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Despite all the advances in modern medicine, universal access to healthcare is still arguably the single largest unmet medical need. At least 400 million people currently have no access to essential health services and two billion people find themselves without the medicines they require[II].

Achieving universal health coverage requires a multi-faceted approach that focuses not only on financing, but also on increasing access to medicines, making information available and enhancing healthcare services as outlined by the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals[III]. Therefore, a focus on tackling access barriers at the local level is essential for the development of tailored and agile solutions as larger scale responses can be slowed down by complexities and may overlook the nuances of local access challenges.

We believe that the biggest changes often come from amazing, small ideas.

As a global leader in generic and biosimilar medicines, we aim to play a leading role in making access happen for people around the world. As part of this ongoing commitment, in 2016 we launched Sandoz HACk, a global competition that aims to generate and incubate ideas from people living in countries around the world to help solve local healthcare access challenges.

Through Sandoz HACk we will use our expertise to bring access ideas in these areas, and beyond, to life. We believe that small ideas can spark big change and that, together, we can co-create ambitious-yet-practical solutions that break down access barriers around the world.

Find out more about Sandoz HACk [2]

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