Mass General Brigham

Global Health Expo 2026 Recap

EVENT SUMMARY: 100+ ATTENDEES | 24 GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS & PROJECTS FEATURED | 3 GLOBAL HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS GRANTED

PURPOSE

The Expo showcases and celebrates global health initiatives dedicated to addressing health inequities locally and globally. The event provides an opportunity for people to share their work with the larger MGB community and learn from others in the field.

HOSTS

Faculty and staff from various MGB/CGH departments, programs, and external partners (such as HGHI and Ariadne Labs) hosted tables to provide attendees with information as well as hands-on activities regarding their ongoing global health work.

COMMUNITY

More than 100 people from within and outside of the Mass General Brigham community attended the Expo, creating a space for leaders and changemakers to spur new conversations and collaborations by discussing emerging topics in global health.

















GLOBAL HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS



The Global Health Service Awards were established to encourage innovation, dedication, and commitment in the field of global health and to emphasize the importance and benefits of global collaboration in healthcare. The awards recognize those whose goal is to inspire, advance, and improve the clinical care and capacity for underserved populations globally.

2026 Recipients

Excellence in Global Disaster Response & Humanitarian Action Award



Kathy May Tran, MD

Dr. Tran is an attending hospitalist in the Mass General Brigham Division of General Internal Medicine whose career reflects a deep commitment to service, partnership, and health equity. Through years of engagement with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Maniilaq Tribal Association in Alaska, she has built trusted relationships while advancing care for underserved communities. Known for her compassion, positivity, and dedication, Dr. Tran exemplifies the principles of humanitarian action through sustained, community-centered service.

Excellence in Research and Innovation Award



Kristina Korte, PhD

Dr. Korte is a global mental health researcher in the MGH Division of Global Psychiatry whose work spans Somaliland, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Africa. Her research focuses on improving mental health outcomes in underserved populations while strengthening local expertise through training and mentorship. Across multiple countries, she has helped train psychiatrists, mental health nurses, and clinicians in evidence-based psychological interventions and research methods. Through her work as a postdoctoral researcher, Fogarty Fellow, and NIH-funded investigator, Dr. Korte has demonstrated how research can drive lasting improvements in health equity and healthcare systems.

Excellence in Clinical Education and Mentorship Award



Shankar Rai, MD

Dr. Rai is a surgeon, educator, and healthcare leader at Kirtipur Hospital in Nepal whose career has been dedicated to expanding surgical access and strengthening healthcare capacity throughout the country. Through his commitment to clinical education, mentorship, and sustainable capacity building, he has helped train future healthcare leaders while improving care for countless patients. Widely respected for his humility, integrity, and unwavering dedication to service, Dr. Rai has championed the belief that high-quality surgical care should be accessible regardless of geography or economic circumstance. His work serves as a model for global surgery and the transformative power of mentorship.