



# The Exemplar

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Hi Friend,

It's always a busy week in global health, but with the World Health Assembly having kicked off in Geneva a few days ago, much of our attention is on the proceedings in Switzerland.

Earlier this year, Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [outlined the priorities for the organization](#) to the WHO's Executive Board, and started by saying his "commitment in the coming year – and in the coming five years – is to dramatically strengthen our ability to deliver results in countries."

Our work is very much a results-oriented endeavor. We saw that in a recent workshop, [co-hosted by our research partners](#) SickKids and the University of Ibadan, that identified Nigeria's replicable lessons in reducing stunting.


We've also seen it in the work of another research partner, Dr. Agnès Binagwaho, who this week was among the five women awarded the [24th L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science International Awards](#), for her "her crucial role in establishing a new public health care system for the most vulnerable in Africa, particularly in Rwanda," leading to improved access to HIV, malaria, and TB care.

The truth is, all the effort we make – no matter how exhaustive – on any given issue, is for naught if we cannot measure positive outcomes.

This year's WHA theme is "health for peace, peace for health," and it speaks to the urgent need for scalable progress. Our world is still in a difficult season, one that continues to strain our systems. And whether it's finding peace in conflict, in the pandemic, or in the health of people and planet, we must seek results.

Along with some colleagues, I will be traveling to Geneva to discuss Exemplars in Global Health's work, and will also look forward to hearing from country leaders on how they will be prioritizing health for their communities. You can [tune into the WHA](#) from wherever you are, and learn how some of our present-day challenges are being tackled, and importantly, how measurable results are being sought. Because the road to global health must never rely purely on good intentions.

Best,  
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## Let's make COVID-19 the last pandemic

When COVID-19 began to spread, Exemplars partners quickly took to studying countries that had successfully controlled past disease outbreaks. Two years later, in his new book, Bill Gates outlines steps from his own learnings to ensure equitable measures are taken to stop future pandemics.

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### FEATURED STORIES & ANALYSIS



#### A local idea and a bold vision: a tool used in Africa's COVID-19 fight is now helping an entire continent revolutionize its health care supply chains

The African Medical Supplies Platform for governments and NGOs is changing the way the African Union's health systems address challenges beyond the pandemic.



#### The urgency to innovate: how researchers quickly adapted a family planning model to guide COVID-19 decision making

As the world looked to modeling to mitigate COVID-19 in its early days, one group of scientists created a tool to pinpoint how specific interventions could change the course of the pandemic.

#### Reducing maternal mortality by nearly 60 percent and achieving nearly universal immunization

Explore the results from Brazil's CHW program, one of the largest in the world.

#### Decreasing U5M in Ethiopia by more than 50 percent in less than 15 years

See how the country used evidence-based interventions and effective implementation strategies to make gains.

#### Working to reduce the world's highest stunting rate from nearly 70 to 36 percent

See how in 20 years, Nepal leveraged support from donors, NGOs, and multilaterals to deliver progress.

### EVENTS

#### International Day of Action for Women's Health (#WomensHealthMatters #EndInequalityPandemic #SRHRisEssential #May28) May 28

Since its inaugural launch in 1987, May 28 has been recognized by governments, international agencies, and civil society organizations around the world to promote issues including access to quality health care, women and HIV/AIDS, health sector reform and women's health, and access to contraceptives.

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