



# The Exemplar

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Hi Friend,

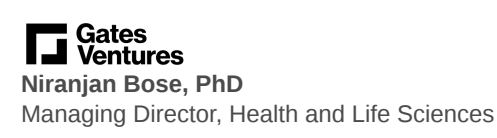
A recent Exemplars News article celebrating [World Health Day](#) told the [story of Uganda's success](#) in minimizing disruptions to primary health care delivery during COVID-19. It highlighted the many professionals outside the health system – including plumbers and security guards – who stepped in to provide support services, alleviating overwhelmed doctors, nurses, and community health workers, and enabling them to keep administering primary care.

It is a story of human resilience, and it made me smile. But it also gave me pause, because it serves as a clear reminder that primary health care must be prioritized everywhere, if we are to withstand the impacts of crises, including ones brought on by pandemics.

Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, who earlier this month received the [John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award](#), knows this all too well. An Exemplars in Global Health research partner and advisor, Dr. Bhutta has spent his career working to ensure that in the critical first 1,000 days of life, children everywhere are given the care they need to survive. That under-five mortality is still 14 times higher in low- and middle-income countries than it is in high-income countries gives me pause. But Dr. Bhutta being recognized for his decades spent working to close that gap makes me smile.

Like previous Gairdner Award winners – including Bob Black, Chris Murray, Vikram Patel, Peter Piot, and Cesar Victora, all of whom we are proud to call members of our Exemplars in Global Health community – also know, and very much like Ugandans understand from first-hand experience, solving the most pressing global health challenges of our time requires all hands on deck.

Best,  
Niranjan Bose



The growing threat of conflict-driven malnutrition, and calls from global nutrition leaders to act before it is too late, are the focus of our latest analysis in Nature:

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## FEATURED STORIES & ANALYSIS



### How did Nigeria maintain essential health services delivery during COVID-19?

Learn how the West African country diverted human, financial, and material resources to deliver essential care in a time of crisis.



### Between 2015 and 2019, how did more than one billion people receive treatment for neglected tropical diseases?

See how mass drug administration (MDA) was implemented to control and eliminate lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, soil-transmitted helminthiases, schistosomiasis, and trachoma.

### The three keys to Zambia's fight against malaria's comeback

To mark World Malaria Day, Exemplars News examines how the country is successfully using empowered community health workers, mass drug administration, and data to combat a resurgence of the deadly disease.

### Lots of data and 'a strong backbone': How Uganda is making progress against malaria

Celebrating the African country's remarkable progress against the disease – 17 percent of children now contract malaria compared to 55 percent just a decade ago – on World Malaria Day.

## EVENTS

**International Day of the Midwives (#IDM2022, #ImagineIfMidwives) May 5**  
Celebrating one hundred years of progress driven in part by the International Confederation of Midwives, this year's day of recognition continues the work of increasing awareness and representation.

**World Hand Hygiene Day (#HandHygiene) May 5**  
Raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), this day of recognition is an opportunity to honor health care workers, IPC practitioners, quality and safety leads, facility managers, and everyone who helps support a climate and culture of safety in health care.

**75th World Health Assembly (#WHA75) May 22–May 28**  
The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of the WHO and is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed program budget.

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