

# PROJECT HOPE



THE SOLUTION TO EVERY GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS ALWAYS HINGES ON ONE THING. A PERSON. A DOCTOR. OR NURSE. A MIDWIFE. OR PHARMACIST. OR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR. OR VOLUNTEER TRAINED IN VACCINATIONS. EVERY HEALTH CRISIS, WHETHER AFFECTING A SMALL FAMILY OR HUGE REGION, DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE HEALTH WORKER ON THE GROUND HAS WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO HIS JOB. SHE IS THE LINCHPIN TO THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. HE IS THE HERO OF EVERY STORY. GIVE HER WHAT SHE NEEDS AND SHE WILL TURN THE TIDE OF THE EPIDEMIC. SAVE THE CHILD. EDUCATE THE VILLAGE. AND TEACH HER PEERS TO DO THE SAME. THE SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS IS ACTUALLY A CRISIS. IT'S ONLY GONNA GET WORSE. YES, WE

HAVE A LOT OF DOCTORS. WE HAVE NURSES. BUT THEY LACK EXPERIENCE. THEY LACK TRAINING. WE HAVE TWO HUNDRED MILLION CHILDREN. THOSE ARE UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OLD. BUT WE ONLY HAVE NINETEEN THOUSAND PEDIATRICIANS IN THE COUNTRY. WE DO HAVE PROBLEM WITH THE SHORTAGES OF TRAINED HEALTH WORKERS ON T-B DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT. THE POPULATION IS GROWING. GROWING AT AN ALARMING RATE AND THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS ARE NOT THERE TO MEET THE NEED OF THE GROWING POPULATION IN SOUTH AFRICA DUE TO THE HIGH DISEASE BURDEN THAT WE'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH. BECAUSE OF H-I-V AND AIDS WE HAVE A VERY BURDENED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS. WE'RE ESTIMATING A SHORTAGE OF ABOUT THIRTY MILLION HEALTHCARE WORKERS BY 2035. CURRENTLY IT'S ABOUT SEVEN POINT FOUR MILLION. WE HAVE TO BE WORKING ON THIS NOW TO TRAIN NEW HEALTH WORKERS AND TO RETAIN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY IN SERVICE. PROJECT HOPE CONSIDERS THE HEALTH WORKER THE ESSENCE OF OUR GLOBAL HEALTH WORK. HEALTH WORKERS SAVE LIVES WHETHER IT'S H-I-V OR T-B, MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH NON-COMMERCIAL DISEASES EMERGENCY RESPONSE ALL THE AREAS IN WHICH HOPE RESPONDS. WE ALWAYS LOOK AT THAT THROUGH HEALTH CARE WORKERS. AND YEAH, THE MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH REALM. WE'RE REALLY HONING IN ON NEONATAL MORTALITY BECAUSE NEWBORN MORTALITY HAS REALLY NOT GONE DOWN AT THE SAME LEVEL AS OTHER CHILD MORTALITY AND MATERNAL MORTALITY. WELL SINCE OWNER PENNY AND BLACK PEOPLE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WERE WORKING WITH THEM ON ADVANCED CARE INTENSIVE CARE UNITS IN SIERRA LEONE WHICH HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF NEWBORN MORTALITY IN THE WORLD. WE'RE WORKING ON THE BASIC AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. JUST MAKING DELIVERY SAFE AND CLEAN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL NEWBORN CARE. PROJECT HOPE HAS A LOT OF PRIORITIES AND WE DO A LOT OF GREAT WORK BUT NONE OF THIS WORK WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR DONORS OUR PARTNERS AND OUR VOLUNTEERS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE HEALTH FIELD BUT WHAT MAKES HOPE SO SPECIAL IS THE SUSTAINABILITY OF ITS MISSION. WE DON'T GO IN AND COME OUT AS SOON AS DISASTER HITS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD. WE GO IN AND WE MAKE SURE THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CAN SUSTAIN ITSELF. THAT IT HAS HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT ARE TRAINED. THAT IT HAS THE LIFE-SAVING MEDICINES THAT IT NEEDS BEFORE WE LEAVE. OUR REPUTATION IS ONE OF REALLY WORKING WITH THE LOCAL PARTNERS OUR PARTNERS TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT MORE THAT WE CAN AND THAT WE WANT TO DO BUT WE CAN'T DO ANY OF THAT WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT THAT WE'RE GETTING FROM CORPORATIONS FROM FOUNDATIONS AND FROM INDIVIDUALS WITH BIG HEARTS. FOR ME WHAT SETS PROJECT HOPE APART FROM THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IT TOUCHES PEOPLE'S LIFE SAVES THE LIFE BY THE CENTER OF WHATEVER PROJECT OF THESE THREE NEEDS TO SAVE LIVES.