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Climate Change, Human Health and Trade

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Health outcomes have improved over the past three decades but climate change threatens this progress

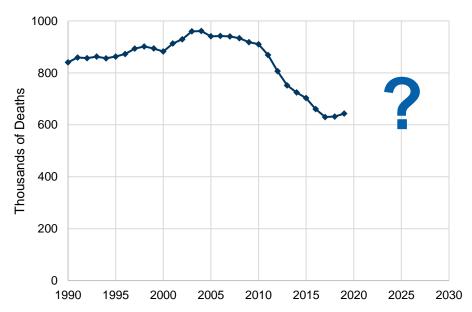
Notable progress and select milestones over three decades

	1990	2019
LMIC life expectancy ¹	63 years	71 years
SSA child mortality per 1000 births ²	180	76
2002 Approval of rotavirus vaccine sparks downturn in associated child mortality		

Global visceral leishmaniasis cases reduced 2016 by 60% vs. 2011 baseline³

China certified malaria-free by WHO

Global Malaria Deaths Per Year 4





We cannot fight problems of tomorrow with tools of yesterday: investment into R&D is essential



In the last decade, the private sector donated more than 14 billion NTD treatments

Commitments made by Novartis

- **2012** London Declaration signed and committed to donate multidrug therapy for the treatment of leprosy
- **2018** Malaria Summit in London: US\$ 100 million committed to R&D for medicines against malaria
- **2022** Kigali Declaration: US\$ 250 million committed to R&D for medicines against NTDs and malaria

Our long-term investments have led to a robust pipeline with multiple NCEs for climate-affected disease areas





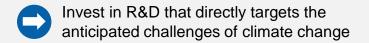
A multi-pronged approach to address the challenges of climate change



Baseline: Aggressive environmental targets for both own operations and supply chain (e.g., net zero)



We can create the greatest impact in the areas of innovation & access

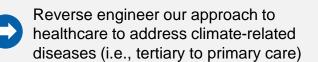




Ensure that medicines reach the people who need them the most through partnerships

We also have a role to play on a broader systems level







Engage in prevention strategies that stall the impact of climate change at population health level (e.g., Al4HealthyCities)



A balanced trade policy is needed to maximize our impact amidst evolving climate concerns

- We are seeking a level playing field, without trade barriers, so that patients who need medicines can get them.
- Intellectual property is needed to incentivize innovation – but it must not prevent access.

Trade agreements (such as the African Continental Free Trade Area) can create impact across 4 key areas:



Incentivizing the creation of sustainable healthcare systems



Developing IP policies that enable innovation and access (e.g., nonexclusive voluntary licensing)



Harmonizing regulatory systems that are transparent and robust



Making global supply chains more efficient and resilient



Thank you

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