



The Exemplar

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Dear Friend,

The kids will save us.

I've always found it to be a funny saying. On one hand, it puts pressure on our children, absolving adults of what should be our responsibilities. On the other, youth has long been synonymous with hope, so perhaps there is some truth to the statement.

Wherever you lean on the debate, though, being on the heels of World Children's Day reminds us that improving children's welfare must be top of mind for adults, if we expect our kids will carry the torch.


In the recent UNICEF webinar [Making Better Decisions for Nutrition: Understanding Positive Outliers to Reducing Stunting](#), Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, from The Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Víctor Aguayo, from UNICEF's Nutrition and Child Development Program, Dr. Baseer Achakzai, from Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, and Dr. Richard Kajura, from Makerere University School of Public Health, joined 140 experts from around the world to share why prevention and partnership are both essential strategies to improving child nutrition outcomes.

In [Afghanistan](#), maternal mortality has recently declined from 1,600 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births to 400. Though this rate is still among the highest in the world, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health researcher Dr. Nadia Akseer points out that delivering time-sensitive, facility-based care, even in conflict settings, can result in positive gains for moms and babies alike.

And in [Zambia](#), Zambia Emory HIV Research Project Director Dr. William Kilembe said the country's RED – or Reaching Every District – strategy ensured every child that required immunization got vaccinated, making the country an exemplar in increasing DTP3 coverage to 91 percent between 2000 and 2017.

Our efforts to protect our children give me hope, personally. At the end of the day, whether the kids will ultimately save us might not be as important a question as whether we can save them first.

Best,
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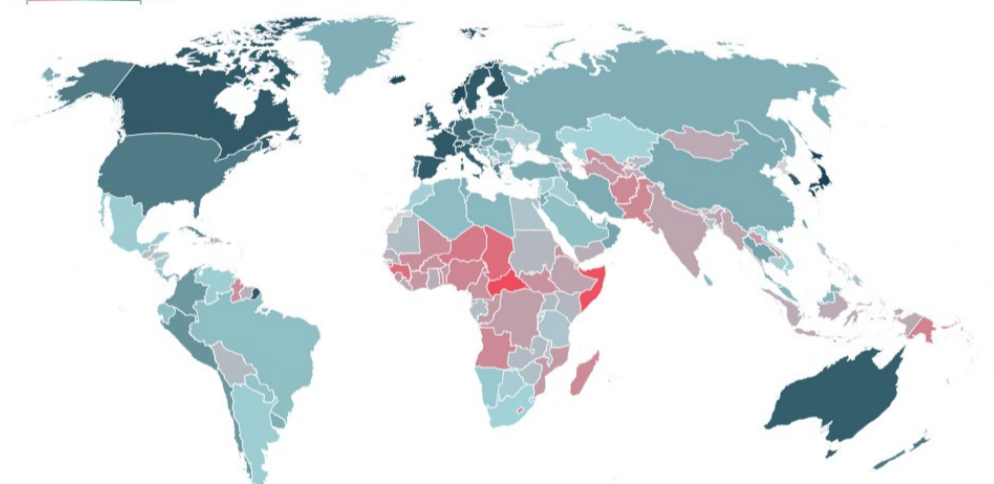


Testing and Surveillance

One of the most critical aspects of an effective COVID-19 response is public health disease surveillance. See how the systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of data to identify cases, map and explain disease spread, and inform the development and implementation of interventions is containing outbreaks worldwide.

Progress towards Universal Health Care pre-COVID

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Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Global Burden of Disease Study 2019

Essential Health Services

The COVID-19 pandemic has strained health systems around the world. Explore the latest research from Exemplars in Global Health to see which services were most impacted and how.

COVID-19 Management: Promising Practices in India

Together with India COVID SOS, we have identified emerging promising practices in COVID-19 patient care and pandemic management, curating a set of case studies that highlight interventions driving meaningful outcomes across India.

EVENTS

Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021 (#N4GSummit2021) December 7-8, 2021

A global pledging moment to drive greater action toward ending malnutrition and helping ensure everyone, everywhere can reach their full potential. Hosted by the Government of Japan, the event will convene a cross-section of stakeholders to announce final financial and policy commitments and chart the path toward 2030 with concrete recommendations to the global community.

International Universal Health Coverage Day (#UHCDay) December 12, 2021

The annual rallying point for advocates to raise their voices and share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, while calling on leaders to make smarter investments in health and reminding the world about the imperative of universal health coverage.

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