

More than 98% of pneumonia deaths in children occur in developing countries, including Nigeria, Malawi and Bangladesh, despite pneumonia being among the most solvable problems in global health. We have the tools to protect and prevent children from catching pneumonia and to treat those suffering with this illness.

Impact of Pneumonia on Children

Pneumonia kills more



than any other illness in every region of the world.



of children with pneumonia

are reportedly taken to a qualified health care provider in developing countries.

Of the 8.8 million child deaths in 2008, 1 in 5 were due to pneumonia.



Protection Against and Prevention of Childhood Pneumonia



Exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life results in...

15-23%

reduction in childhood pneumonia.



An effective and inexpensive way to treat childhood pneumonia...

...is through the use of antibiotics.

However, in a study of 14 countries, only 27% of children with suspected signs of pneumonia actually received an antibiotic.



Vaccinations such as the Hib and Pneumococcal vaccines result in a...

49% reduction of pneumonia infections.

Using a Clean cook stove results in a...



in a child's risk of contracting pneumonia.



SPOTLIGHT ON NIGERIA

Pneumonia in Nigeria



177,000 children

under the age of five died of pneumonia in Nigeria in 2008.



56 million

estimated episodes of lung infections occur among Nigerian children every year.

Prevention and Treatment



Less than 150 Naira

(or \$0.95 USD) is the typical cost for antibiotics, an effective treatment for most types of serious pneumonia.



Only 20% of babies

in Nigeria are exclusively breastfed.

We can protect children from pneumonia and other diseases through exclusive breastfeeding during the first 6 months of life.