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India-U.S. Strategic Dialogue on Biosecurity

Performer: University of Pennsylvania Medical Center (UPMC) Center for Health Security

Project Lead: Gigi Gronvall

Project Cost: \$223,103

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Objective:

This project will investigate biosecurity threats to India and the United States through two strategic dialogues in order to create enduring, productive bilateral relationships and a deeper understanding of each state's biosecurity concerns and efforts to address them. The objective of this project is to initiate a sustainable, candid, and productive Track II dialogue between India and the U.S. on sensitive issues related to deliberate, accidental, and naturally occurring biological threats. By stimulating trust and habits of cooperation between dialogue participants, the project aims to reduce biosecurity threats and mitigate future crises that may emerge in the U.S. and India.

Approach:

The UPMC Center for Health Security proposes to convene two two-day meetings, the first one hosted in Washington, DC, and the second in New Delhi, India. Each dialogue session will include influential policymakers, thought leaders, and scientists. Each dialogue will include a diversity of biosecurity issues based on the concerns and priorities of both the U.S. and India, including: prevention, detection, response and recovery capabilities, and challenges with respect to bioweapons; emerging and high-consequence pathogens; and laboratory biosafety. Following each meeting, the project lead will prepare a comprehensive report describing the meeting's findings and outcomes for public dissemination.