DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

DISEASE PREVENTION

1 billion people suffer from neglected tropical diseases such as dengue fever and leprosy each year.

Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread, and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.

Help immunize people against infectious diseases.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Consult with Rotarians who have medical or public health expertise.

2. Reach out to local and regional hospitals, clinics, universities, and ministries of health to avoid duplicating efforts and to take advantage of local resources.

3. Enlist community workers and health and medical volunteers to perform immunizations.

4. To ensure that your projects are as effective as possible, design programs that are evidence based, age appropriate, and medically accurate.

WANT A GLOBAL GRANT?

TARGET ONE OF THESE GOALS

☐ Improve the capacity of local health care professionals.
☐ Enhance local communities' health infrastructure.
☐ Prevent physical disability resulting from disease or injury.

HEALTH CARE

57 countries have fewer than 23 health workers for every 10,000 people.

Sponsor continuing education and training for health workers through support of scholarships, stipends, and public recognition.

2.4 million additional doctors, nurses, midwives, and other skilled caregivers are needed worldwide.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Work with local health centers to develop programs that attract health workers with a variety of skills. A shortage in a particular skill area can burden health center staff and limit the care available.

2. Ensure that training facilities are located where the workforce lives and works in order to improve retention rates.

1 in 6 people worldwide cannot pay for health care.

100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs.

Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Focus on providing long-term support for community health centers.

2. Partner with global health systems to increase access to equipment, facilities, and the latest health care programs.

3. Incorporate innovative technologies such as mHealth, which can be accessed on mobile wireless devices, to extend the reach of health centers.

☐ Limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce complications from noncommunicable diseases.
☐ Educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases.
☐ Support studies related to disease prevention and treatment.