

IT ALL ADDS UP

We recently highlighted promising results from our shared value collaboration to deliver decentralized care in Rwanda -- you'll find links to more information below, as well as new videos that convey the human impact of this vital work.

Following [last newsletter's](#) sole focus on our COVID-19 response, we're sharing the latest on our continued efforts to help frontline health workers, families and communities affected by the virus. You'll also find updates on our renewed commitment to diversity and equality, and work to advance innovation.

As always, we welcome your [feedback](#). And please feel free to forward this newsletter to others; they can sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



TOP STORY: BRINGING QUALITY CARE CLOSER TO HOME

Sixty percent of people across Africa live in rural areas, with limited access to care. To help fill the gap in Rwanda, we worked with the Rwandan Ministry of Health and the Society for Family Health Rwanda to create second-generation health posts that bring primary care and testing to rural areas.

Early results show the new health posts are attracting more patients and resolving more cases -- helping people like Eugenie and her son to build healthier futures. To see their inspiring story, click [here](#). And for more videos, photos and information on this work, click [here](#).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

COVID-19



Supporting Africa's COVID-19 Fight

The COVID-19 pandemic is magnifying the limitations of health systems. To help advance emergency medicine in Africa when it's needed most, we're working with the African Federation for Emergency Medicine to provide virtual trainings and guidelines on COVID-19 care to 2,000 frontline providers in Africa. [more](#)



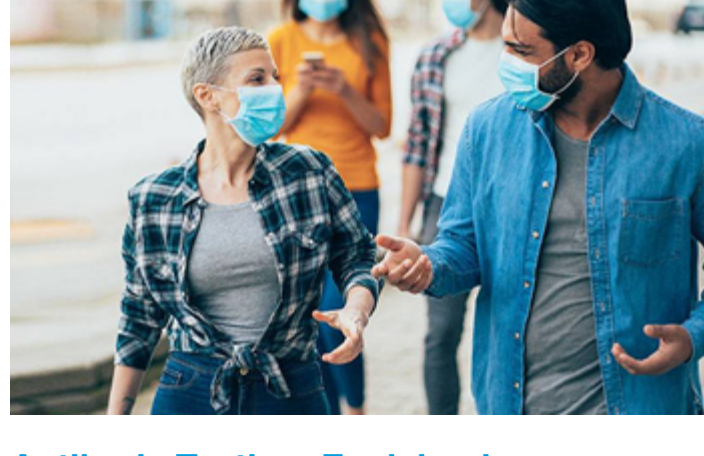
COVID-19 Testing in Underserved Communities

Community health centers are on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight in diverse underserved communities across the U.S. The Direct Relief + Abbott Fund COVID-19 Community Grant Program is strengthening their capabilities to screen, test, triage and treat COVID-19 cases and provide clinical education. [more](#)



Helping Families Affected by COVID-19

During the pandemic, families faced challenges finding important products, including infant formula. To help families in greatest need, Abbott worked with Feeding America and others to donate more than 1.6 million feedings of Similac infant formula in eight cities across the U.S. [more](#) and [more](#)



Antibody Testing, Explained

Antibody tests play an important role in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. We recently launched a new site to help people understand and access antibody testing, and Abbott scientist Mary Rodgers recently shared views on antibody testing on the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' "Wait Just a Minute" video series. [more](#) and [more](#)

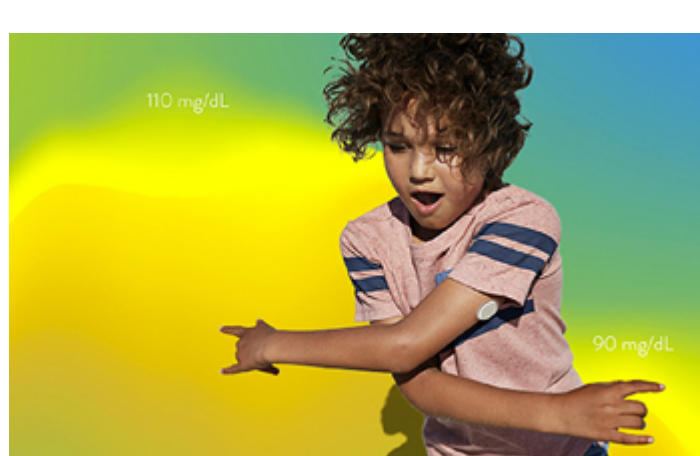
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Advancing Racial Equality

The death of George Floyd and other recent incidents have drawn attention to continued racism in the U.S., and the important need for all organizations and sectors to drive change. At Abbott, this starts with our values and our longstanding commitment to advance diversity, inclusion and equality. [more](#)

INNOVATION



Next-Generation Diabetes Care

We recently secured U.S. clearance for our FreeStyle Libre 2 integrated continuous glucose monitoring (iCGM) system for adults and children (ages 4+) with diabetes. The FreeStyle Libre technology (important safety information [here](#)) has been designed from the start with affordability and accessibility in mind. [more](#)



World-Changing Ideas for Health

Fast Company names us the 2020 World Changing Company of the Year for "a range of devices and projects to improve global health -- from a new implant to keep babies' hearts healthy, to fighting malaria, to advancing the careers of underrepresented people in STEM." [more](#)

SOCIAL IMPACT



Preparing for Hurricane Season

While confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, communities face many ongoing challenges -- including the threat of hurricanes. That's why we're continuing our pioneering work with Feeding America and Direct Relief to help food banks and clinics prepare -- before disaster strikes. [more](#)

SPOTLIGHT



SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HEALTH RWANDA

The [Society for Family Health Rwanda](#) (SFH Rwanda) was established in 2012 to improve the health of Rwandan communities by providing readily accessible life-saving products, accurate health information, and services that empower communities to make informed and healthy choices.

SFH Rwanda's major interventions are centered on promotion of behavior change practices through innovation in health communication and social marketing in areas related to HIV/AIDS, malaria, family planning, water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, maternal and child health, and health systems strengthening.

Since 2018, Abbott has collaborated with SFH Rwanda on an [innovative shared value program](#) to support the Ministry of Health's goal of expanding access to healthcare within a 30-minute walk for all Rwandans. SFH Rwanda teams work closely with second-generation health post operators to strengthen testing and care by establishing the posts as sustainable businesses.

For more information, visit [SFHRwanda.org.rw](#)

WHAT'S NEXT

- We'll share our 2019 Sustainability Report soon, with updates on our progress and performance across economic, social and environmental areas.
- We're looking forward to participating in the [Resilience Reimagined speaker series](#) event hosted by Shared Value Initiative, coming up on Aug. 6.



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