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Hi Friend,

On April 7, 1948, countries around the world joined forces and founded the World Health Organization with the goal of promoting global health, keeping the planet safe from disease, and serving the most vulnerable.

In the last 75 years, the WHO has advanced its mission of providing everyone, everywhere, the opportunity to attain the highest level of health by responding to epidemics like Zika, cholera, and COVID-19, and addressing threats from diseases like HIV, malaria, and TB, or diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

Through new medicines, vaccines, and campaigns, the WHO and its member states helped reduce global malaria mortality by 45%; it is improving outcomes for the 1.7 billion people affected by neglected tropical diseases; it led a 40-country coalition to curb yellow fever following a 2017 outbreak; and significantly, it shepherded the eradication of smallpox – the only infectious disease to ever be wiped out from the face of the earth.

Highlighting successes like the ones above is part of our mission. Not just so we can celebrate them, which we do, but so we can use them as lessons that can be adapted and scaled to drive more progress.

On April 7, the WHO will mark its anniversary by celebrating World Health Day, a day to draw attention to a specific health challenge. This year, that challenge is "[Health for All](#)." It's a tall order – to care for the planet's health. But it's why Exemplars in Global Health supports the commitment to ensuring everyone, everywhere, has access to what matters most.

Best,
Niranjan Bose



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Managing Director, Health & Life Sciences

Learn more about the Exemplars Data Explorer to see how different interventions in stunting, anemia, and vaccine delivery have influenced health outcomes.

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NUMBER OF THE MONTH

50%

Only 50% of the world's population has access to primary health care services. Exemplars findings show strong, effective primary health care systems are foundational to meeting service needs and ensuring health for all.

EXEMPLARS STORIES

Africa Health Agenda International Conference tackles threats to public health

Health leaders from across Africa gathered in Kigali to discuss how to improve health outcomes in the face of climate and economic pressures.

Dr. Emmanuela Gakidou on helping women make the best choices for themselves

Exemplars spoke with the professor of Health Metrics Sciences at IHME about how better data and information can help women lead healthier lives.

Vaccinations, political will, and the importance of using 'anecdotal' for good

Dr. Walter Orenstein, the former director of the United States' National Immunization Program, explores the challenge of getting vaccines into arms and the power in sharing personal stories to ensure health for all.

Dr. Bill Foege shares his lessons on global health equity – and unscrambling eggs

The renowned epidemiologist and former CDC Director discusses the eradication of smallpox and his career philosophy anchored in global health equity.

The world's first malaria vaccine: over a year since the WHO recommended its widespread use

Hear from Dr. Mary Hamel, the WHO's Lead for Malaria Vaccines, as she discusses the historic rollout of the world's first malaria vaccine and its potential impact on health outcomes across Africa.

EVENTS

World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2023 (#WHSWashington2023) April 13, 2023

The World Health Summit Regional Meeting, convening in Washington, D.C., is an opportunity to share knowledge and build partnerships between global health and development experts. Guided by the theme of 'Bridging the Science to Policy Gap for Global Health,' the summit will highlight the importance of evidence-based science for developing global health policies.

World Immunization Week (#WorldImmunizationWeek) April 24 – 30, 2023

WHO's annual World Immunization Week showcases the collective action needed to promote vaccine use and delivery.

World Malaria Day (#WorldMalariaDay) April 25, 2023

World Malaria Day is an international date of observation that calls for continued investment and political commitment to further malaria prevention and control.

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Join a passionate and dedicated community of global health leaders working on the biggest challenges of our times. Take advantage of critical learning from countries around the world as you tackle similar problems at home. And, add your knowledge and voice to a robust and growing set of resources designed to ensure the positive and most equitable global health outcomes.

