

Local Health Is Global Health



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SURVIVAL**

A GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGE™

Did you know that health problems in other countries affect us, too?
We help ourselves by helping others stay healthy.

Communicable diseases know no borders

Diseases can quickly arrive at our doorstep. In November 2002, unaware he was contagious, a Hong Kong hotel visitor spread a virus to nine other guests. That virus, soon named SARS, returned home with those guests—plane travel can quickly spread infectious disease worldwide. Within four months, SARS had claimed 154 lives in 22 countries.

Diseases we had almost eradicated are coming back strong

If pockets of disease exist anywhere in the world, they are a threat to us all. Tuberculosis (TB) was one of the great killers in the past. Yet by the early 1960s, the development of effective treatment virtually eliminated TB in the developed world. Sadly, improper treatment procedures have enabled a strain of TB that is resistant to almost every known antibiotic to reemerge. Today, TB is the world's second leading cause of death by infectious disease in adults.

Healthy people build strong economies, stable nations, and a safer world

A nation of productive people invested in their futures greatly benefits the global community. Our economic wellbeing is tied to the rest of the world. During the 1990s, 40 percent of US economic growth stemmed from global commerce. Because healthy people can take better care of themselves and their families, they are better able to contribute to the economic, social, and political lives of their nations.

The US has a history of helping

Caring for others is a hallmark of the US and shows the world our true character as a nation. The US has a long history of extending a helping hand to people struggling to make a better life, recovering from disaster, or striving to live in a free and democratic society.

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