



# The Exemplar

September 2021

Dear Friend,

In parts of the Northern Hemisphere, the end of summer often puts us in back-to-school mode, a refreshed push to enter the last quarter with strength and determination to round out our annual goals.

This year, back-to-school has taken on a new meaning. COVID-19 still prevents us from returning to our 'new normal.' But just as the pandemic continues to test our resilience, stories of success continue to inspire and uplift us:

Our joint research with [ICSOS](#) has shown the promising practices that have helped rural communities in India achieve 100% COVID-19 vaccination rates.


[Lucy Kimondo](#), Exemplars in Global Health Senior Advisory Board member, shares how a surprising stunting finding from Peru is encouraging her to rethink adolescent pregnancy elimination strategies in Kenya.

And [Winnie Byanyima](#), Executive Director of UNAIDS, explains how secondary education protects young girls from HIV.

I invite you to join me in taking a moment to reflect on the significant accomplishments made by so many who dedicate their life's work to improving global health and use their stories to recharge your ambitions.

Here's hoping the back-to-school spirit accompanies you as you enter October, no matter where you are.

All the best,  
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As we move into this new season, we would like to know which global health challenge motivates you the most:

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## STORIES



### Conditional Cash Transfers: More than Just Money

Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) programs that seek to alleviate poverty by providing cash in exchange for a family's documented practice of healthy behaviors, have brought millions out of extreme poverty in Latin America. They are also empowering women, reducing gender violence, and preventing disease.

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### Partnering with Governments: How to be Effective

Looking to partner with governments? BRAC and other NGOs share insights on how to achieve and maintain effective partnerships with state players and share lessons and guiding principles that have helped them deliver high impact.

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### Mass Drug Administration (MDA): Controlling Neglected Tropical Diseases

Every year between 2015 and 2019, MDAs helped more than one billion people receive treatment for at least one of five neglected tropical diseases. [Read More >](#)

### Community Health Workers: Should All Countries Pay Them?

Raj Panjabi reflects on why investing in community health, specifically by paying or incentivizing CHWs as a key component of the primary health care system, can be a very cost-effective strategy for achieving health goals. [Read More >](#)

## EVENTS

### ICRMCM 2021: International Conference on Reducing Maternal and Child Mortality and Morbidity, October 4-5

The International Conference on Reducing Maternal and Child Mortality and Morbidity aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results.

### 15th Vaccine Congress (#15vaccinecongress), October 4-6

Organized by the *Vaccine* journal, the congress gathers leading experts from around the world to share their knowledge on the current groundbreaking developments and discoveries in the field, including the front-runner COVID vaccines.

### World Health Summit (#WHS2021), October 24-26

With more than 50 sessions and participation from over 6,000 leaders spanning 100 countries, this is a leading international forum for global health, featuring science, politics, the private sector, and civil society engaging in talks, discussing enhanced cooperation, and committing to new solutions.

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