

Improving Access to Healthcare [1]

Despite the remarkable medical progress during the last century, there are still at least 400 million people worldwide who lack access to essential health services¹ and more than two billion who cannot afford to buy the medicines they need². A healthy life, unfortunately, is still far from a given for too many. Every year, eight million people die from cancer³ and 14 million new cases are diagnosed⁴. Nearly 10 million people develop tuberculosis (TB) annually, including one million children, and the disease claims 1.5 million victims per year⁵. Nearly half a million people still die of malaria every year⁶.



As a division of the Novartis Group, Sandoz is committed to playing a key role in achieving global healthcare goals, by pioneering new approaches to drive increased access worldwide.

Increasing access to medicine is the basis of our day-to-day business model, but we also run a range of targeted programs to ensure access for those most in need.

On the following pages, we explain more about the work we do and the programs we run.

1. Joint WHO/ World Bank news release; <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/uhc-report/en/> (link is external) [2]
2. The 2016 Access to Medicine Index. Methodology 2015; <http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/m/abstract/Js22176en/> (link is external) [3]
3. World Health Organization; <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs297/en/> (link is external) [4]
4. World Cancer Report 2014; <http://publications.iarc.fr/Non-Series-Publications/World-Cancer-Reports...> (link is external) [5]
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