

The Millennium Development Goals

Our contribution



Roche's contribution to the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight international development goals that the United Nations member states have agreed to achieve by the year 2015. The goals include:

1. **Ending poverty and hunger**
2. Achieving **universal** primary **education**
3. Promoting **gender equality** and empowering women
4. **Reducing child mortality**
5. **Improving maternal health**
6. **Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**
7. Ensuring **environmental sustainability**
8. Forming **global partnerships for development**

As an industry, healthcare companies are in a strong position to support the MDGs. Aligned with Roche's core business goals of improving human health and finding sustainable solutions, our contributions can make a lasting impact on global health, changing the lives of individuals and communities.

Through our commitment to developing innovative medicines and diagnostics that will help patients live longer, better lives and through specific initiatives, Roche is contributing towards the global drive to achieve each of these goals.

Activities that are enabling us to do this span the areas of:

- **Sustainable** patent and pricing **policies**
- Education, training, knowledge-transfer and **capacity building**
- **Partnerships** with governments, NGOs and other organisations
- **R&D** into diseases with high unmet medical need

The following table provides examples of Roche's activities and initiatives. In all that we do we focus our energies on the areas in which we can use our expertise and add value. These range from humanitarian and social projects centred mainly in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to initiatives to increase access to medicines and diagnostic tests, globally.

Further details about these programmes can be found on our website: www.roche.com/access_programmes

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Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI) 	We are a founding member of the Accelerating Access Initiative, which aims to provide sustainable access to HIV care and treatment in resource limited countries.					Supporting sustainable access to HIV care and treatment	Supporting sustainable access to HIV care and treatment		Partnering with the Accelerating Access Initiative members
AmpliCare 	We provide vital HIV tests at substantially reduced prices to SSA ⁵ , South Africa and LDCs*, along with training and lab strengthening.				Supporting early diagnosis of HIV infection in children, enabling early intervention	Supporting access to testing for HIV/AIDS and monitoring of treatment	Supporting access to tests to monitor effectiveness of antiretroviral therapy for HIV/AIDS and screening for resistant strains of TB		Partnering with the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI) and UNICEF
CARE programme 	We support the Pharma-Access Foundation to provide antiretroviral treatment and education to a cohort of HIV/AIDS patients in Africa, along with support for knowledge exchange meetings among patients and healthcare professionals.					Providing free, comprehensive clinical care and education to women with HIV/AIDS	Providing free anti-retroviral treatment, along with education, counselling and awareness on HIV/AIDS and associated diseases		Partnering with PharmaAccess Foundation
Changing Diabetes in Children 	We work in partnership with Novo Nordisk and the World Diabetes Foundation to help children with type-1 diabetes in developing countries through therapy supplies, education and training healthcare professionals.		Supporting educational initiatives to enable self-management of diabetes		Supporting provision of care for children with type 1 diabetes today, with the aim to build infrastructure to support all people with diabetes				Partnering with Novo Nordisk, the World Diabetes Foundation and local governments and key opinion leaders

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Children's Walk 	We hold the Roche Children's Walk every year to enable our employees to join together to raise money to support HIV/AIDS orphaned children in Malawi and vulnerable children in the communities proximate to our sites around the world. Please see also 'Malawi AIDS orphan programme'.	Supporting the provision of food, clothing, education and practical skills training to HIV/AIDS orphans in Malawi	Supporting access to education, training and meeting the basic needs of vulnerable children		Supporting access to education, training and meeting the basic needs (food, shelter, hygiene and clean water) of vulnerable children		Supporting the provision of food, clothing, mosquito nets, education and practical skills training to HIV/AIDS orphans in Malawi. Includes group sessions and programmes on HIV/AIDS prevention		Partnering with local communities, the European Coalition of Positive People (ECPP) and UNICEF Switzerland
Chocos Village 	We have been supporting the village of San Cristóbal de Chocos in Peru since an earthquake destroyed and damaged much of the village in 2007. This ongoing support is designed to improve health, nutrition and food security, rebuild houses, reduce the risk of further earthquake damage and reduce poverty.	Supporting increased agriculture, diversified livestock and thereby provision of food to those affected by the earthquake	Supporting the supply of school equipment to village children		Supporting the building of safer houses for families, reducing poverty and hunger and providing year round access to clean water			Supporting construction of 41 houses built to anti-seismic standards, a dam to provide water year round plus a water tank and irrigation systems	Partnering with the residents of Chocos village
EDUCARE 	We work in partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to help address the significant shortage of trained healthcare workers in oncology in SSA ⁵ .				Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer	Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer	Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer		Partnering with IAEA and extended links to their project collaborators

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Einstein-Ethiopia Oncology Collaboration 	We work in partnership with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine to provide training for Ethiopian oncology healthcare professionals, and to improve cancer awareness and patient navigation.				Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer	Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer	Supporting education and training to improve screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer		Partnering with Albert Einstein College of Medicine and through them, development of a network of provider institutions
Google collaboration 	We have donated our medical research, sequencing expertise and instrumentation to Google.org to support a multidisciplinary surveillance, research and response system for emerging infectious diseases in East Africa.						Supporting efforts to reduce the burden of infectious diseases in East Africa		Partnering with Google.org
Haiti School Building 	We are supporting a school rebuilding project based near the epicentre of the Haitian earthquake of 2010, in the towns of Léogane and Petit-Guâve. A key component of the prototype blueprint for the new school calls for anti-seismic construction to protect against future earthquakes.		Supporting access to education by building new, safer schools	Supporting access to education for girls by building new, safer schools				Supporting the development and building of prototype schools to anti-seismic standards	Partnering with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

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International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) Clean Water Project 	We provide funding to support the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) water projects in Africa, which aim to provide water for inhabitants in rural areas, or areas of conflict, thereby avoiding displacement and reducing safety risks of populations.	Supporting the ICRC to provide water to communities in rural areas and areas of conflict		Supporting the ICRC to provide water, avoiding high safety and security risks of seeking water, especially to women	Supporting the ICRC to provide clean water to communities, helping prevent the spread of disease	Supporting the ICRC to provide clean water to communities, helping prevent the spread of disease		Supporting the ICRC to repair or drill wells and deep boreholes equipped with pumping and storage to provide water, creating or maintaining sustainable living environments and preventing the displacement of populations	Partnering with ICRC
Malawi AIDS orphan programme 	Through initiatives such as the Roche Children's Walk, we have raised funds to support five centres for HIV/AIDS orphans, build classrooms and facilitate access to primary, secondary and post-secondary education and practical skills training.	Supporting the provision of food, clothing, education and practical skills training to HIV/AIDS orphans	Supporting the provision of education and training to HIV/AIDS orphans; enabling the construction of classrooms and improvement of school facilities to maximise participation in education; provide learning material; training local student teachers	Supporting participation in education and training for HIV/AIDS orphans, including girls	Supporting the provision of food, clean water and clothing to HIV/AIDS orphans		Supporting the provision of food, clean water, clothing, mosquito nets, education and practical skills training to HIV/AIDS orphans. Includes group sessions and programmes on HIV/AIDS prevention		Partnering with the European Coalition of Positive People (ECPP) and UNICEF Switzerland
Non profit pricing 	We provide two antiretroviral medicines at no profit prices to LDCs*, LICs# and SSA‡, representing 63 countries globally. In addition, we provide Valcyte (to combat cytomegalovirus retinitis) at a reduced price to NGOs treating patients with AIDS.				Supporting increased access to HIV medicines in LDCs*, LICs# and SSA‡		Supporting increased access to HIV medicines in LDCs*, LICs# and SSA‡		

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No patent policy 	We do not file or enforce any patents on our medicines in the LDCs* or LICs#. In addition, we do not enforce patents for antiretrovirals in SSA [§] , the region poorest and hardest hit by HIV/AIDS.				Supporting access to medicines in LDCs*, LICs# and SSA [§]		Supporting access to medicines in LDCs*, LICs# and SSA [§]		
OneWorld Health Collaboration 	We have provided the Institute for OneWorld Health with access to the compounds in our library to support their R&D efforts to find a medicine to treat diarrhoea, a leading cause of mortality in children under five years of age in developing countries.				Supporting the development of new treatments to combat diarrhoea in developing countries		Supporting the development of new treatments to combat diarrhoea in developing countries		Partnering with the Institute for OneWorld Health
Pakistan School Building 	We are helping to fund the building of a new critically needed school in Jacobabad, one of the areas affected by the devastating floods of 2010.		Supporting access to education by building new, safer schools	Supporting access to education for girls by building new, safer schools and assuring female faculty				Supporting the development and building of prototype schools	Partnering with the Citizens Foundation
Pandemic Preparedness/Tamiflu programme 	We help specified developing countries to prepare for influenza pandemics through the Tamiflu Pandemic Reserves Programme. We also have a tiered pricing policy to assist governments with pandemic preparedness.				Supporting access to paediatric formulations of Tamiflu		Supporting governments to respond effectively to an influenza pandemic		Partnering with the World Health Organization and national governments

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Roche Secondment Programme 	Interested, eligible employees identify assignments and non profit partner organisations where they can make a meaningful and sustainable contribution to help prevent and/or manage a health related issue on one of the poorest countries of the world. Roche makes them available for up to 12 months (fully paid)				Secondments in partner organisations, working to improve child health	Secondments in partner organisations working to improve maternal health	Secondments in partner organisations, working to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases		Partnering with governmental, multi-lateral and non-government organisations, as appropriate to the secondment
Transnet Phelophepa Train 	We are the main external sponsor of Transnet-Phelophepa, a unique primary healthcare clinic on wheels that travels into areas of rural South Africa to provide healthcare to communities where there is often just one doctor for every 5,000 people.		Supporting the health of school children through visits to schools, health checks and community education about key health topics such as nutrition and hygiene		Supporting the delivery of health checks and medical treatment to children; providing community education to improve nutrition and hygiene	Supporting community education on general health issues, such as hygiene and nutrition; delivers vital health checks, medicines and education to remote villages	Supporting the delivery of vital health education and promotion to rural South Africa, including HIV/AIDS awareness		Partnering with Transnet Foundation
Technology Transfer Initiative 	We launched the AIDS Technology Transfer Initiative in 2006 to share our knowledge about manufacturing our HIV protease inhibitor saquinavir, and provide hands-on guidance to local manufacturers from LDCs* and those within SSA ⁵ .				Supporting access to generic versions of our HIV medicines and increasing local capacity to develop and manufacture other medicines		Supporting access to generic versions of our HIV medicines and increasing local capacity to develop and manufacture other medicines		