Our Health Initiative supports governments to deliver fast climate and health benefits, connecting the relevant policy sectors, and engaging citizens.

We tailor solutions to local contexts to improve air quality locally and connect these solutions to global climate action, recognising their contribution to reducing the rate near-term warming.

**WHY WE DO THIS WORK**

Seven million people die every year from exposure to fine particles in polluted air. More than 90% of these deaths occur in low and middle-income countries, mainly in Asia and Africa.

The air pollutants that cause this, and the greenhouse gases that drive climate change, are emitted from many of the same sources. But a range of technologies and policy options are available to address these.

**HOW WE WORK**

Our work focuses on assisting cities to integrate air quality and climate change mitigation into policies, while building public support to achieve WHO Air Quality Guidelines by 2030.

We provide support for action, equipping decision-makers with tools to assess the health impacts of the pollutants and gases on policies, for health impact assessments, and to calculate the health costs and benefits of policy choices.

To create the best possible enabling environment we mobilise governments from the city, regional and national levels to build public support for action through our #BreatheLife Action Platform.
EXAMPLE OF OUR WORK IN ACCRA

The city of Accra, Ghana, joined our #BreatheLife Action Programme and committed to reach out to communities to reduce waste burning and promote green space development.

Meanwhile a new Ghana “Air Quality Management Plan” will tighten national air quality standards along with fuel and vehicle emissions requirements.

To support Accra’s efforts we are working with the city government to assess the health benefits of more sustainable development of transport, waste and household energy systems – training policymakers in health-based tools and analysis.

“...In our part of the world air pollution is not prioritized as a health concern - even in the way we cook.

But the statistics are so staggering that we have to wake people up to take action.

Mohammed Adjei Sowah,
Mayor of Accra, Ghana

THE BREATHELIFE NETWORK

63 Cities, Regions & Countries
271 million Citizens impacted

THE EQUATION IS SIMPLE.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

We have committed significant resources to assist 2 cities (Accra and Kathmandu), and engaged a growing network that represents 271 million people.

You can provide financial contributions to expand our assistance and network by contributing to the Coalition.

Bilateral funding can also be aligned with our activities, in which case we encourage you to join the initiative.

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