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Hello,

What does a woman selling fruit drinks alongside a football pitch have to do with women's health? And what does a woman's access to health services have to do with her country's economic growth?

Everything. [Women's health and their economic power are inextricably linked](#), because women can't do well if they can't be well. This week, we're highlighting the perspectives of two women talking about these important issues.

First, Marie Ba, director of the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit, an ambitious health partnership among nine West African countries, [shares a bit about the "double whammy" that affects women](#), and the multi-layered connections between women's health and economic growth.

And Dr. Stellah Wairimu Bosire shares her own transformative story, overcoming some immense hurdles to really show what all this means on a personal level. There's so much heart in this short video, [we've watched it over and over](#).

So please—read, watch, and let us know what you think.

— *The Optimist* Editors

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By Marie Ba

Supporting women's health is the key to advancing women's economic power

No country can grow more prosperous or healthier while leaving behind half of its population. Marie Ba tells us what's at stake if countries do not address the women's health gap.

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"A child born today is 40 percent more likely to see their fifth birthday than a child born 50 years ago." – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the WHO

World Health Organization



Going the extra mile to stop poliovirus spread

How do you conduct a vaccination campaign in a conflict zone? Learn from the dedicated health care workers in Sudan's Red Sea State.

Harvard Public Health



Imagine if women's health had the resources it deserves

Women spend 25% more of their lives in poor health compared to men. Gates Foundation leader Dr. Anita Zaidi lays out how we can change that.

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"If I could get rid of one disease, or one condition, what would it be?"

See why this global health goal is at the top of Bill Gates' wish list.

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