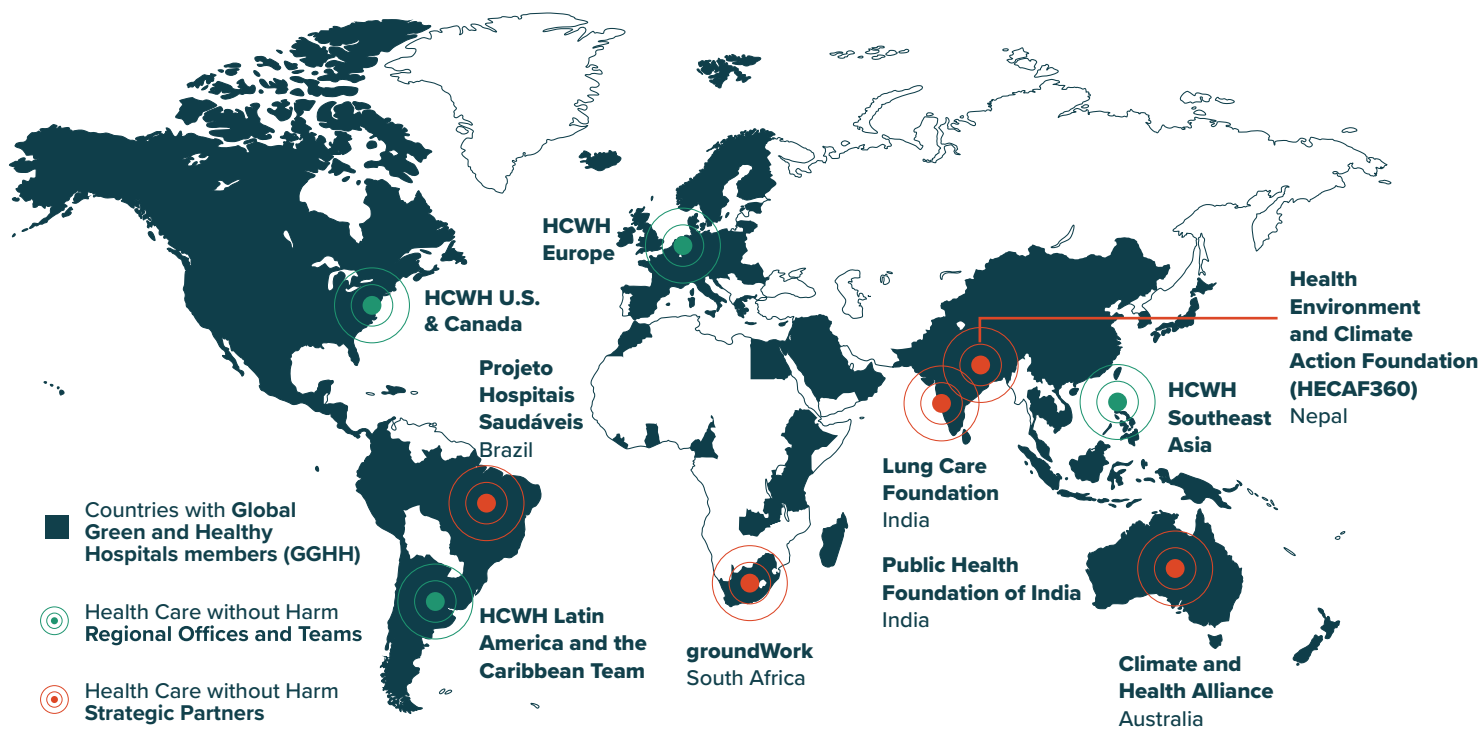


2025 Global Impact Report

Protecting **people**
and **the planet**

Who we are



About

Health Care Without Harm is a global organization working to ensure healthcare protects both people and the planet.

Active across more than 80 countries, we unite a powerful network of health systems, health professionals, partners, and advocates to build a climate-resilient health sector: one that reduces its environmental footprint while helping hospitals adapt to the climate crisis

already reaching their doors. For 30 years, Health Care Without Harm has built a global movement to put healthcare's guiding principle – "first, do no harm" – into practice, transforming care today while protecting the health of future generations.

Health Care Without Harm's strategic partners – Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis (Brazil), groundWork (South Africa), Lung Care Foundation and Public Health Foundation in

India (India), Health Environment and Climate Action Foundation (HECAF360, Nepal), and Climate and Health Alliance (Australia) – are integral to this work. By leading local initiatives, improving regional collaboration, and advancing shared global priorities, we are translating global ambition into local implementation, and local innovation into global progress.

Our mission



Transform healthcare worldwide so that it reduces its environmental footprint, becomes a community anchor for sustainability, and leads the global movement for environmental health and justice.

Our vision



Healthcare mobilizes its ethical, economic, and political influence to create an ecologically sustainable, equitable, and healthy world.

What we do: We provide health systems worldwide with guidance and technical support, and advocate for the policies needed to drive change.



Cut emissions: Transform how healthcare is powered, designed, and operated to accelerate the transition to low-carbon care, strengthen energy resilience, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.



Prepare for extreme weather: Prepare health systems for more frequent and severe weather and other escalating climate health threats through stronger infrastructure, emergency planning, community collaboration, and practical solutions that keep care safe and uninterrupted.



Reduce plastics: Reshape health systems by reducing the use of plastics that harm people and the environment, choosing safer alternatives, and advancing reuse and smarter practices — while saving money, cutting emissions and toxic chemicals, and strengthening supply chains.

How we drive impact

Leadership & commitment:

Mobilize the health sector to lead the transition to healthier, more sustainable healthcare.

Innovation & implementation:

Scale practical solutions that improve care while reducing environmental impact.

Market transformation:

Shift global markets through healthcare's purchasing power.

Policy & governance:

Turn climate and health commitments into policies, guidance, and action.

Measurement & accountability:

Measure environmental impact, strengthen accountability, and drive improvement.

2025 in numbers



73,900+

Healthcare facilities represented by members of our Global Green and Healthy Hospitals network across 88 countries.



32 million tCO₂e

Total emissions reduction commitments pledged through the Health Care Climate Challenge since 2015, including 840,000 tCO₂e added in 2025 alone.



3,700+

Health professionals in Health Care Without Harm's professional networks worldwide.



US\$235 million

In annual savings reported by organizations in the U.S. participating in the Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards, including US\$18.6 million from plastics reduction.

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100+

Workshops, events, and webinars delivered.



1.5 billion

Potential audience reached through global media coverage.

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Foreword: The power of **collective engagement**



2025:

**A year of transition,
growth, and impact.**

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As we celebrate Health Care Without Harm's 30th anniversary, we find ourselves reflecting on both how far this global organization has come and the opportunities that lie ahead.

When Health Care Without Harm was founded in 1996, the idea that healthcare should address its own environmental impact was far from mainstream. Over three decades, our work has helped drive the [phase-out of harmful substances](#) in healthcare, advance safer and more sustainable practices, build one of the world's largest networks of healthcare institutions committed to environmental sustainability, and elevate the role of the health sector in global climate discussions. Along the way, Health Care Without Harm's [research](#) helped reveal the scale of healthcare's environmental footprint and reinforced the case for solutions across the sector.

None of this progress was achieved by a single organization. It was made possible by thousands of hospitals, health institutions, health professionals, advocates, partners, and communities who believe that equity and human and environmental health are deeply interconnected, and that healthcare has an important role to play in advancing all three.

At the same time, the urgency of this work continues to grow.

As escalating environmental and geopolitical crises place pressure on our health and the systems that sustain it, healthcare leaders around the world, together with Health Care Without Harm are responding with practical solutions. They are reducing emissions and harmful waste, preparing for extreme weather events, and demonstrating that a different future is already

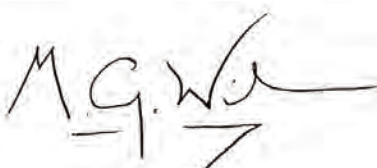
taking shape. Health Care Without Harm is proud to work alongside them – connecting leaders across borders, equipping them with the knowledge and practical tools to act, celebrating innovation and excellence, advocating for lasting policy change, and amplifying the stories that inspire others to follow.

As we look back on 2025, we see a year defined by both continuity and renewal, building on decades of progress while preparing for the next chapter of Health Care Without Harm's journey.

The numbers, voices, and case studies highlighted in this report demonstrate that a different future for healthcare is already taking shape. We hope this work inspires new ideas, partnerships, and action, and renewed optimism about what is possible when health systems are designed to protect both people and the planet.



Emily Bancroft
CEO, U.S. and Practice
Greenhealth



Mark Wilson
Executive Director, Europe



Norly Grace Mercado
Executive Director,
Southeast Asia

The healthcare climate paradox

546,000¹

Estimated annual heat-related deaths worldwide
– 63% higher than in the 1990s.

640 billion³

Work hours lost to extreme heat exposure.

250,000²

Additional deaths each year projected
between 2030 and 2050 from heat stress,
malaria, diarrhea, and undernutrition.

1 billion⁴

People rely on healthcare facilities
without reliable electricity.

\$120 billion+⁵

Economic losses from the world's 10 costliest climate
disasters in 2025, including wildfires, floods, and storms.

**5th largest
greenhouse
gas emitter**⁶

If global healthcare were a country,
it would rank fifth in the world.

25%+

The U.S. healthcare sector produces more than
one-quarter of the world's healthcare emissions, while
the greatest environmental health impacts are felt
by the world's most vulnerable communities.

70%+⁷

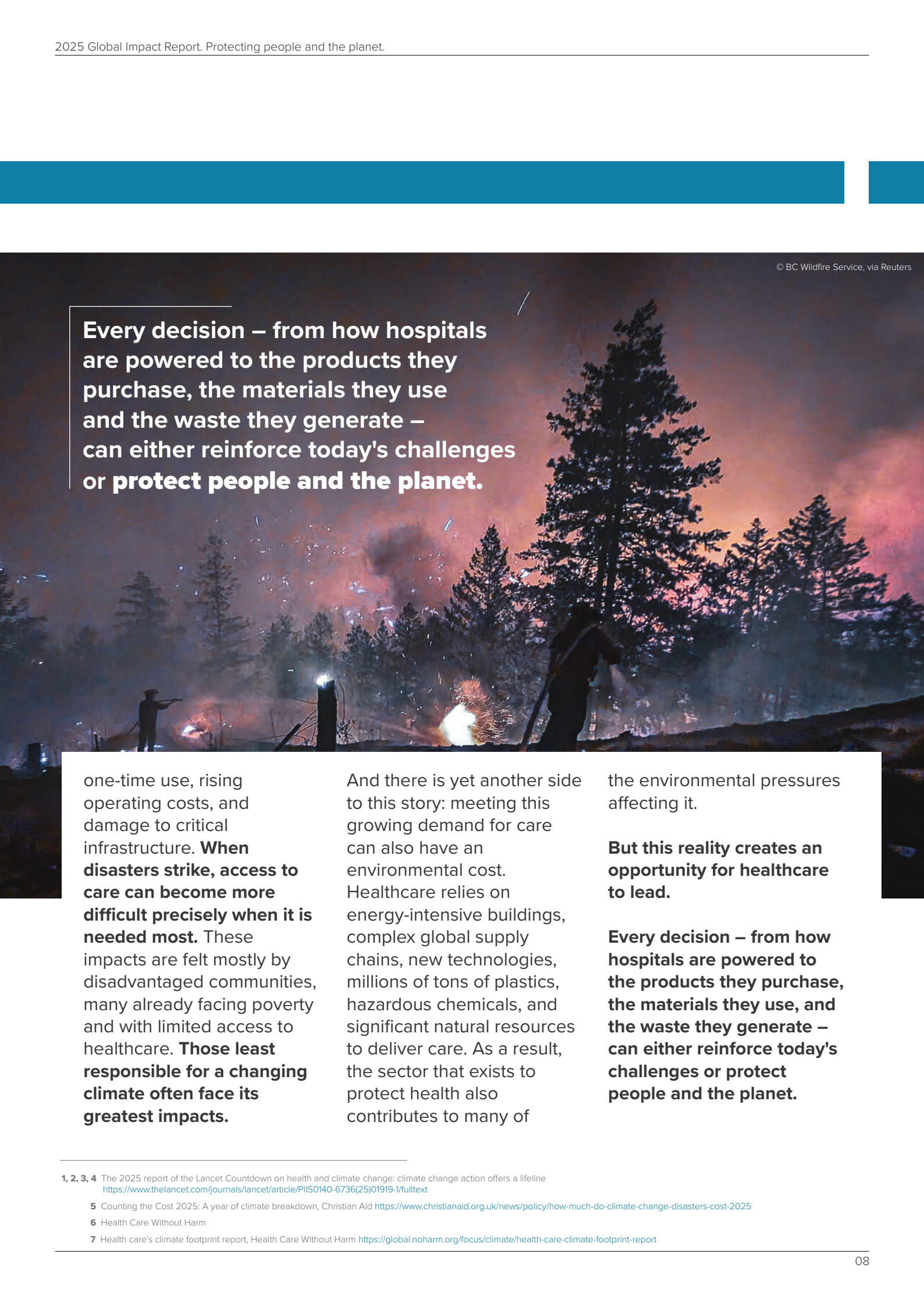
Healthcare's climate footprint comes
from the products and services
health systems purchase.

The conditions that shape our health extend far beyond the walls of hospitals. They include the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the climate we live in, and whether we feel safe in our homes and communities. When these conditions deteriorate, health systems feel the consequences.

Healthcare professionals are already seeing these impacts every day. **Air pollution, extreme weather, wildfires, and exposure to toxic plastics and chemicals** are contributing to a growing range of health risks, from heart attacks and strokes to hormone disruption, pregnancy complications, respiratory and infectious diseases, and mental health

challenges. As these risks increase, so does demand for healthcare.

At the same time, the systems people rely on for care are themselves under growing pressure. Hospitals face increasing disruptions due to extreme weather, supply chain vulnerabilities tied to items designed for



Every decision – from how hospitals are powered to the products they purchase, the materials they use and the waste they generate – can either reinforce today's challenges or protect people and the planet.

one-time use, rising operating costs, and damage to critical infrastructure. **When disasters strike, access to care can become more difficult precisely when it is needed most.** These impacts are felt mostly by disadvantaged communities, many already facing poverty and with limited access to healthcare. **Those least responsible for a changing climate often face its greatest impacts.**

And there is yet another side to this story: meeting this growing demand for care can also have an environmental cost. Healthcare relies on energy-intensive buildings, complex global supply chains, new technologies, millions of tons of plastics, hazardous chemicals, and significant natural resources to deliver care. As a result, the sector that exists to protect health also contributes to many of

the environmental pressures affecting it.

But this reality creates an opportunity for healthcare to lead.

Every decision – from how hospitals are powered to the products they purchase, the materials they use, and the waste they generate – can either reinforce today's challenges or protect people and the planet.

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Connecting a global movement

Change begins with individuals, but it grows through collaboration.

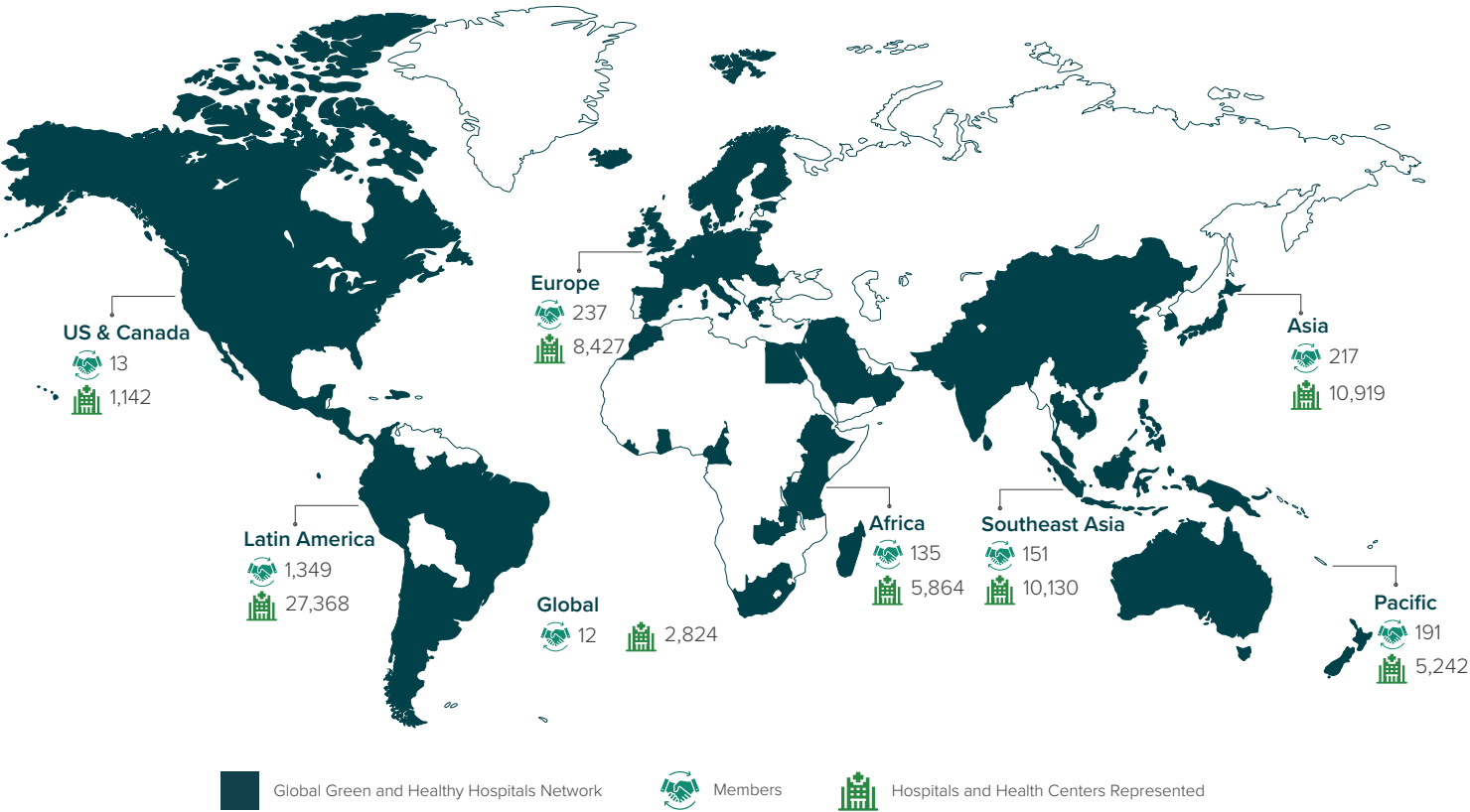
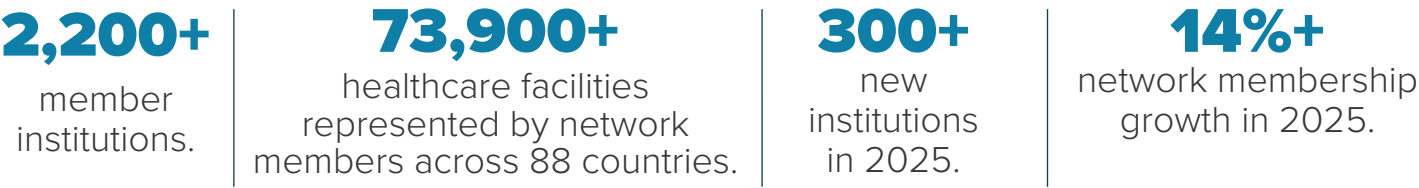
Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH)

Health Care Without Harm leads one of the world's largest networks of hospitals and health systems working to lower healthcare's environmental impact by

reducing emissions, building resilience, and advancing safer healthcare practices.

Across the network, members are turning

ambition into reality by sharing knowledge to help successful solutions spread across institutions, regions, and countries.



Practice Greenhealth

As North America's leading healthcare sustainability organization, Practice Greenhealth provides thousands of hospitals and health systems with the data, tools, technical expertise, benchmarking, and peer learning needed to advance sustainability.

1 in 4

U.S. hospitals are part of the network.

10,300+

participants in 2025, representing 1,300+ institutions.

Health professionals

Health Care Without Harm supports health professionals globally to use their trusted voices and expertise to advance healthier people on a healthier planet.

Through formal networks and broader communities of

health professionals, they connect through events, meetings, newsletters, and other initiatives to exchange knowledge, strengthen leadership, and advocate for policy change that protects patients, communities, and the systems they work in.

Six formal networks, connecting 3,700+ health professionals — alongside broader regional communities worldwide.



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Convening the movement

Bringing together healthcare leaders, health professionals, policymakers, journalists, sustainability experts, and other changemakers from around the world helps turn ideas into action through shared learning, practical solutions, and collaboration.

100+

Workshops, events, and webinars.

CleanMed: leadership for sustainable healthcare

Health Care Without Harm’s flagship CleanMed conferences in the U.S. and Europe created spaces where healthcare leaders could learn from one another, challenge conventional thinking, and discover new possibilities. Through expert-led discussions, practical workshops, and peer exchange, participants gained solutions they can put into practice in their facilities.

1,200+

participants.

230+

speakers and experts.

80+

sessions and plenaries.

C.A.R.E.: Turning shared learning into local action

GGHH's Community of Action for the Reduction of Emissions (C.A.R.E.) is a multi-year educational offering where healthcare institutions learn from one another and adapt proven approaches to local contexts. In 2025, activities organized by Health Care Without Harm teams in Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe, together with the **Climate and Health Alliance, our strategic partner in Australia and the Pacific**, explored practical solutions for reducing emissions and plastics, strengthening sustainable procurement, expanding renewable energy, building climate resilience, and advancing low-carbon models of care.

170+

Participants in regional convenings.

80+

participants from 34 organizations across the Pacific.

40+

participants from Europe.

50+

participants from 40 healthcare organizations across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Health4Climate series

A regional virtual learning series equipping health professionals with leadership and advocacy tools to drive action on climate policy, healthcare plastics, and health equity across Southeast Asia.

120+ participants trained.

3 regional learning sessions.

10 years of commitment to act

Protecting human health means protecting the planet. Around the world, healthcare institutions are translating that principle into ambitious commitments to reduce emissions.

Health Care Climate Challenge and Race to Zero for Healthcare

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025, the **Health Care Climate Challenge** is Health Care Without Harm's climate action initiative for GGHH members. It unites healthcare institutions large and small, urban and rural, to

measure, manage, reduce, and report emissions while recognizing progress through a tiered awards system.

Race to Zero for Healthcare represents the highest level of ambition within this

pathway, supporting institutions committed to achieving net zero by 2050. It also welcomes eligible Practice Greenhealth members in the United States.

1 in 4 GGHH members have made commitments to high-ambition climate initiatives.

575 Health Care Climate Challenge participants across 54 countries, including 108 new participants in 2025.

105 Race to Zero for Healthcare participants across 30 countries, including 31 new participants in 2025.

840K tCO₂e committed for reduction through the Health Care Climate Challenge in 2025.*

32 million tCO₂e committed for reduction through the Health Care Climate Challenge since 2015, including 9.4 million tCO₂e committed for reduction through Race to Zero for Healthcare since launch.



“We are immensely proud to be featured in Health Care Without Harm’s 10 year anniversary of the Climate Challenge, affirming our decade-long commitment to sustainability and inspiring us to lead toward a net-zero future.”

Dr. Ning-Shegn Lai
Superintendent of Dalin Tzu Chi Hospital,
Buddhist Tzu Chi Medical Foundation.

* Of this total, 105 institutions across 30 countries have committed to Race to Zero for Healthcare, the pathway's highest level of ambition (net zero by 2050). Together they've contributed 9.4 million tCO₂e since launch, including 800,000 tCO₂e in 2025 alone, showing the coalition's most ambitious members are delivering results.

Driving change

Hospitals and health systems are actively rethinking how they deliver care. Through operational improvements, stronger reporting systems, and scalable, adaptable programs, they are transforming the way they operate to achieve better outcomes for both people and the planet.

The examples that follow highlight just a few of the many ways Health Care Without Harm, together with its networks, regional teams, and partners around the world, helped turn this vision into reality in 2025.

Innovation in practice: showing what works

The model hospital

What would the world's most sustainable hospital look like? It isn't just one building, it's a mosaic of innovations, solutions, and ideas from hospitals around the world. Here are a few of the pieces Global Green and Healthy Hospitals members added in 2025.



ENERGY

Shefaa Al-Orman Hospital, Egypt: Installed a 910 kW solar energy system, reducing reliance on the energy grid by 30%, avoiding 265 tonnes of carbon emissions, and saving US\$21,000 in electricity costs in just four months.

L V Prasad Eye Institute, India: Expanded clean energy across its 308-centre network with more than 2,300 kW of rooftop solar, generating 7,620 MWh of renewable electricity each year and saving nearly US\$290,000 in annual energy costs while avoiding thousands of tonnes of CO₂ emissions.



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At Shefaa Al-Orman Oncology Hospital, we believe that climate action is health action. By investing in clean energy and sustainable practices, we are not only reducing our carbon footprint, but also ensuring reliable, high-quality care for our patients.

Prof. Dr. Hany Hussein

Executive Director,
Shefaa Al-Orman Hospitals, Egypt.



EMISSIONS

Clínica Universitaria Bolivariana, Colombia: Seven years after establishing its first greenhouse gas inventory and long-term transition plan, the hospital reduced its total emissions by 5% in 2025 through targeted operational improvements, demonstrating how measurement and planning can drive sustained climate action.



WASTE

Salem Hospital, Germany:

Introduced an on-site system to empty surgical suction bags, reducing its fluid waste by 92%, emissions by 97%, and disposal costs by at least 66%.

Hospital Bukit Mertajam, Malaysia:

Recycled 7,969 kg of general waste, increasing recycling while generating US\$1,800 in revenue through resource recovery.





FOOD SYSTEMS

UC San Diego Health, United States: Expanded plant-based menus through the Coolfood Pledge – a Practice Greenhealth program, in partnership with World Resources Institute, that helps hospitals reduce food-related greenhouse gas emissions – cutting emissions by 35% per plate over six years while saving approximately US\$60,000 annually in food costs.



MEDICAL DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT

Méderi Red Hospitalaria, Colombia: Improved sterilization and digital tracking extended the life of surgical devices to 100 uses, saving US\$11,947 and preventing 4 kg of hazardous waste per sterilization cycle.

Quirino Memorial Medical Center, Philippines: Completed the full phase-out of legacy mercury diagnostic devices across its 1,000-bed tertiary facility, transitioning entirely to digital equipment while replacing facility lighting with energy-efficient LEDs.



TEXTILES

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia: Switched from single-use to reusable surgical gowns and drapes, eliminating 9.2 tonnes of waste, cutting emissions by 66%, and saving approximately US\$22,000 annually.

Hospital Metropolitano de Santiago – HOMS, Dominican Republic: Repurposed textiles from decommissioned clinical laundry, reusing 3,000 kg each year and reducing disposal costs by 30%.



Recognizing excellence

Leadership inspires others to act. The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards recognized healthcare organizations that raised the bar for environmental stewardship while demonstrating that sustainability can improve operational performance, strengthen preparedness, and reduce costs.

Participating organizations reported:

Growing participation



430+

organizations reporting.

700+

healthcare facilities represented.

Financial impact reported



US\$235 million
in annual savings.

US\$16.8 million
in savings from plastics reduction.

Hiring for sustainability pays off



3×

higher waste reduction.

1.7×

greater likelihood of reporting US\$200,000+
in annual greenhouse gas reduction savings.



Helping solutions spread:

proven approaches with scalable programs

A safer start for the next generation Protecting the next generation begins at conception.

Through the **Born Green Generation** initiative, Health Care Without Harm Europe is working with hospitals to create safer maternity care by reducing babies' exposure to unnecessary plastics and harmful

chemicals during the first 1,000 days, from conception up to the age of two.

In 2025, eight hospitals across Denmark, France, and the United Kingdom demonstrated that these

practical changes also reduce waste, lower costs, and maintain high-quality care.

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hospitals across Europe.

100,000+

plastic devices eliminated.

5.7

tonnes of plastic removed.

~US\$250,000

in financial savings.

~40,000

babies born or treated with less plastic.

Check out our Born Green Generation video!



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Newborns, infants, and children are particularly vulnerable to environmental toxins. In a healthcare setting, where they should be receiving the safest, most protective care, it's crucial that we eliminate unnecessary risks linked to plastics and harmful toxins.

Imogen Stringer

Head of Sustainability Education and Implementation, Great Ormond Street Hospital, United Kingdom.



Nature as healthcare infrastructure

Hospitals cannot move when disasters strike, they must be prepared to adapt where care is delivered.

Through the **LIFE RESYSTAL** project, Health Care Without Harm Europe partnered with **seven pilot hospitals** and **two regional health systems** across the continent to test how **nature-based solutions** can help healthcare facilities adapt to climate change. From green infrastructure that cools hospitals during heatwaves to rainwater systems that improve

resilience to floods and droughts, these pilots are demonstrating practical approaches that are informing **new guidance** and tools to help hospitals across Europe strengthen climate resilience.

- **General Hospital of Nikaia Agios Panteleimon, Greece:** Rewilded 1,000 m² of hospital grounds with climate-adapted trees to cool the campus and upgraded heating and cooling systems with new heat pumps, air handling units, and chillers.

- **Galician Health Service, Spain:** Installed green pergolas, green roofs, and a 75,000-liter rainwater harvesting system, enough to irrigate hospital grounds for up to one month, to provide shade, improve insulation, and manage stormwater.
- **Policlinico di Bari, Italy:** Installed a green wall of climbing plants and a permeable ecological sidewalk with low-water landscaping to reduce heat, improve stormwater drainage, and enhance thermal comfort.

Turning risk into adaptation

Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia developed **practical guidance** that helps countries adapt global climate vulnerability assessment tools to local health systems. Drawing on experiences from **Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam**, the guide supports health leaders in turning climate risk assessments into practical adaptation plans tailored to local realities.

Helping health systems to:

- 1 Identify the **climate risks** that matter most locally.
- 2 Prioritize **adaptation actions** for health facilities and communities.
- 3 Integrate **climate resilience** into health planning and investment.
- 4 Engage **health workers and local stakeholders** in building resilience.

One hospital is already putting preparedness into practice

St. Paul's Hospital, Iloilo, Philippines: Facing recurring coastal flooding, St. Paul used Health Care Without Harm's practical guidance to pilot a hospital-led climate vulnerability assessment, turning the findings into a preventive adaptation plan.

Influencing change

Lasting change depends as much on the decisions made around healthcare as those made within it. By shaping global conversations and policy, impact reaches far beyond hospital walls.

Putting health at the heart of the global plastics treaty



In 2025, as governments continued negotiating the world's first Global Plastics Treaty, Health Care Without Harm worked to ensure that human health remained at the center of the agreement.

Since 2022, we have participated in every round of negotiations, advocating for a treaty that addresses the full lifecycle of plastics and recognizes healthcare's responsibility – and opportunity – to transition to safer, more sustainable solutions.

- Convened a global delegation bringing experts from **across Health Care Without Harm's regional teams and strategic partners**, including **groundWork (South Africa)** and **Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis (Brazil)**.
- Issued a [joint statement](#) with the Global Self-Care Federation and the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations, **endorsed by 48 million health professionals**, represented by 65 health organizations across 88 countries, and more than 1,000 individual signatories.

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Physicians around the world are witnessing firsthand the health effects of plastic pollution – from respiratory issues to chronic diseases and even cancers. To exempt healthcare from global action on plastics is not only shortsighted – it contradicts our core ethical obligation to protect health. The World Medical Association strongly supports a treaty that empowers the health sector to lead by example and transition to safer, more sustainable practices.



Dr. Ashok Philip
Immediate Past
President of the
World Medical
Association.

COP30: building momentum for climate and health

Led in Brazil by strategic partner **Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis (PHS)**, Health Care Without Harm and allies leveraged **COP30** in the Brazilian Amazon to expand climate and health collaboration across Brazil, Latin America, and the Caribbean, while connecting this momentum with leadership from Southeast Asia. Through events, partnerships, and shared regional priorities, we helped build collective power designed to continue beyond COP30.

Health Care Without Harm and other organizations convened a series of events to elevate health within the global climate agenda,

including a **high-level Action Agenda event**.

Building a shared Agenda

Three **regional manifestos** united hundreds of organizations around a shared vision for climate and health:

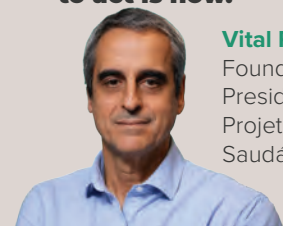
Brazil: Climate is Health, Health is Climate, launched by PHS, was endorsed by 200+ health organizations and health leaders in Brazil.

Latin America and the Caribbean: Health Care Without Harm Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the development of **The Common Position of Latin America and the Caribbean on Climate Change and Health**, a document

created by the Global Climate and Health Alliance and endorsed by 100+ health organizations across the region.

Southeast Asia: The **COP30 Southeast Asia Manifesto on Climate and Health**, coordinated by Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia, united health professionals, civil society organizations, academic institutions, policymakers, patient advocates, and community organizations around shared regional priorities.

“There is a growing recognition that the time to act is now.”



Vital Ribeiro
Founder and President,
Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis, Brazil.



Walking for cleaner air

In Quezon City, Philippines, Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia and 350 Pilipinas, with the Quezon City Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and other partners, brought **900** health professionals, families, youth, and advocates to call for stronger air quality standards and healthier cities during the *Walk for Clean Air campaign*.



“Every day, I see children suffering from asthma and respiratory illnesses that are made worse by the air they breathe. As doctors, we can prescribe medicine – but what our patients truly need is clean air [...] protecting the environment is protecting our patients’ health.”

Dr. Lannie Fofue
Medical Specialist,
National Children's
Hospital,
The Philippines.



Advancing policy through government partnerships

System-wide change depends on public leadership. Practical guidance, technical expertise, and implementation tools, delivered through partnerships with national and subnational governments and multilateral institutions, are helping put policy into practice.

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Partnered with the Ministry of Health to launch Strengthening Climate Resilience of the **Lao PDR Health System**, the country's first-ever Green Climate Fund project on climate and health, delivering on the country's Health National Adaptation Plan and updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) by upgrading 79 health facilities with climate-resilient infrastructure.

INDIA

The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), a Health Care Without Harm strategic partner, collaborated with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and state governments to build climate-resilient, low-carbon health systems, piloting greenhouse gas accounting using the **Climate Impact Checkup Tool** across eight states.

PHILIPPINES

Contributed to the development and launch of the Philippine Roadmap for Health and Climate Change (2025–2059), and engaged with the Philippine delegation of the INC 5.2 Global Plastics Treaty through the Department of Health.

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BELIZE, GUYANA, JAMAICA, AND SAINT LUCIA

Through Health Care Without Harm's engagement with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the WHO Regional Office for the Americas began using our [Climate Impact Checkup \(CIC\)](#) tool to establish healthcare emissions baselines across all four countries.

BELGIUM AND IRELAND

Two new Governments developed their first national decarbonization roadmaps using Health Care Without Harm Europe's methodology for [Belgium](#) and [Ireland](#).

COLOMBIA AND MEXICO

Provided technical recommendations to strengthen national climate and health policies, including Colombia's Health Sector Climate Change Plan and Mexico's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

ECUADOR

Partnered with the [Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health](#) to estimate the carbon footprint of healthcare facilities, creating an evidence base for future decarbonization efforts.

PORTUGAL

The Ministry of Health piloted Health Care Without Harm Europe's Healthcare Decarbonisation Diagnostic Tool, supporting efforts to update its greenhouse gas inventory and create an updated decarbonization roadmap.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Produced three papers for ADB's High-Level Health Care Climate Action Principles series — two in partnership with ADB and one co-authored with Unitaid. The series translates climate and health evidence into actionable guidance for the Asia-Pacific region, covering:

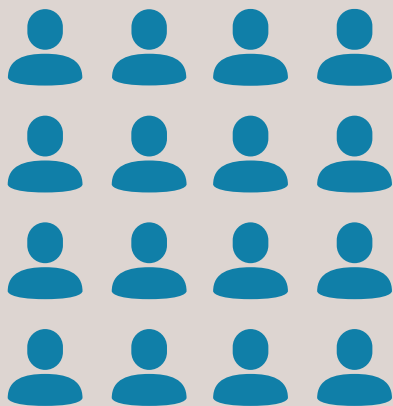
- Climate-resilient health development.
- Sustainable and low-carbon health systems.
- Low-carbon, resilient supply chains.



“Climate change affects every country. This makes it critical for us to respond urgently.”

Dr. Viengkham Phixay
Deputy Director General, Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR.

Shaping the conversation



1.5+ billion

potential audience reach.



440+

direct mentions in the media.

Coverage in leading health, policy, and regional [news outlets](#) continued to amplify our expertise, practical solutions, [coalition advocacy](#), and the voices of healthcare leaders worldwide. Alongside this, our research and technical expertise helped [advance the global evidence](#) base for sustainable healthcare.

Medscape “Microplastics Make Patients Sicker, but Hospitals Can Help”

HEALTHCARE BREW “Trend report suggests sustainability is still important to hospital leaders”

FIERCE Healthcare “We can't do this alone! Hospitals share lessons from Hurricane Helene to prepare for extreme weather events”

WIRED “To Heal or to Pollute? The Paradox the Health Sector Faces Over the Excessive Use of Plastics”



One Health: storytelling that inspires

Health Care Without Harm Latin America and the Caribbean launched **One Health**, a documentary produced through Video Consortium's **Solutions Storytelling Project**, supported by the **Skoll Foundation**. Featuring healthcare leaders at Fundación Valle del Lili in Colombia, the film highlights how healthcare institutions can protect both people and the planet.



“Those of us who work for the environment are working to protect life.”

Claudia Lorena Paz Giraldo
Health Care Without Harm Latin America and the Caribbean and one of the documentary's protagonists.

Check out the “One Health” documentary!



To extend the film's impact, Health Care Without Harm Latin America and the Caribbean launched **Lights, Camera, Network**, a screening and engagement initiative that brings the documentary to health professionals, students, policymakers, medical associations, and community audiences.



32,000+
views on YouTube.



30

institutions in 12 countries
joined the *Lights, Camera, Network* initiative.



The next chapter



The stories in these pages demonstrate that the transformation of healthcare is already underway. The challenge now is to catalyze that progress and keep extending its reach.

The Global Green and Healthy Hospitals network was built on a simple idea: healthcare institutions can achieve more when they

work together. The next chapter is about helping those commitments translate into even greater impact.

Through a membership renewal campaign, expanded health professional engagement, stronger regional collaboration, enhanced impact measurement, and the strategic adoption of

digital technologies, including AI, Health Care Without Harm will strengthen the people, partnerships, and systems that enable proven solutions to spread further, faster, and at greater scale.

Enhanced reporting systems will further equip our ability to measure progress, identify what works, and

demonstrate the collective impact of this movement. Better measurement is not only about accountability, but learning and helping healthcare institutions accelerate change.

Just as importantly, we will continue elevating the voices and experiences of the people behind this work. Data helps us understand change, but stories help us understand why it matters.

Collectively, they make the case for action and remind us that **healthier, more sustainable healthcare systems are ultimately about protecting people and improving lives.**

These foundations will enable the next phase of our work:

Strengthening a global movement.

Expanding participation, deepening collaboration, and creating more opportunities for peer learning, leadership, and collective action.

Driving accountability and systems change.

Supporting measurement, reporting, and engagement with policymakers, suppliers, and financial institutions.

Advancing resilient healthcare.

Preparing health systems for extreme weather while reducing emissions.

Accelerating safer, more sustainable healthcare.

Reducing problematic and/or avoidable plastics, advancing safer alternatives, and redefining healthcare supply chains through sustainable procurement.

Because protecting human health depends on protecting the environment and working together to transform healthcare for generations to come.

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