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**Leading Killers Of Kids**

2000: 1.8 million deaths from pneumonia and 1.7 million deaths from diarrhea

2011: 1.2 million deaths from pneumonia and 760,000 deaths from diarrhea

Nearly 90 percent of child deaths due to pneumonia and diarrhea occur in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

**Pneumonia**

**Treating** pneumonia effectively requires a health care provider, early diagnosis, and access to:

- Clean cook stoves which improve air quality
- Antibiotics, like amoxicillin, which cost less than US$1 per dose

**Overlapping protection**

Preventing both conditions requires:

- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Vaccines, including those for pneumococcal disease and rotavirus
- Safe drinking water
- Adequate nutrition

**Diarrhea**

**Treating** diarrhea effectively requires a health care provider, early diagnosis, and community-level access to:

- Oral rehydration salts
- Zinc supplements

**Diarrheal disease** is the most common illness among children in the developing world and can lead to dehydration and death.

**Controlling pneumonia and diarrhea should be a global priority and tackled simultaneously to achieve the greatest impact**

**By 2015**

More than 2 million children can be saved by 2015, if access to cost-effective interventions for pneumonia and diarrhea continues to improve in the poorest communities around the world.

To ensure that children everywhere can one day raise healthy families of their own and build thriving communities, governments and multilateral agencies must continue to increase support for a package of lifesaving tools and services.

Source: Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group, Every Woman Every Child, United Nations Children’s Fund, and World Health Organization