University of Louisville Global Health Program
Strategic Plan - Executive Summary

Global Health: Background & Mission

For more than twenty years, the Division of Infectious Diseases has been involved in global health activities. Over time, these activities have been forged into the Global Health Initiative. Our mission is to improve health in the population that we serve, including refugees, immigrant, undocumented, persons living with HIV/AIDS, as well as other members of our community with special health needs.

Global Health: A University Vision

Under the leadership of President Ramsey we envision a collaboratory center with participation of all University Schools and Colleges. As depicted in the figure, this collaboration will create the fertile ground to develop one of the most complete Global Health Programs in the nation. Cross campus connections will allow us to address health needs and their relationship to medical, public health, social, and human rights issues. Some of the Deans’ visions for this project include:

Law: Legal Clinic for refugees and undocumented; Human Rights Fellowship
Engineering: An engineering laboratory to study the How of healthcare delivery
Business:
Social Work: Behavioral and mental health; cultural competence
Arts & Sciences: Sociologic and anthropologic research; political sciences; languages
Education: English as a second language; Psychology clinic; Physical education and nutrition
Graduate Studies: Interdisciplinary PhD, Master, and certificate in Global Health Studies
Library: Summaries of, and access to, resources for use by researchers and support teams
Music: Music and Medicine; music therapy; Interpretive arts
Nursing: Immigrant health; preventive health; community participatory research
Dentistry:
Public Health:
Medicine: Distinction in Global Health; Refugee Health Clinic; International Travel Clinic; Civil Surgeon Clinic; Clinic for Patients living with HIV/AIDS; Global Health Research Support Unit
Achieving The Vision: The Global Health Complex

Our strategy is to consolidate and greatly expand our activities from across university campuses into a single location, the Global Health Complex. An architect representation of the proposed Global Health Complex is depicted in the figure below. The complex will be located in Liberty Green at the corner of Liberty and Shelby Streets. It will consist of two five-floor buildings and a courtyard. The first floor of Building I will host the Refugee Health Clinics and the Civil Surgeon Clinic. The second floor will host the HIV Clinics as well as clinics for social support services for HIV patients. The third floor will host the Vaccine and International Travel Clinics. The third floor will also host the Global Health Laboratory that will serve all the clinics as well as research activities. Floors four and five will be developed as residential space. The Global Health Building II will host an international restaurant, a global café/library, and space for an international marketplace on floor one. The second floor will host classrooms and a conference center. This space will facilitate other activities, such as English as second language, health promotion, legal advice, physical fitness, social services, music and art therapy, and economic development. The third floor will be dedicated to global health research. The fourth and fifth floors will be developed as residential space. The courtyard will provide space for outdoor activities, the primary being a Farmer’s Market.

The Global Health Complex will act as a living laboratory where new collaborations can be generated among faculty and students from across the University. We envision a think tank with an emphasis on recognizing and resolving the new health and societal challenges brought to our community by an increasingly interconnected world population.

Since the conception of this project we have been working closely with the Office of University Advancement. With their support we are actively seeking partners who share the same vision regarding global health in our community.