

# 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 2,300 bottles of medication have helped more than 2,300 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.



**2,300 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 400 patients. More than 100 children 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.



**3,320 bottles**

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

# Direct Relief Partnership

Honduras, Jamaica,  
Paraguay, Nicaragua,  
Puerto Rico, India,  
Armenia, Jordan & Lebanon



## 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've donated 3,530 bottles of medicine to help reduce neonatal mortality. Donations are delivered through Direct Relief to: Ministry of Health in Nicaragua and University Pediatric Hospital in Puerto Rico, Angkor Hospital for Children in Cambodia, Ministry of Health in Armenia, Jordanian Royal Medical Services in Jordan, and ANERA in Lebanon. As a result of this donation program, more than 3,500

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



**3,530 Premature Infants**  
Reached through donation  
of medication for the  
prevention and treatment  
of Respiratory Distress  
Syndrome