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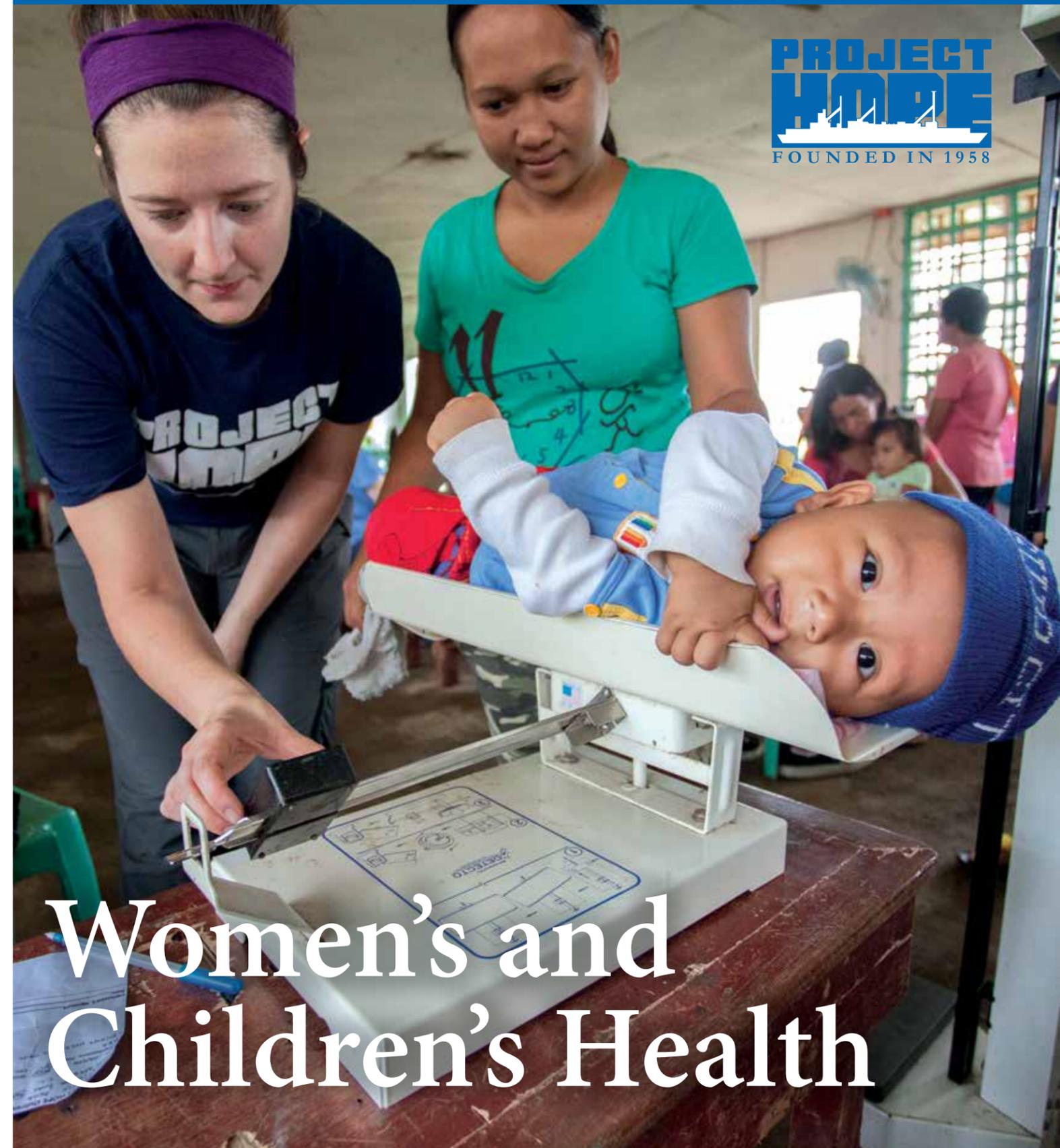
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Women's and Children's Health

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The health of women and children lies at the core of Project HOPE's programs. Each year, nearly 7 million children under five years of age die from diseases, while more than half a million women die in childbirth – yet most of these deaths are preventable. Through our maternal and child health programs, Project HOPE works to save lives and improve the health and well-being of women, children and their families around the world.

The Need

- 1,000 women die every day from the consequences of pregnancy and child birth.
- More than 18,000 children under age 5 died every day in 2012.
- Women in high income countries can expect to live 24 years longer than women in low income countries.

Source: World Health Organization



Health Works - Cambodia

Case Studies

Strengthening Families Caring for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Africa

An estimated 17 million children have lost one or both parents due to HIV/AIDS – with 1.5 million (90%) of these children living in sub-Saharan Africa. Most orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) are living with immediate or extended family members, many of whom are struggling to provide for the most basic needs of their expanded households and are unable to access basic health care to appropriately care for their children. To address this need, Project HOPE has been implementing programs for orphans and vulnerable children in Namibia and Mozambique since 2002. To date, Project HOPE's OVC programs have:

- Helped more than 76,000 orphans and vulnerable children
- Reached more than 13,000 caregivers
- Increased household income and assets by 52%
- Demonstrated economic improvements across all measures

Health Clinics Serving in Women and Children in the Dominican Republic

Since 1996, Project HOPE has worked to establish a network of sustainable maternal and child health clinics throughout the Dominican Republic. The clinics' health care providers use the innovative "5 Star" system for prenatal and postnatal care that helps staff, mothers and the community track whether or not newborns and their mothers are receiving the necessary postnatal check-ups and care. The mothers earn stars as they progress towards completing the desired services and are awarded a gift basket of essential child care supplies at the end of the program.



Women's and Children's Health Clinic – Dominican Republic

Our Expertise

Women's Health: Project HOPE trains medical doctors, midwives, nurses and other critical health personnel in safe motherhood practices, prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care, cervical and breast cancer screenings and child survival. HOPE works to build capacity of service providers at all levels and provide community and clinic-based education in support of establishing long-term, permanent health solutions.

Children's and Infants' Health: HOPE's child survival programs focus on immunization, integrated management of childhood illness and prevention and treatment of diarrhea and pneumonia. During trainings, mothers and health care workers learn about a variety of topics including proper nutrition, exclusive breastfeeding and the diagnosis and treatment of children born with congenital heart defects.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Project HOPE focuses on strengthening the capability of caregivers and guardians to better care for and support orphans

and vulnerable children, thus improving the well-being of all children under their care. The program includes an economic strengthening component to enhance the financial resources of families and alleviate economic burdens on households.

Health Works: Through the establishment of collaborative partnerships with private industry, HOPE works to improve the health status of a primarily female workforce within the workplace, while providing a return on investment for the employer. Factory health personnel strengthen their skills in promoting healthy practices, screening and treating anemia, and increasing access to family planning and quality maternal health services.

Cervical Cancer: In addressing reproductive cancers, Project HOPE implements programs to raise awareness among health providers and women about cervical cancer, the need for routine screening and appropriate vaccines.