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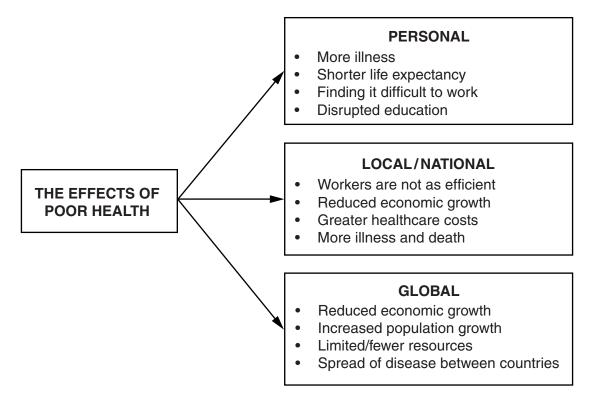
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Source 1: Taken from a magazine article – Vaccination in Action

Many people ask about the reasons for poor health in many parts of Africa and developing countries. The main reasons are poverty, poor diet and lack of knowledge about keeping healthy. When people become ill, there isn't enough medical care. The government can't afford more clinics and hospitals. There are vaccination campaigns to help prevent disease but they don't reach everybody in remote rural areas. They are expensive and sometimes local people are not aware of the benefits of vaccinations. Then there is the problem of dirty water and a lack of proper sewage facilities in many areas.





Source 3: From a letter to the government written by a local doctor

I have been an ordinary doctor working in a developing country for the past thirty years. In my opinion we need more resources from the government to treat people properly – hospitals, doctors and drugs. What is more important than health? No wonder half of our doctors and nurses trained here go to work in rich countries where they get better pay and more respect. Here there's no promotion and fewer opportunities to earn a decent living like you can abroad. Just spend more on our national health care system. This will also help to reduce poverty.

Source 4: Focus on Poverty – A TV Documentary

Two different perspectives about poverty and healthcare

Rafaela

As a Professor of Community Health, I have studied healthcare in developing nations. Some of the newer international charities, like the Bill Gates Foundation, are excellent. They employ good quality people with experience, have the money and resources, and move fast in new ways. For example they have made real progress in distributing medicines to fight HIV/Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. They have vaccinated more than 250 million children in poor countries and prevented more than an estimated five million deaths, according to a recent newspaper report. If children and adults are healthy they can go to school, get training and become better workers.

Zhen

There just isn't enough money in the charities or governments to fund high technology, expensive healthcare for everyone. If we don't educate local people about personal healthcare they are more likely to become ill; health will become worse. Doctors are too expensive. Why not train some local people to be general health care workers in their home communities? Most illnesses are easy to treat and you don't need a doctor. Then use mobile phones to give them access to advice from doctors from a distance when it's needed. Giving local people more power is the right way forward.

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