ mental wellbeing, urogenital symptoms and school attendance.

Dr Hennegan’s fellowship is making menstrual health visible, measurable, and actionable. Understanding changes in menstrual health and hygiene needs over time is critical to designing age-appropriate, responsive policies and programs. Establishing the AMEHC study provides a landmark, rigorous data source to test and quantify the impacts of menstrual health to advance advocacy, prioritisation in policy and budgets. This work will radically advance our understanding of menstrual hygiene, identifying important levers for change and evidence-based strategies to address its consequences, giving governments and funders the data they need to act.

Further reading

The Adolescent Menstrual Experiences and Health Cohort Study (AMEHC)

<https://mhevidence.au/amehc/>

Menstrual Practice Needs Scale short form (MPNS-SF) and rapid (MPNS-R): development in Khulna, Bangladesh, and validation in cross-sectional surveys from Bangladesh and Uganda

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/14/7/e084581.abstract>



RGHI Fellowships – the cornerstone of our commitment to strengthening global hygiene research capacity – are building the next generation of research leaders whose research is informing global health policies and guidelines.

Strengthening Global Research Capacity

The shortage of research expertise in hygiene represents a critical bottleneck in addressing global health challenges. Even with increased funding available, the field lacks sufficient researchers with the skills and career pathways needed to tackle pressing hygiene questions.

RGHI Fellowships serve as a cornerstone of our commitment to strengthening global research capacity in hygiene. Fellowships provide early-career researchers with the protected time, funding and mentorship needed to establish themselves as independent investigators in the field of hygiene research. Senior Fellowships, introduced in 2023, are designed to empower mid-career researchers to strengthen the field of global hygiene and translate findings into tangible advances in hygiene practices globally.

Beyond just funding research projects, the fellowships provide a structured pathway for professional growth. Fellows receive support for an ambitious professional development programme tailored to their specific development needs, helping them build both the technical expertise required for their research and the leadership skills essential for advancing as research leaders in the field.

RGHI Grants also contribute to strengthening research capacity. Our International Collaboration and Collaboration Accelerator Awards deliberately build research infrastructure and expertise within institutions while creating collaborative networks that enable knowledge exchange and skills development across diverse research settings.

Case Study

RGHI Fellow



Principal Investigator

Dr Mandikudza Tembo
Biomedical Research and
Training Institute, Zimbabwe

Transforming Menstrual Health and Hygiene for Women in Zimbabwe

Dr Mandikudza Tembo

Menstrual health is an issue integral to human rights and women's health, wellbeing and equitable participation in society. RGHI Fellow Dr Mandi Tembo is examining the challenge of improving access to menstrual health products and support in three provinces of Zimbabwe. Centred on social inclusion and public engagement, Dr Tembo is using innovative participatory research approaches to develop a 'menstrual health toolkit': a resource and training package tailored to the setting and co-created with key stakeholders.

Through her RGHI Fellowship, Dr Tembo has completed additional training in participatory action methods. These methods, which draw on people's experiences to identify the causes and solutions of an issue, are crucial to responsive and sensitive menstrual health programmes and policies. Through her community- and user-centred research and training, Dr Tembo is building a skill set that strengthens the field's capacity to tackle complex hygiene challenges from multiple angles.

Dr Tembo has presented findings to the Ministry of Health in Zimbabwe as part of the African Coalition for Menstrual Health symposium in May 2025. She joined the Global Advocacy Agenda as representative on menstrual health research in Africa. These connections create vital pathways for sharing locally generated evidence across African contexts and build collaborative networks that strengthen research capacity in menstrual health.

Dr. Tembo's fellowship aims to practically improve menstrual health-related awareness and care in Southern Africa. The creative and participatory components will produce learning on how to effectively design and promote programmes centring the needs of all community members, and how to integrate public engagement into hygiene research.

Activities to date

- A crowdsourcing competition showcasing artwork focused on stigmatised menstrual health issues
- Co-creation and promotion of a film representing the lived experiences of girls and women in Zimbabwe
- Stakeholder workshops to develop the menstrual health toolkit and strategy for integration into health services



In 2024 the MWEDZI Art Exhibition showcased the diverse and thought-provoking artwork submitted by women and girls to express their menstrual health journeys.

MWEZI is a Shona term used to describe menstruation.

Case Study

RGHI Fellow



Principal Investigator

Dr Sheillah Simiyu
African Population and
Health Research Center,
Kenya

Improving handwashing facilities in low-income communities in Kenya

Dr Sheillah Simiyu

As urban areas rapidly expand across Kenya, low-income settlements often face greater barriers to ensuring safe water, sanitation and hygiene services needed for effective handwashing, creating significant barriers to disease prevention in communities that are already vulnerable to health risks.

Through this fellowship, Dr Simiyu is addressing this challenge by working directly with communities in three low-income urban sites to understand hygiene behaviours and develop compound-led solutions that communities can own and sustain. Her approach empowers communities to identify their own barriers and co-create practical interventions tailored to their specific contexts and constraints. The fellowship has fostered meaningful community engagement throughout the project. By applying collaborative leadership approaches, Dr Simiyu has successfully empowered communities to take ownership of their hygiene challenges and solutions.

The fellowship has also enabled Dr Simiyu to further her research leadership skills. She has presented her findings at international fora, contributing to global conversations around the Sustainable Development Goals and urban hygiene challenges. During her fellowship, she has been a member of the Guideline Development Group for WHO's new Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Community settings. Working with early career researchers at APHRC, Dr Simiyu is actively helping to build the next generation of hygiene researchers in Africa through training, collaborations and exchange of knowledge.

Project highlights

- Along with community residents, Dr Simiyu co-created a handwashing song that residents enthusiastically adopted, demonstrating the potential impact of facilitating culturally relevant messaging that promotes behaviour change
- Planned dissemination and engagement meetings in Mombasa, a second region in Kenya, aim to foster uptake of the findings in policy and practice



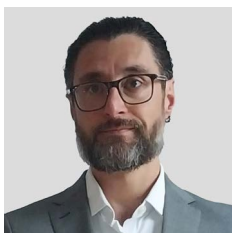
Community and stakeholder engagement is key to the successful co-creation and implementation of interventions to improve handwashing facilities.

Case Study

International Collaboration Award



Principal Investigator
Dr Jackie Knee
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK



Principal Investigator
Professor Federico Costa
Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), Brazil

Examining the links between Hygiene, Sewerage and Pathogen Exposure in Brazil

Dr Jackie Knee, Professor Federico Costa

How do low-cost sewerage systems and everyday hygiene practices work together to reduce exposure to pathogens in crowded, low-income neighbourhoods in Brazil? These issues are being tackled by this collaborative research project between LSHTM and Fiocruz. Drawing on direct observation of hygiene practices and molecular pathogen testing in samples from stool, food, water and the home; the team is mapping how germs spread through the domestic environment and how hygiene can interrupt this transmission.

This innovative research is supported by a dedicated mechanism to build a long-term partnership and develop capacity for both partners. Funded through the International Collaboration Award scheme, building and strengthening institutions is central to the project's goals. The teams have created robust dashboards and tracking systems that allow real-time assessment of data collection and analysis progress. The Fiocruz team has gained advanced laboratory technique training through international exchange – ensuring skills, infrastructure, and impact remain long after the project ends.

Co-investigator Dr Daiana Oliveira's prestigious fellowship to undertake extended laboratory training at LSHTM is further embedding technical expertise across both institutions and helping to build a pipeline of skilled researchers for future joint research. Through reciprocal visits, shared training, and ongoing knowledge exchange, this collaboration is laying the groundwork not only for success in the current project but also sustained Brazil-UK scientific partnerships that will strengthen health research capacity well into the future.

Project highlights

- Capacity building: training laboratory teams in advance qPCR methods and strengthening long-term research infrastructure
- Sustained knowledge exchange: reciprocal visits, joint training, and fellowships embed expertise and foster enduring scientific collaboration



Building and strengthening institutions through training, skillsharing, and collaboration is central to Dr Knee and Professor Costa's approach.

A man with glasses and a brown polo shirt stands in a dusty backyard, holding a white bucket. He is surrounded by several chickens of various breeds, including a prominent black one in the foreground. The background shows trees and a brick wall. A semi-transparent orange box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

RGHI-funded research has found effective strategies to reduce children's illnesses due to exposure to poultry faeces in households that rely on backyard poultry for their livelihood.

Convening Stakeholders

Turning Collaboration into Systemic Impact

Hygiene challenges don't fit neatly within institutional boundaries. They are inherently cross-sectoral, spanning health, environment, gender, and education, demanding solutions that are as interconnected as the challenges themselves. RGHI's independence and credibility allow us to bring together the voices that rarely share a table: researchers, policymakers, and practitioners united by evidence and a shared commitment to real-world change.

As a trusted partner with a robust and maturing research portfolio, RGHI is uniquely positioned to strengthen the links between science, policy, and implementation. Our independence, scientific credibility, and global partnerships allow us to act as a neutral convener where collaboration thrives. This convening power doesn't just advance dialogue, it unlocks capacity, strengthens leadership, and accelerates the translation of research into practice. In doing so, it exemplifies how RGHI's three strategic pillars—advancing knowledge, strengthening capacity, and convening stakeholders—work in synergy to deliver lasting impact.

RGHI's convening role first came to the fore through our collaboration with Chatham House's Commission on Universal Health, which brought together experts and decision-makers—to examine hygiene's role in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). These discussions reaffirmed the urgent need to position hygiene as a strategic investment in prevention and system resilience, not simply a sub-component of WASH infrastructure.

Building on that foundation, in December 2023, RGHI and Chatham House co-hosted the Global Hygiene Symposium in Singapore. A landmark gathering of more than 70 experts from research, government, and implementation sectors. The symposium showcased RGHI's ability to unite diverse voices around a shared purpose: embedding hygiene at the heart of health systems. It catalysed new partnerships and demonstrated RGHI's value as a neutral, evidence-led partner for collaboration.

In October 2024, RGHI continued to build on this momentum at the UNC Water and Health Conference, hosting a side session focused on bridging the gap between hygiene research and policy. The discussion explored how evidence can more effectively inform decisions in complex policy environments and how multidisciplinary collaboration can amplify real-world impact.

Beyond these flagship events, RGHI's fellows and grantees continue to carry our voice across global platforms—from WHO and UNICEF consultations to academic conferences and regional health summits. Our participation not only advances the science of hygiene but also strengthens RGHI's influence as a convening force amplifying evidence, shaping policy dialogue, and representing a new generation of research leadership.

Looking ahead to the next phase, we will lean even further into our convening role, motivating broad hygiene-wide dialogues to targeted thematic gatherings that integrate cross-sector perspectives. By bringing together researchers, funders, and policymakers, these convenings will strengthen the global research ecosystem, build capacity, and accelerate the use of evidence in policy and implementation.

Through these efforts, RGHI is not only funding science but building a movement, a connected community of practice that recognises hygiene as fundamental to health, dignity, and resilience. Our convening power is both a reflection of the trust we've earned and a catalyst for what comes next.

Case Study

Global Hygiene Symposium Singapore 2023

In December 2023, RGHI co-hosted the inaugural Global Hygiene Symposium in Singapore in partnership with the Global Health Programme at Chatham House. This landmark event brought together over 70 experts from across research, policy, and practice to catalyse cross-disciplinary collaboration and pave the way for transformative solutions in global health.

The three-day symposium addressed critical challenges in the hygiene field through plenary sessions and focused breakout discussions. Participants explored strategies for delivering effective hygiene at scale and examined cross-cutting issues including gender equality, climate change implications, and the One Health agenda.

Six key messages emerged from the symposium that continue to guide our collaborative approach:

Multidisciplinary collaboration is essential

Hygiene transcends any single sector and requires partnerships across disciplines, sectors, and networks.

Evidence must inform policy and practice

Bridging gaps between research, policy, and practice requires early engagement of stakeholders in research design.

Economic evidence is critical

Researchers must provide compelling economic data to justify investments in hygiene interventions.

Gender equity must be prioritised

Interventions must address differential benefits and costs for various populations to avoid reinforcing inequalities.

Holistic approaches are needed

Hygiene should encompass outcomes beyond eliminating pathogens, including dignity and wellbeing.

Advocacy is a shared responsibility

The hygiene community has a pivotal role in communicating the economic, societal, and political benefits of hygiene.

Symposium highlights

The symposium exemplified RGHI's commitment to fostering collaboration across traditional boundaries. By bringing together diverse stakeholders from around the world, we created a platform for knowledge exchange and established the foundation for ongoing partnerships that will accelerate progress in global hygiene research and implementation.

Reflection



Dr Albert Ko, MD
Chair of the RGHI Research
and Advocacy Committee

A Field Transformed

Hygiene research has undergone a quiet but profound transformation over the past decade. Once considered a narrow adjunct to water and sanitation programs, it is now recognised as a central determinant of global health, equity, and resilience. The COVID-19 pandemic underscored this reality: hygiene is not simply a behavioural recommendation but a fundamental component in protecting communities. Yet, as the world's attention shifts and funding priorities evolve, sustaining that commitment to hygiene science is a pressing challenge.

The Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI) has been instrumental in shaping this transformation. Through rigorous peer-reviewed funding mechanisms and an insistence on innovation and methodological rigor, RGHI has filled critical gaps in our evidence base—clarifying how hygiene behaviours influence infection risk, how interventions can be scaled sustainably, and how the economic value of hygiene can be demonstrated to policy-makers. These contributions have brought credibility to a field too long neglected and have positioned hygiene squarely within the framework of global health systems.

From my perspective as Chair of the Research and Advocacy Advisory Committee, RGHI's strength lies in its independence and integrity. Its governance structure shields scientific judgment from commercial or political influence, allowing the Institute to convene diverse partners—academia, governments, NGOs, and private sector stakeholders—in open and credible dialogue. This independence has earned RGHI a reputation as an honest broker, trusted to promote science and to bridge communities that seldom work in concert.

Equally significant has been RGHI's investment in building human capital, particularly among early-career researchers in low- and middle-income countries. The Fellowship programs exemplify a deliberate strategy to shift expertise and leadership toward those regions most affected by hygiene-related inequities. The emphasis on mentorship and local capacity building is transforming hygiene from a donor-driven agenda into a discipline grounded in equity between partners. Furthermore, RGHI fellowships are creating a critical mass of scientists who are not only advancing hygiene research but are shaping national and regional public health agendas and will be future leaders in global health.

RGHI has also become more than a funding agency. It is now a convener and catalyst that links discovery to action. The 2023 Global Hygiene Symposium in Singapore was a formative event—demonstrating how independent science can inform multisectoral collaboration and policy translation. By creating these spaces for genuine engagement, RGHI is redefining how evidence can be mobilised to influence global frameworks.

Looking forward, the next phase of hygiene research must address its intersections with climate change, gender equity, and health-systems resilience. These are domains where hygiene exerts profound yet under-measured effects. RGHI is positioned to contribute to this agenda—supporting bold interdisciplinary research, strengthening global capacity, and ensuring that evidence translates into sustainable policy impact.

In sum, RGHI's first five years have built the foundation of an enduring scientific enterprise. Its continued independence, commitment to equity, and emphasis on translation will determine not only the future of hygiene research but also how the world safeguards health, dignity, and wellbeing for all.



└ 2.3 billion people still lack access to basic handwashing facilities with soap and water at home.

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Full list of RGHI Awards, 2020–2025

RGHI Fellowships and Senior Fellowships

Bethany Caruso, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University (Hubert Department of Global Health). Advancing Gender Monitoring of Global Hygiene. Senior Fellowship, 2023

Christine Marie George, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Department of International Health). Developing Equitable Approaches to Deliver a Hygiene mHealth Program to Reduce Cholera in a Humanitarian Context in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Senior Fellowship, 2023

Déley Sylvain Dabadé, University of Abomey-Calavi (Faculty of Agronomic Sciences). Evidence-based approaches to improve street-vended food hygiene and safety in Benin, West Africa. Senior Fellowship, 2023

Elizabeth Thomas, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Improved backyard poultry management to reduce young children's exposure to poultry feces. Fellowship, 2022

Fanta Gutema, The University of Memphis (originally The University of Iowa). Genomic Fingerprinting Enteric and Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria at Hygiene and One Health Interface for Tracking Disease Transmission in Ethiopia. Fellowship, 2022

Giorgia Gon, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. HY-NORM-Changing HYgiene social NORMsat key times in the life-course: what works and how? Fellowship, 2021

Ian Ross, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Improving the economic evaluation of handwashing interventions. Fellowship, 2021

Julie Hennegan, Burnet Institute. Measuring unmet menstrual health and hygiene needs and their impacts on health and education. Fellowship, 2021

Kondwani Chidziwisano, Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (WASHTED Centre). Intervention to improve hygienic environments, hand washing and food hygiene behaviors in Early Childhood Development Centres and households in Malawi. Senior Fellowship, 2023

Mandikudza Tembo, Biomedical Research and Training Institute. "TAURA": Participatory Action Research to transform menstrual health and hygiene for women in Zimbabwe. Fellowship, 2022

Max Eyre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Simplified sewerage to target multiple transmission pathways of environmental and zoonotic diseases in urban communities. Fellowship, 2022

Rehnuma Haque, icddr,b. Child weaning practices and hygiene intervention among mothers in the prevention of foodborne diseases in Bangladesh. Fellowship, 2022

Sheillah Simiyu, African Population and Health Research Center. Assessing the effectiveness of compound-led initiatives on hygiene practices and maintenance of handwashing facilities in low income settings in Kenya. Fellowship, 2021

Sitsofe Gbogbo, UHAS – University of Health and Allied Sciences. Exploring the relationship between menstrual hygiene management and depression among adolescents in Ghana. Fellowship, 2022

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RGHI Grants

Alexander Clark, The Behavioural Insights Team. Improving hygiene behaviours among Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. Innovation Grant, 2022

Brendan Allen, Burnet Institute. Menstrual hygiene and reproductive health: understanding the linkages through the Adolescent Menstrual Experiences and Health Cohort in Bangladesh. International Collaboration Award, 2023

Christine Moe, Emory University (The Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene). Promoting Evidence-Based Investments in Hygiene and Sanitation for Health & Equity (PROMISE) Consortium. International Collaboration Award, 2023

Debayan Pakrashi, Indian Statistical Institute. Sustainability of Hygiene Behaviours in Indian Slums. Innovation Grant, 2024

Jacqueline Knee, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (Department of Disease Control). Examining the relationships between domestic hygiene, a simplified sewerage intervention, and enteric pathogen exposure in Salvador, Brazil. International Collaboration Award, 2023

Judith Semanda, The Infectious Diseases Institute Limited. Hospital CleanCare Consortium. Collaboration Accelerator Award, 2025

Kai Chen, Yale School of Public Health. Associations Between Extreme Precipitation, Floods, or Drought and Childhood Diarrhea in Low-and Middle-Income Countries. Innovation Grant, 2021

Karen Levy, University of Washington (Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences). Developing, testing, and estimating health impacts of a food hygiene intervention in informal open-air markets in Maputo, Mozambique. International Collaboration Award, 2023

Katie Greenland, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Face washing methods to eliminate trachoma (FAME). Innovation Grant, 2021

Kondwani Chidziwisano, Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (WASHTED Centre). GWS Country – Wide exploration Study. Collaboration Accelerator Award, 2025

Laura Kwong, University of California, Berkeley. The impact of scalable food storage interventions on E. coli contamination of food and childhood diarrhea in urban Bangladesh: an RCT. Innovation Grant, 2024

Matthew Freeman, Emory University – Rollins School of Public Health. Standard reporting guidelines for hygiene and WASH implementation. Innovation Grant, 2022

Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, Northumbria University. Hygiene and health of care-dependent older people living in Brazilian urban communities. Innovation Grant, 2024

Robert Dreibelbis, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Improving Hygiene in Guardian Waiting Shelters and Communities in Malawi: an intervention development and feasibility study. Innovation Grant, 2021

Sera Young, Northwestern University. Development of a Hygiene Experiences Scale: Scale development, implementation, refinement and dissemination. Innovation Grant, 2024

Siyan Yi, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore. Developing and piloting infection prevention and control intervention to reduce the incidence of hospital-acquired infection in Cambodia and Lao PDR. Innovation Grant, 2021

Surekha Tayade, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Datta Meghe University of Higher Education and Research, Sawangi (Meghe), Wardha, India. "Optimizing Maternal and Neonatal Health: Evaluating Hygiene Protocols and Crafting Training Modules for Labor Rooms in Rural Central India". Innovation Grant, 2024

Tarique Huda, icddr,b. Street food hygiene in low-resource settings: Evidence synthesis. Innovation Grant, 2022

Yan Boucher, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore. The effects of polluted water usage on the long-term carriage of enteric pathogen. Innovation Grant, 2021

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RGHI Publications

RGHI-funded projects are producing high-quality research that is regularly published in high-impact journals including including The Lancet, JAMA Pediatrics, and Nature Water.

For a full, up-to-date list of RGHI-funded publications, visit our research repository: www.rghi.org/repository/

RGHI Charitable Expenditure

The table below summarises RGHI’s grant commitments by funding round between 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2025. All figures represent multi-year grant awards committed during each respective period, with actual disbursements occurring according to individual grant schedules and milestone achievements.

Grants & Fellowships Summary	Total Committed (USD)
RGHI 2021 Fellowship Program	2,543,582
RGHI 2022 Fellowship Program	2,562,590
RGHI 2023 Senior Fellowship Program	2,277,449
	7,383,622
RGHI 2021 Grants Program: Innovation Grant	1,734,739
RGHI 2022 Grants Program: Innovation Grant	502,378
RGHI 2023 Grant Program: ICA	3,069,185
RGHI 2024 Grant Program: Innovation Grant	814,143
RGHI 2025 Grant Program: CAA	409,762
	6,530,206
Total Grants & Fellowships	13,913,828



RGHI is on a mission to put hygiene at the centre of global health strategy and to ensure that evidence-based hygiene practices benefit everyone — not just a privileged few.

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Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute

The Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI) exists to fund transformative research, strengthen global research capacity, and foster collaboration. Through these activities, RGHI will advance hygiene equity that enables everyone, everywhere to live healthy and productive lives with dignity.