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Hi Friend,

I hope your 2023 is off to a good start.

In looking towards the year ahead, the Exemplars in Global Health (EGH) team took some time to [reflect on global health progress achieved in 2022](#):

- COVID-19 is still with us, but the world has now achieved a 66% global vaccination rate. **Progress.**
- Malaria, which ten years ago began an unwelcome comeback in Zambia, now causes 56% fewer deaths than it did in the country in 2010. **Progress.**
- And, as the wellbeing of girls continued to make headlines – barriers to girls completing 12 years of education cost countries between USD\$15 trillion and USD\$30 trillion in loss of lifetime productivity – countries like Cameroon are changing national laws to ensure pregnant girls can still attend school. **Progress.**

From investments in primary health care that helped Costa Rica achieve among the highest life expectancy rates in the Western Hemisphere, to Botswana's near-elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, 2022 saw great progress in global health.

Of course, progress is only half the story. The pandemic is not over, the climate crisis looms, and food insecurity still plagues the most underserved. Noncommunicable diseases are – in many places – on the rise, and health inequity continues to affect all of us, no matter where we are.

But here's why we insist on looking to progress: by defining our baseline and celebrating global health wins, we find the motivation we need to recommit to our work. It helps us resolve to double down on what has been achieved, so we can achieve even more.

I am optimistic that 2023 will bring about even more progress in global health. And, because I trust you share in that optimism, I look forward to [hearing what global health progress you'd like to see in the year ahead](#).

Best,
Niranjan Bose

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Our 2023 resolution is to double down on progress. What's yours? What global health progress would you like to see in the year ahead?

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH

135 million

Modern contraceptive use averted **135 million** unintended pregnancies and **28 million** unsafe abortions from July 2020 to July 2021.

EXEMPLARS STORIES

“No country wants to depend on another for its health and safety,” says PATH's Nikolaj Gilbert

PATH's CEO discusses some of the most urgent issues related to health equity, including equal access to vaccines, climate change, and WASH – and potential ways forward.

Lessons in health systems resiliency from Thailand and the Dominican Republic

Dr. Wasin Laohavinij and Magdalena Rathe shared why a whole-of-government approach and localized delivery helped their respective countries mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

Making women and girls visible: Gender data for decision making

Dr. Anju Malhotra of the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health reflects on how data can inform and accelerate gender equality.

Africa's Year of Nutrition helped generate new political and funding commitments

African Union leaders notably signed the Abidjan Declaration to strengthen resiliency in nutrition and food security, and keep nutrition a top priority.

EVENTS

The 7th International Conference on Climate Change (#ICCC2023) February 9-10, 2023

ICCC 2023 provides a focal forum for sharing latest research findings, knowledge, opinions, and suggestions, while also providing a variety of interactive platforms by prominent researchers in the field of climate change. This year's conference theme is "Climate Action and Emerging Challenges: Land- and Ocean-based solutions."

ICECCH 2023: 17th International Conference on Environment, Climate Change and Human Health February 16-17, 2023

Aiming to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of environment, climate change, and human health, this conference also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for presenting and discussing the most recent innovations, trends, as well as concerns, practical challenges encountered, and solutions adopted in the fields of environment, climate change, and human health.

International Workshop on HIV & Women 2023 (#HIVWomen) February 17-18, 2023

Having completed its 12th year, the International Workshop on HIV & Women is an opportunity for health care providers, researchers, government, industry, and community representatives to discuss, debate, and further their knowledge on the issues related to HIV and women.

6th International Conference on Future of Women 2023 February 23-24, 2023

Future of Women 2023 provides a focal forum to share the latest research findings, knowledge, and opinions on women's issues, while offering interactive platforms by prominent researchers around the theme of "Empowering Women, Powering the Future."

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