

# Global Green and Healthy Hospitals 2025 highlights

**A year of accelerated  
action** — unlocking  
greater commitments



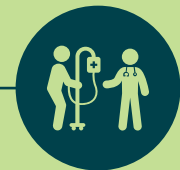
# Network growth



**2025**  
was a year  
of record-  
breaking growth.



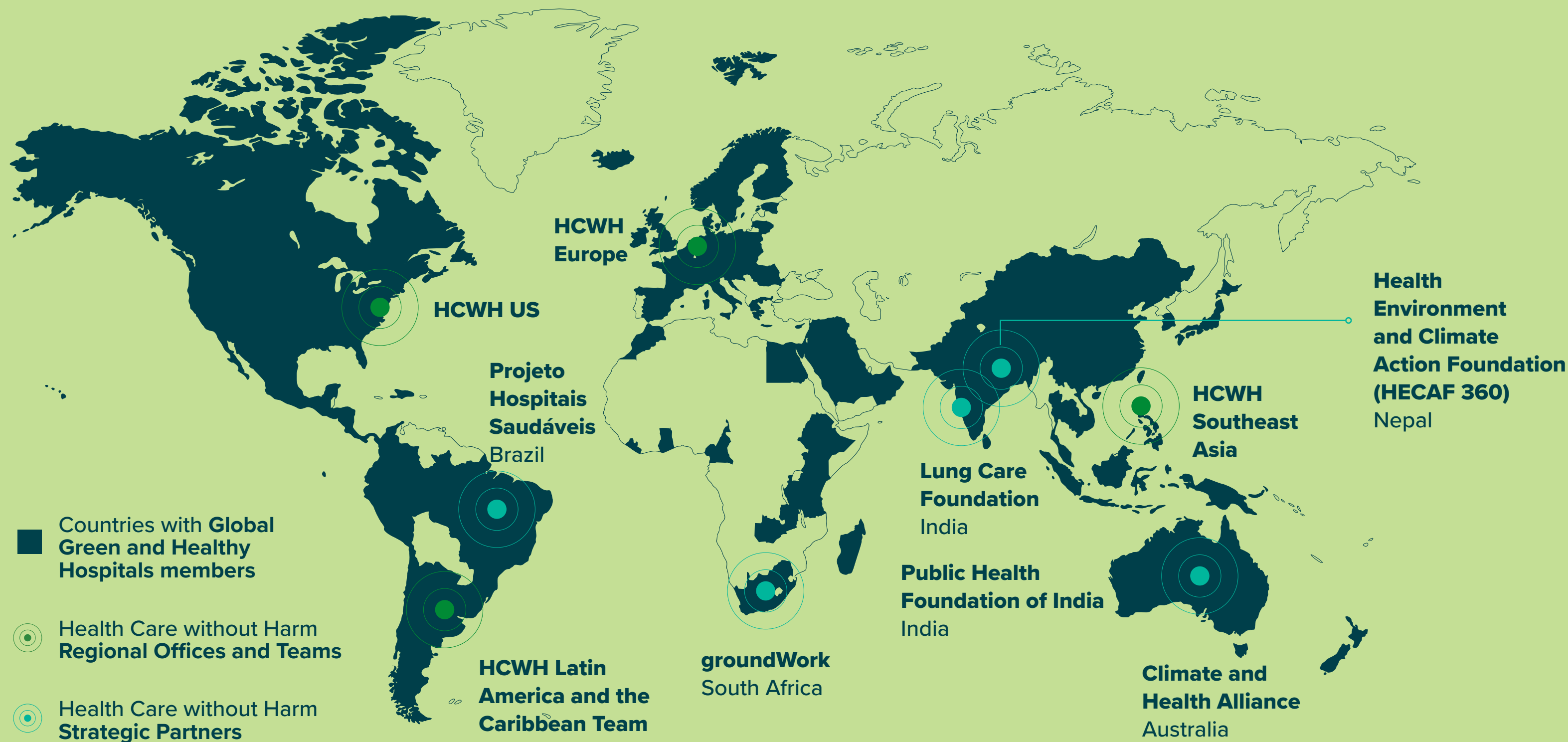
**+2,300**  
total members  
shaping a  
global movement.



**~300**  
new health care  
institutions joined  
our network.



**14%**  
increase, reflecting the sector's  
growing commitment to  
sustainability and climate action.



# Climate action

The GGHH community's commitment to climate action is reaching a tipping point: One in every four GGHH members has pledged their commitment to the Health Care Climate Challenge, transforming motivation into measurable decarbonization actions.

## 2025 Initiative highlights

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



### Health Care Climate Challenge (HCCC)

**108** new  
participants  
from **20**  
countries.

**575**  
members  
in **54**  
countries.

### Race to Zero

**31** new  
participants  
from **15**  
countries.

**105**  
members  
in **30**  
countries.

# GGHH members driving change together on the ground

The **Community of Action for the Reduction of Emissions (C.A.R.E.)** is a collaborative, capacity-building initiative designed to move health care beyond commitment and into **concrete action**. Implemented across the Pacific, Europe, and Latin America, C.A.R.E. supports and equips health care institutions in **building resilient, zero-emissions facilities**.

Through a blend of technical workshops (online and in-person), networking opportunities, and **peer-to-peer exchange**, members learn to navigate the challenges and opportunities of decarbonizing their institutions. This multi-regional approach ensures a global vision, while enabling learning and implementation to be **adapted to local contexts**, creating a roadmap for a **sustainable future across continents**.

The workshops were organized by the Health Care Without Harm Latin America and the Caribbean Team, Health Care Without Harm Europe, and the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA).



## Santiago, Chile

Our journey kicked off in Latin America, where over 30 institutions gathered to break down silos. This event, held as part of the 6th GGHH Latin American Conference, allowed members to share their decarbonization challenges and successes, fostering a regional community of practice that continues to grow. As part of the training, members conducted four technical visits to local hospitals, gaining practical insights into real-world climate action and strengthening collaboration across institutions.



## Barcelona, Spain

In Europe, members merged history with high-tech solutions. Participants explored the Sant Pau Modernista Hospital, the world's first "green hospital", and gained hands-on experience with scenario simulation tools. This event, held alongside CleanMed Europe, equipped attendees with technical skills and knowledge over a broad scope of areas, including circular economy in health care, sustainable mobility, and digital medicine.



## Gold Coast, Australia

The Australian chapter focused on high-impact networking and strategic alignment. Integrated with the GGHH Climate + Health Summit, these workshops allowed members to connect on local policy and practical decarbonization strategies, building a shared momentum that is driving the transition across the Pacific.



# Building the model hospital: global case study blueprint

Across the globe, GGHH members are contributing key best practices, each one a vital piece of the puzzle that, when assembled, creates the ideal sustainable hospital. This year, we highlight a few essential contributions they made.

## Méderi Red Hospitalaria

 Colombia

Advanced sterilization and digital traceability extended device life to **100** uses, saving **\$11,947 USD** and preventing **4kg** of hazardous waste per cycle.



## Hospital Bukit Mertajam

 Malaysia

Recycling **7,969 kg** of general waste achieved a **2%** recycling rate and generated **\$1,800 USD** in revenue through dedicated sustainability and resource optimization efforts.

## Hospital Metropolitano de Santiago HOMS

 Dominican Republic

Repurposing decommissioned clinical laundry reused **3,000 kg** of textiles annually, achieving a **30%** reduction in disposal costs.

## Salem Hospital

 Germany

On-site surgical suction bag emptying reduced fluid waste volume by **92%** and emissions by **97%**, while cutting disposal costs by at least **66%**.

## Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

 Australia

Transitioning from single-use to reusable surgical gowns and drapes eliminates **9.2 tonnes** of solid waste, reduces emissions by **66%**, and saves approximately **\$22,000 USD** yearly.

## Shefaa Al-Orman Hospital

 Egypt

Implementing a phased **910 kW** solar photovoltaic system reduced grid dependency by **30%**, cut carbon emissions by **265 tons**, and saved **\$21,000 USD** in electricity costs within four months.



---

Website/  
[greenhospitals.org](http://greenhospitals.org)

LinkedIn/  
Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH)

Connect  
[gghhconnect.org](http://gghhconnect.org)

Email/  
[globalnetwork@hcwh.org](mailto:globalnetwork@hcwh.org)