

# AmeriCares Partnership

## Kosovo



### The Challenge

According to UNICEF, the neonatal mortality rate in Kosovo is the highest in Europe, with 19.3 infants per 1,000 live births dying at the time of birth. Even prior to the 1999 civil war, the country's resource-challenged health system suffered from lack of adequate infrastructure,

trained staff, and modern equipment. The UN's Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 is to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages," a call to end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age by 2030.

### Our Partnership & Commitment

Since 2006, AbbVie has partnered with AmeriCares to provide drug donations to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo. This is the only hospital in the country currently equipped to treat premature newborns. AbbVie aims to help improve prematurity survival rates with donations for the treatment of Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Our donation of 2,100 bottles of medication have helped more than 2,100 babies in Kosovo to-date and NICU staff have expanded administration criteria

and are reaching more neonates. AbbVie is committed to our partnership with AmeriCares to meet local need for life-saving donations.



**2,100 babies**

Reached through donation of medication for the prevention and treatment of Respiratory Distress Syndrome in premature infants

# Medical Teams International Partnership Uganda



## The Challenge

Uganda currently ranks 161 out of 187 countries on the Human Development Index and is one of the most underdeveloped countries in the world. Access to health care services is a challenge, particularly for the emerging and little-understood epidemic Nodding Syndrome. This progressive neurological disease predominately affects children ages 5-15,

characterized by head nodding, diminished mental capacities, and stunted growth. Given Nodding Syndrome's probable link to onchocerciasis, this partnership responds to the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 3.3, calling for an end to the epidemic of neglected tropical diseases by 2030.

## Our Partnership & Commitment

Since 2014, AbbVie has partnered with Medical Teams International in the District of Pader, Uganda, to treat this rare disease and improve quality of life for more than 320 patients. Already 90 children have returned to school as a result of treatment with donated medication coupled with occupational therapy. As part of Medical Team International's comprehensive program to support community access to health, the organization works closely with the Ugandan Ministry of Health to provide direct services, including prenatal care, immunization, HIV counseling, and malaria

treatment. Thirty health workers have been trained on the clinical management of patients with Nodding Syndrome. AbbVie remains committed to working with Medical Teams International at the forefront of efforts to address the effects of Nodding Syndrome.



**2,820 bottles**

Of medication donated for the prevention and treatment of Nodding Syndrome in adolescents in Uganda

# Direct Relief Partnership

Honduras, India,  
Jamaica &  
Paraguay



## The Challenge

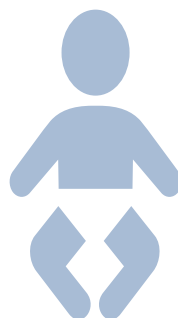
Reducing neonatal mortality is a UN priority. It is targeting an end to preventable deaths of newborns and children under five years of age by 2030 through its Sustainable Development Goal 3.2. The governments of India, Jamaica, Paraguay, and Honduras, among others, have high-level commitments to address this issue. India's Ministry of Health & Family Welfare pledged in its 2015 National Health Policy Plan to achieve a single digit neonatal mortality rate. In Jamaica, the government initiated the

Partnership for the Reduction of Maternal & Child Mortality to reduce the incidence of neonatal mortality due to a lack of high dependency care. Paraguay committed to reducing neonatal mortality by 20% between 2013 and 2018 per the Ministry of Health's Strategic Plan. In its National Health Plan for 2014-2018, the Honduran Ministry of Health has prioritized efforts to reduce childhood mortality.

## Our Partnership & Commitment

In 2015 AbbVie partnered with Direct Relief to respond to these countries' health objectives. We donated 1,000 bottles of medicine to help reduce neonatal mortality. The donations are delivered through Direct Relief to the following locations: Meenakshi Medical Mission Hospital in India, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare to the Centro Materno Hospital in Paraguay, Issa Foundation in Jamaica, and Ruth Paz Foundation in Honduras. As a result of this donation program, more than 1,000

infants will receive treatment. AbbVie is committed to Direct Relief and to supplying life-saving donations in these countries.



**1,000 Premature Infants**  
Reached through donation  
of medication for the  
prevention and treatment  
of Respiratory Distress  
Syndrome



# Direct Relief Partnership Cambodia



## The Challenge

Infant and under-five mortality rates in Cambodia are among the highest in Southeast Asia. In its “Health Strategic Plan 2008-2015,” the Cambodian Ministry of Health lists its first goal as the reduction of newborn, child and maternal morbidity and mortality through improved access to essential newborn health services.

The UN issued a call to end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age by 2030 through Sustainable Development Goal 3.2 to “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.”

## Our Partnership & Commitment

Supporting Cambodia’s health objectives and the goals set forth by the UN, AbbVie partners with Direct Relief to deliver product donations to the Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. AHC provides outpatient, inpatient, acute, emergency, surgical, dental, and ophthalmologic care to the surrounding community; it has treated

more than one million pediatric patients since 1999 and is currently seeing more than 500 children each day. Since 2006 AbbVie has donated medicines to treat epilepsy and seizure disorders, thyroid issues and lower respiratory infections. AbbVie remains committed to sustaining the partnership with Direct Relief for the provision of life-saving donations.

### 16,000 doses

Individual daily doses of medicine donated for treatment of epilepsy and seizure disorders



### 500 bottles of medicine

Donated to help pediatric patients lacking thyroid hormone, equivalent to 5,000 individual daily doses



### 5,300 bottles

Of antibiotics donated for treatment of lower respiratory infections donated