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Our corporate responsibility programs are an important part of how we help people around the world access high-quality medicine. 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.

Video of Sandoz: Increasing access to high-quality healthcare

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 corporate responsibility programs to ensure access for those most in need.

On the following pages, we explain more about the work we do on Corporate Responsibility and the programs we run. We focus on addressing specific health needs in underprivileged communities, including non-communicable and infectious diseases, as well as promoting access to medical information and capacity building through our maternal and child health and Breathe Africa programs. More details can be found by clicking on the links below.

Footnotes:

1. Joint WHO/ World Bank news release; <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/uhc-report/en/> [2]
2. The 2016 Access to Medicine Index. Methodology 2015; <http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/m/abstract/Js22176en/> [3]
3. World Health Organization; <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs297/en/> [4]
4. World Cancer Report 2014; <http://publications.iarc.fr/Non-Series-Publications/World-Cancer-Reports...> [5]
5. World Health Organization; <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs104/en/> [6]
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