

HEALTH AND HOPE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED



In Nepal, thousands of women avoid life-threatening infection during childbirth with an inexpensive, locally manufactured kit that facilitates clean deliveries. In Cambodia, pharmacists meet the reproductive health needs of youth. In Kenya, vibrant street theater performances draw hundreds of villagers into spirited debate over relationships, sexual health, and the danger of HIV and AIDS. In Ukraine, laboratories provide more accurate diagnoses of tuberculosis. In Nicaragua, a televised soap opera heightens awareness of the issues of rape and domestic violence. And around the globe, researchers work on new vaccines that could save millions of lives each year. All these activities were initiated by PATH—a catalytic organization dedicated to solving both emerging and persistent global health problems in innovative ways.

PATH creates sustainable, culturally relevant solutions that enable communities worldwide to break longstanding cycles of poor health. By collaborating with diverse public- and private-sector partners, we help provide appropriate health technologies and vital strategies that change the way people think and act. Our work improves global health and well-being.

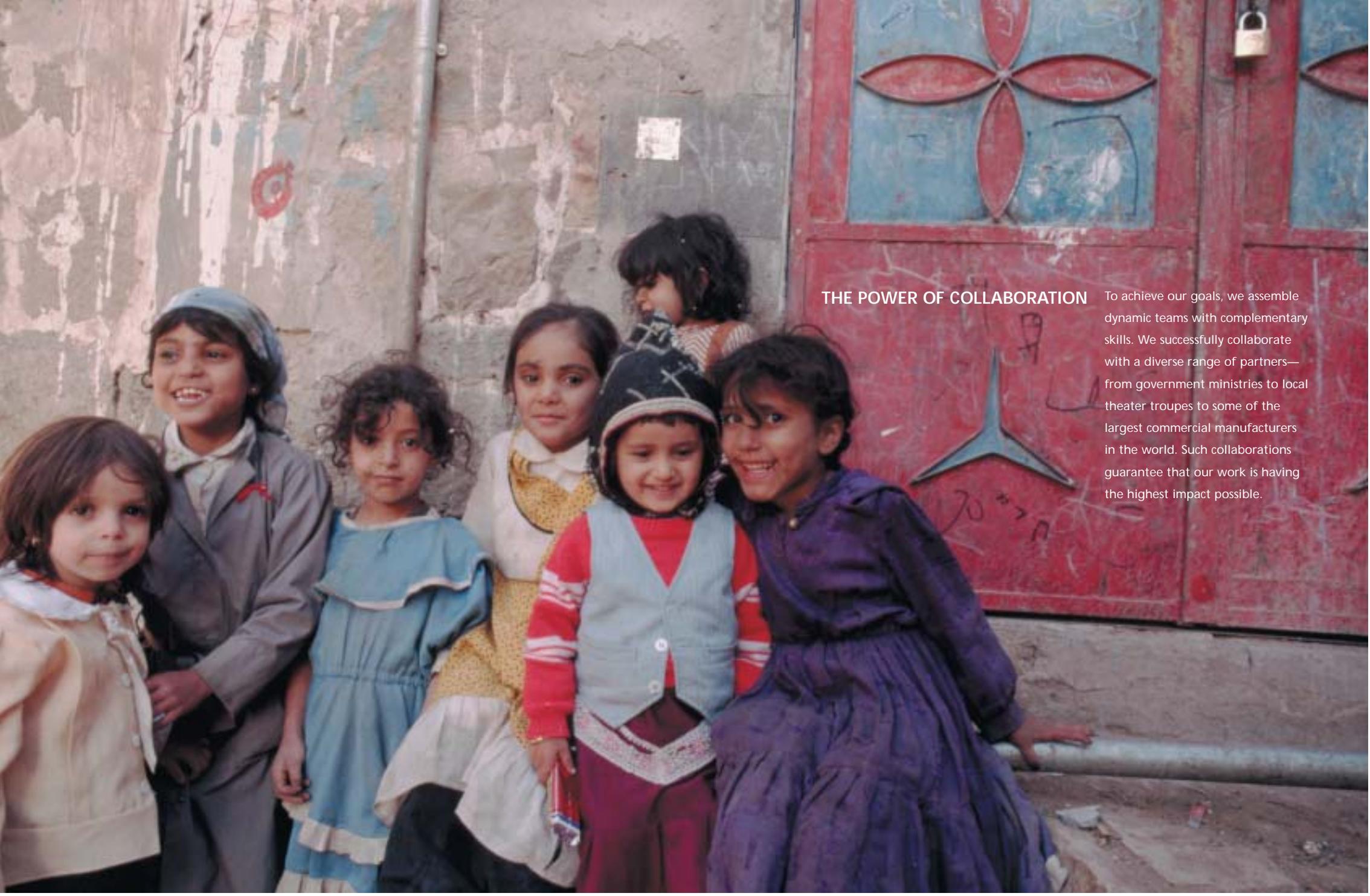




APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTH

PATH champions "appropriate" technologies—technologies that are acceptable, available, and affordable to the people who need them most. Some of these technologies are simple physical tools: user-friendly, prefilled injection devices; handheld scales for weighing newborns; temperature monitors on vaccine vials. Others, such as low-cost tests for gonorrhea that can be easily conducted in the field, represent technological breakthroughs.

We may develop appropriate technologies ourselves. We also adapt or support others' designs. Either way, we forge powerful partnerships with the private sector to bring technologies to market and ensure that they end up in the hands of the people who need them.



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

To achieve our goals, we assemble dynamic teams with complementary skills. We successfully collaborate with a diverse range of partners— from government ministries to local theater troupes to some of the largest commercial manufacturers in the world. Such collaborations guarantee that our work is having the highest impact possible.



MATCHING SOLUTIONS TO CULTURES

To make a meaningful difference, health solutions must be more than scientifically sound; they must also be culturally relevant.

Over the past 25 years, PATH has led projects in more than 120 countries, improving the lives of millions of people worldwide. Today, more than half of PATH's nearly 500 staff members are based in the regions where we work. Because we understand and respect local customs and values, the strategies we implement spur lasting, positive changes in the health of the people we serve.

FOR THE LONG RUN

PATH emphasizes efficient, cost-effective solutions that can be locally sustained long after their introduction. Our work empowers communities to maintain health strategies on their own, greatly increasing the chance for the strategies—and communities—to succeed. Ultimately, communities acquire the capacity to respond to and overcome future challenges. And our private-sector partnerships mean that the technologies we've created will be available and affordable as long as they are needed.



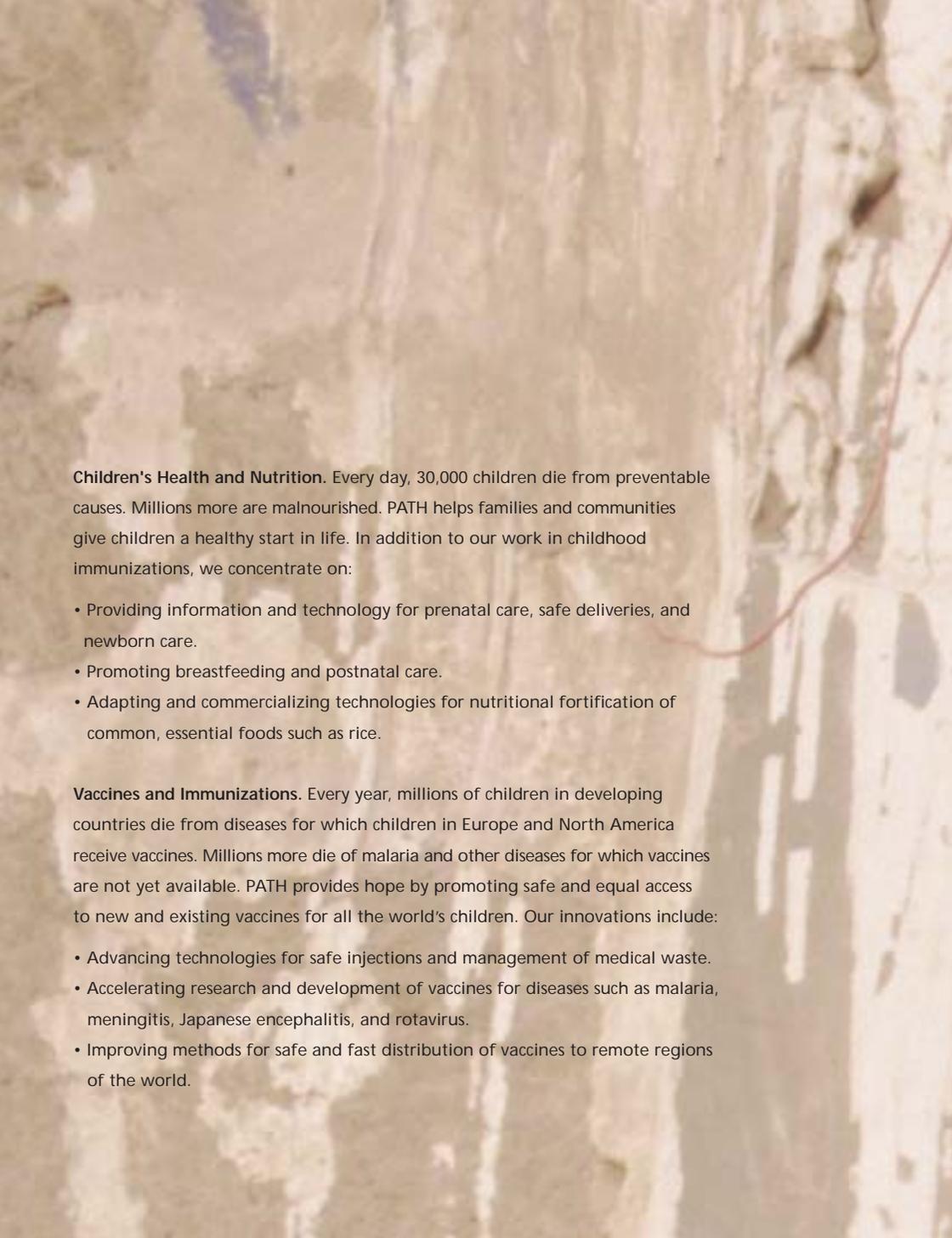
PROGRAMS OF HOPE AND PROMISE

Reproductive Health. PATH regards reproductive health as nothing less than a basic human right that leads to healthier women, healthier children, and healthier, more prosperous communities. Our programs provide information, choices, and technologies to adults and adolescents. Our efforts incorporate:

- Improving access to new and better methods of contraception, including emergency contraception.
- Working with communities to empower women and girls to reduce violence and improve health and productivity.
- Developing accessible, affordable methods for preventing cervical cancer.
- Working with adolescents and youth to improve their reproductive health.

HIV, AIDS, and TB. More than 42 million people are living with HIV worldwide—a staggering number that grows daily. Three million children under the age of 15 are infected, and more than 13 million children have lost one or more parents to AIDS. PATH's response focuses on:

- Advocating for quicker access to microbicides and woman-controlled barrier methods to reduce transmission of HIV.
- Promoting healthy behaviors through communication for social change activities.
- Increasing access to services that prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.



Children's Health and Nutrition. Every day, 30,000 children die from preventable causes. Millions more are malnourished. PATH helps families and communities give children a healthy start in life. In addition to our work in childhood immunizations, we concentrate on:

- Providing information and technology for prenatal care, safe deliveries, and newborn care.
- Promoting breastfeeding and postnatal care.
- Adapting and commercializing technologies for nutritional fortification of common, essential foods such as rice.

Vaccines and Immunizations. Every year, millions of children in developing countries die from diseases for which children in Europe and North America receive vaccines. Millions more die of malaria and other diseases for which vaccines are not yet available. PATH provides hope by promoting safe and equal access to new and existing vaccines for all the world's children. Our innovations include:

- Advancing technologies for safe injections and management of medical waste.
- Accelerating research and development of vaccines for diseases such as malaria, meningitis, Japanese encephalitis, and rotavirus.
- Improving methods for safe and fast distribution of vaccines to remote regions of the world.

WHAT SETS US APART

PATH seeks out opportunities that reflect a real need, are in alignment with our competitive strengths, and have potential for great impact. We also look for the chance to include policy work that will lead to sustainable changes in the long term. We apply our skills, forging public-private partnerships to:

- Develop, introduce, transfer, and commercialize technologies that improve health in the developing world.
- Create communication strategies that engage communities in dialogue regarding norms, attitudes, and behaviors.
- Design and strengthen health systems in low-resource countries.

We are sustained by the support we receive from foundations, governments, and international agencies. In addition, PATH relies on the generosity of individuals for much of the flexible, unrestricted funding that allows us to invest in mission-critical endeavors and advance new technologies.



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