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The Exemplar

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Hi Friend,

There are endless ways to think about – or even dream about – the future we want to leave our kids.

In a world in which 144 million children still experience malnutrition and **stunting**, we can aspire to a future where every generation thrives because they have access to healthy and nutritious foods.

In a world in which more than 19 million children do not receive the **immunizations** they need to live healthy lives, we can aim for a future where every person has access to basic disease prevention.


And in a world in which 2.4 million children do not see their first birthday, we can strive for a future where all essential health needs are met so all people can thrive, no matter where they are born.

Imagining the future we want to leave our kids is a worthy exercise, but perhaps only the first necessary step. Truly being better ancestors means getting to work, now.

It's why it's fitting that this year's international convenings, like the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA78) and United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), will cover our world's most critical challenges that impact children's health.

If the past has taught me anything, it's that the future comes at us – fast. Let's ensure that we leave our children a world we all can be proud of.

Best,
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Reducing stunting quickly and at scale

Maintaining interventions during COVID-19

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Wastewater monitoring: 'the James Webb Telescope for population health'

Learn how wastewater monitoring in countries like Bangladesh and Ghana is helping health leaders make data-informed decisions to improve child health.

Dr. Mom knows best: Empowering mothers to diagnose malnutrition

Discover how training mothers to use mid-upper-arm circumference (MUAC) tape is improving child health outcomes across Western Africa.

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