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World Pneumonia Day

“Stop pneumonia: Invest in child health”

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Burden: Pneumonia continues to be the number one infectious killer of children under the age of five worldwide—more than HIV, TB, Zika, Ebola, and malaria combined.



Equity: People of any age, in any country, are at risk of contracting pneumonia, but the vast majority of all childhood deaths from pneumonia occur in poor countries.



Access: We know how to prevent and treat pneumonia. Improving access to health services and increasing awareness and demand for them within communities is crucial to #StopPneumonia.



Progress: Proven, lifesaving interventions to prevent and treat pneumonia exist, and history has demonstrated that they work. In the last three decades, millions of children’s lives have been saved thanks to access to oxygen and antibiotics, and more recently with new vaccines.



Innovation: Companies and researchers around the world are working to improve our ability to prevent and treat pneumonia. Innovative ways to diagnose, prevent, and treat pneumonia will strengthen our ability to protect young lives.



37% estimated global coverage of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) among children in 2015



0.21-0.42 estimated cost in US\$ of amoxicillin dispersible tablets per treatment course



920 000 estimated number of children who died of pneumonia in 2015