

Case Study: No Child Born to Die

Train someone to diagnose and treat a killer disease in just 5 days.

The lack of basic healthcare in the world's poorest countries allows the three biggest child killers – pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria to flourish. This shouldn't happen – no child should die from a cough a tummy upset or a mosquito bite.

We work closely with villages and local authorities in those poor counties to train and equip health workers. They can then simply identify the three killer diseases and administer treatment when there's no doctor or health clinic near by. It only takes five days and £134 to train and equip a health worker. It's simple, it's cost effective and it can save thousands of children's lives.



Doris' story - South Sudan

Our scheme is already making a difference in South Sudan. Here, less than a quarter of people have access to healthcare which means one in seven children die before their fifth birthday.

Doris lives near Mvolo in South Sudan and volunteered to be a health worker in her village. Sadly three of her children have died and she has watched all of her six children suffer from diarrhoea and malaria.



But since her training, she has been able to treat twenty children with pneumonia and has distributed malaria drugs to local children.

“The Community chose me to become a health worker so I can help treat local children; I agreed to do it because I wanted to help children. I’m also a mother so I can’t refuse to treat the child, because I know what it’s like to be a mother with sick children”. Doris

Pneumonia remains the most common cause of death but the number of children who receive vital treatment is dismally low. For example less than 60% of children with pneumonia in Sudan receive healthcare.

Doris is treating Sitima, five, for pneumonia

Sitima was very ill with pneumonia but now is feeling much better thanks to Doris who has been visiting and checking up on her.

“Pneumonia I know well because during rainy season when my child plays outside in the rain he often gets a cough and cold. I’ve treated twenty children with pneumonia. My neighbour’s daughter Sitima was sick and I knew what was wrong with her. I gave her the drugs that that made her better. I’m very happy to see that she’s better now.”

Save the Children provide all Community health workers very basic and inexpensive items, but they’re all that’s need cough, a tummy upset or mosquito bite.



The contents include:
Malaria drugs
Antibiotics for pneumonia
Oral rehydration salts
A jug
A timer
A marker pen
A spoon
Scissors to divide tablets
Cups for children to drink the rehydration salts

Where Save the Children have trained and equipped people like Doris, we have reduced the amount of children dying from preventable diseases by nearly 30%!

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Doris is a Community Based Volunteer, in Domeri, near Mvolo



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Armiji, one, who is suffering from diarrhoea, drinks the mix with Oral Rehydration Sal ts (ORS)

