COMPASSION AND THE SDGS

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ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

Healthy populations are critical to sustainable development, but progress remains uneven and inequitable.

NOTICING

The COVID-19 pandemic has unraveled decades of progress in health, highlighting how fragile global development is without robust and resilient health systems and without equitable and accessible health services. Even prior to the pandemic, global progress on many indicators had stagnated. The pace of progress varies considerably by region. For example, only 1% of the >10 billion doses of COVID vaccines have been administered in low-income countries. And two-thirds of maternal deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa.

INTERPRETING/EMPATHIZING

All SDGs influence—and are influenced by—health. Gender inequities, child labor, and inequitable access to WASH limit health attainment. Poor mental and physical health threatens education, limits economic opportunities, and increases poverty. COVID vaccine inequities are a microcosm of global health injustices and highlight a moral failure to care for others.

TAKING ACTION

A compassionate lens reveals the urgency of ending the injustices that underpin poor health and development. Deep listening, cultural humility, and horizontal collaboration are essential to design and deliver locally tailored solutions. We need more acts of **global citizenship** among countries and across sectors, such as China sharing and adapting its strategies and lessons learned in malaria elimination with countries in Africa. Instead of protectionist policies, businesses and governments must contribute to health development, as healthy populations contribute to economic growth.

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WOMEN DIE EVERY DAY FROM PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH

91%

OF THE WORLD POPULATION IS EXPOSED TO UNHEALTHY LEVELS OF AIR POLLUTION

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DEATHS WORLDWIDE STEM FROM NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Maternity clinic in Darfur, Sudan

> "I NEED TO BE BLUNT AND HONEST THAT THE WORLD IS NOT TREATING THE HUMAN RACE THE SAME WAY. SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS."
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> - DR. TEDROS GHEBREYSUS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO