

Building Healthy Communities



At least half the world's population is without access to essential health services.

In many developing countries, limited access to health care is often due to financial cost, a lack of nearby facilities or little knowledge about which symptoms require medical attention.

PWS&D, together with our partner organizations, is working to reduce the spread of disease, treat illness, and promote good nutrition and healthy living practices. Addressing new and persistent health issues saves lives and is essential to sustainable development.

In Nepal

PWS&D supports the Shining Hospital to bring health and hope to people affected by leprosy and tuberculosis.

Together we are:

- Providing timely diagnosis and treatment
- Teaching communities about early detection and encouraging clinic visits
- Reducing stigma and discrimination
- Empowering people affected by leprosy to start income-generating activities

In Malawi

Currently, one million people in Malawi are living with HIV. Driven to foster a world without AIDS, PWS&D strives to reduce the spread and make care more accessible.

Together we are:

- Strengthening community awareness on sexual and reproductive health issues
- Encouraging HIV testing and reducing stigma
- Reducing the transmission of HIV from mothers to their babies
- Providing care and counselling for people living with HIV/AIDS as well as children orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS

PWS&D is also working to reduce the incidence of malaria—one of Malawi's severe health challenges—by teaching malaria prevention and safely treating homes with insecticide.

In Haiti

Good health starts with good nutrition. PWS&D is tackling the pervasive problem of malnutrition in Haiti, which affects 22% of children under age five.

Together we are:

- Using mobile clinics to screen children for malnutrition and provide nutrient-rich food supplements
- Training community-based and health facility staff
- Encouraging breastfeeding among mothers



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Diseases caused by dirty water, poor hygiene and inadequate sanitation are responsible for nearly two million preventable deaths each year. PWS&D brings renewed life to communities struggling with chronic water shortages and water-related illness.

Together we are:

- Repairing water sources and drilling new wells
- Installing sanitation facilities, such as latrines and handwashing stations
- Providing training on proper hygiene practices
- Providing dignity kits to women and girls

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

Through improved health care services and enhanced community support, PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health program in Malawi and Afghanistan ensures that women are able to receive prenatal care and give birth in the presence of skilled birth attendants—increasing the likelihood of safe pregnancy and delivery and improving the lives of children.



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