



Fact Sheet

Building Healthier Global Communities: Abbott's Approach to Innovative Philanthropy

Abbott and the Abbott Fund, the company's philanthropic foundation, build healthier global communities through creative programs that expand access to health care, promote science education, and strengthen communities worldwide. Working in partnership with trusted organizations, we leverage our expertise, strengths and resources to create long-term sustainable solutions for people in need.

In 2008, Abbott and Abbott Fund invested more than \$460 million in grants and product donations to improve the lives of millions of people in 105 countries around the world.

Expanding Access to Health Care

A primary focus for Abbott's philanthropy is improving access to high quality health care for underserved populations and communities, with a focus on finding sustainable solutions. A few examples:

- ***Strengthening health care systems and training health workers*** – Abbott programs are building sustainable health care capacity in developing countries by upgrading health clinics, modernizing hospital labs and conducting more than 25,000 health worker trainings.
- ***Improving the health of women and children*** – Abbott's efforts are focused on lowering high maternal and infant mortality rates, and fighting malnutrition in Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, India, Kosovo, Vietnam and other countries.
- ***Fighting HIV/AIDS in developing countries*** – Abbott and the Abbott Fund have invested more than \$150 million to fight HIV/AIDS in developing countries, providing services to more than 1 million children and families.
- ***Rapid response when disaster strikes*** – Abbott works with humanitarian partner organizations to pre-position Abbott antibiotics, rehydration solutions and other critical health products at distribution centers to allow for rapid, on-the-ground disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

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Advancing Science Education and Innovation

Abbott and the Abbott Fund support creative approaches to learning that foster a better understanding of science and medical innovation, and the value they bring to people's lives. Through these efforts the company is helping to identify and develop the next generation of scientists.

- ***Hands-on science learning*** – Several programs are designed to spark young people's interest in science, including Family Science, which engages students and their parents through interactive experiments, and Operation Discovery, which brings students to Abbott to learn about the scientific discovery process.
- ***Labs are Vital*** – Abbott is working to raise awareness among young people of the life-saving work of clinical laboratory professionals through scholarships and social media outreach on Facebook.
- ***Finding tomorrow's engineers*** – Abbott works with Explorer Post, the FIRST program, Project Lead the Way and other groups to involve young people in exploring engineering through robotics competitions and other interactive projects.
- ***Malaria No More*** – The Abbott Fund is partnering with Malaria No More on an innovative educational program designed to raise awareness among students of the impact of malaria in developing countries, and the important role of science in fighting malaria and other diseases.

Strengthening Local Communities

Abbott is actively involved in local communities where the company has a significant presence. This work focuses on helping to address critical community needs that align with Abbott's priority areas, including expanding access to health care and advancing science education.

An important part of Abbott's community involvement is the volunteer work of Abbott employees. Working side by side with their co-workers and neighbors, Abbott employees contributing their time and skills to improve communities around the world:

- In north suburban Chicago, Abbott employees renovated the area's only free health clinic, doubling its capacity to serve uninsured patients.
- In Ireland, Abbott employees conduct outreach to educate young people on the importance of protecting the environment.
- In Tanzania, specialized Abbott employee volunteers are upgrading hospital care by providing technical support in infection control, laboratory management, IT, engineering and other areas.

For more information on Abbott philanthropy, visit www.abbott.com/citizenship/community