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Relentless pursuit of an equitable world

40
million lives

More than 40 million lives could be saved by
2040 thanks to global health innovation.

Source: Policy Cures Research, 2024

Hello,

We know that many of our readers are curious about the foundation's role in supporting the data that guides our global health goals. Today, [we're pleased to share some exciting new findings with you all.](#)

[A groundbreaking new report](#) by Policy Cures Research examines the incredible impact of 20 years of research and development for poverty-related neglected diseases, a group of diseases that tend to affect people living in extreme poverty. While these diseases remain critically underfunded compared to other areas of pharmaceutical R&D, the societal return on investment is clear: a stunning portfolio of life-saving products that could save at least 40 million lives and generate trillions of

dollars in economic benefits.

See why CEO Mark Suzman is calling this report “[an incredible story of progress and opportunity.](#)”

– *The Optimist* Editors

P.S. For even more new data on this topic, don't miss this recent report from Duke University, [which highlights actions the world can take now to improve discovery, development, and introduction of new global health innovations.](#)

New Report: The Impact of Global Health R&D



The Impact of Global Health R&D

20 years of investment in R&D for neglected diseases has yielded major returns. See the numbers behind this success story.

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