



# IT ALL ADDS UP

This month, we shared two important milestones as we make progress toward our [2030 Sustainability Plan](#), Abbott's roadmap to improve the lives of one in every three people on the planet by decade's end. Our [2020 Global Sustainability Report](#) dives deep into our environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance over the past year, detailing our comprehensive approach to sustainability. We also shared our [2020 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Report](#), which provides updates on our efforts to build the diverse workforce of tomorrow and advance health equity in our communities.

These two reports detail the meaningful progress we've made over the past year -- all while continuing to make an impact in people's lives today and setting our sights on our 2030 priorities. You can find recent examples and updates on these efforts below.

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](#).



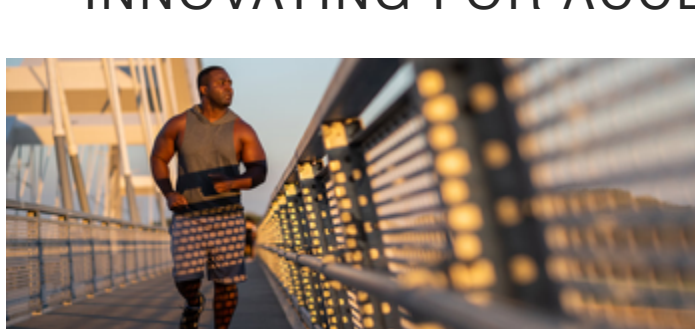
## TOP STORY: 2020 GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Our 2020 Global Sustainability Report highlights how we continued to drive progress toward our 2030 ambitions to build a stronger, more resilient and sustainable Abbott in everything we do. The lead headline for 2020 was the unprecedented speed and scale of our COVID-19 response. But you'll find updates and key disclosures across all aspects of our sustainability work as well: from advancing access and affordability with our rapid tests and glucose monitoring systems, to releasing our 2020 DEI Report, to reporting results on our 10-year 2020 environmental targets and strengthening our resilient supply chain.

Taken together, these updates provide a view to how we're bringing our purpose -- helping people live healthier and better -- to life in so many ways. You can learn more and dive into the 2020 Global Sustainability Report [here](#), and see our 2020 DEI Report [here](#).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### INNOVATING FOR ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY



#### Abbott's Diabetes Tech Helps More People, in More Places

Late-breaking data at the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Scientific Sessions shows Abbott's FreeStyle Libre system advances health equity for millions of Americans living with diabetes. Priced at a third of the cost of other systems, we're helping to close the health disparity gap. [more](#)



#### The Future of Testing and Care: Broader Access

At the recent Aspen Ideas: Health event, Abbott's Andrea Wainer joined Peggy Clark, executive director of the Aspen Global Innovators Group, to talk about the imperative for change in healthcare, and the pressing importance of broader access to testing and care for everything from COVID-19 to chronic conditions like diabetes. [more](#)



#### Fighting the Global Impact of Malnutrition

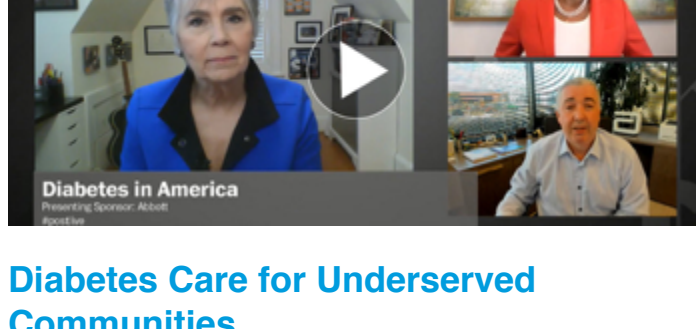
Malnutrition takes many forms and impacts billions around the world. In collaboration with others, we're working to find new answers, improving access to nutrition, intervention and education. One example: a unique partnership launched the MUAC z-score tape, a simple idea that helps signal the risk of malnutrition in children. [more](#) and [more](#)

### ADVANCING EQUITY



#### Building Trust and Improving Care

Helping vulnerable communities access needed care requires truly understanding local challenges and going the extra mile. Two new partnerships aim to do exactly that. Our work with CUHCC in Minneapolis is delivering healthcare where people live and gather, and in Austin we're helping the AHA tackle high blood pressure. [more](#) and [more](#)



#### Diabetes Care for Underserved Communities

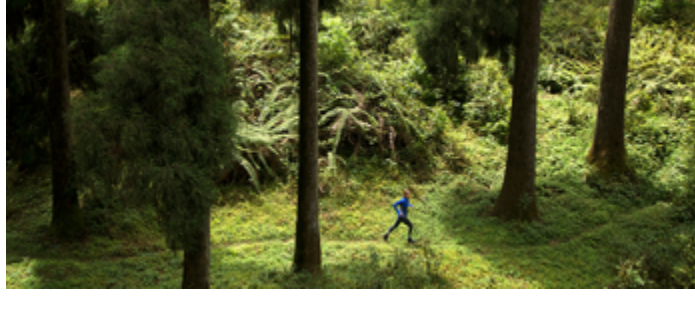
People with diabetes, especially in underserved and low-income communities, have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Abbott's Jared Watkin recently joined American Diabetes Association (ADA) CEO Tracey Brown to talk about the challenges -- and how ADA's Health Equity Now initiative is helping tackle them. [more](#)



#### Helping India Fight COVID-19

The recent surge of COVID-19 has posed immense challenges in India. To help, Abbott and the Abbott Fund provided new grants to longstanding partner organizations in the country, part of more than \$27 million in aid to support communities and frontline workers fighting the pandemic around the world. [more](#)

### PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



#### Protecting a Healthy Environment for Us All

Since the first Earth Day in 1970, we've taken steps to reduce our environmental footprint. We recently shared our 10-year 2020 environmental goal results, including reducing carbon emissions by 50%, water usage by 33% and waste by 47%. And now we're setting the bar for the next decade. [more](#)

### WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW



#### Helping High School STEM Interns Get a Head Start

Abbott's STEM internship program has advanced opportunities for students from underrepresented groups. And now participants are eligible for college credit -- a first-of-its-kind effort that can serve as a model. To help spread the word, we've created a "blueprint" other companies can use to start similar programs, and our interns are encouraging others to support STEM as well. [more](#) and [more](#)

### SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS



#### Recognition for Advancing Innovation, ESG Performance

For the 13th year, Abbott was named one of the 100 Best Corporate Citizens for ESG transparency and performance. And our efforts to innovate for access and affordability were recognized as well: our life-changing technologies received two Gold Edison Awards and were recognized by Fast Company as World Changing Ideas. [more](#), [more](#) and [more](#)

## SPOTLIGHT



## AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (ADA)

Every day more than 4,000 people are diagnosed with diabetes in America. More than 122 million Americans have diabetes or prediabetes and are striving to manage their lives while living with the condition. [The American Diabetes Association](#) (ADA) is the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to bend the curve on the diabetes epidemic and help people thrive while living with diabetes. For 80 years the ADA has been driving discovery and research to treat, manage and prevent diabetes, while working relentlessly for a cure. ADA helps people with diabetes thrive by fighting for their rights and developing programs, advocacy and education designed to improve their quality of life.

In November 2020, Abbott became the first anchor sponsor of ADA's [Health Equity Now](#) initiative, providing \$5 million over three years to help close the health disparities gap for underserved communities. This commitment is supporting the ADA's advocacy and community-driven projects aimed at removing barriers to care and providing greater access to the latest medical technologies and health resources for underserved diabetes populations.

For more information on the ADA, visit [diabetes.org](#), and for more on their Health Equity Now initiative, visit both the [ADA](#) and [Abbott](#) websites.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- We'll share updates from a panel session at the recent [Building Resilience](#) conference, discussing the convergence of two of the world's greatest challenges: the impact of chronic disease on displaced communities.
- We'll provide an update on our [Future Well Communities](#) program, which is tackling diabetes by addressing the social determinants of health in Stockton, Calif.



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