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The number of health personnel in Kenya increased by over 65 percent from 2003 to 2014, with the number of nurses and mid-wives increasing more than the number of physicians over the same period. The number of health personnel in the country is still below the global average. In 2011, there were 154 physicians and 328 nurses and midwives per 100,000 people globally. Improving the quality, quantity and distribution of the health workforce are areas of major concern in the country and in Africa.

Several African countries have made great progress in most health indicators. Kenya, Rwanda and Ghana, for instance, have seen their under 5 mortality rates reduce by 54 percent, 77 percent and 39 percent respectively in the 2000-2015 period. Rwanda's high reduction in annual child mortality rates, among the highest in the world, has been attributed to training and hiring more health workers, community-based health insurance program and using technology such as text messages to communicate efficiently with patients.

