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**The Reality**

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**The Solution**

- **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

- **Diarrhea**
  - Treating diarrhea effectively requires a health care provider, early diagnosis, and community-level access to:
    - Oral rehydration salts
    - Zinc supplements

**Overlapping protection**

Preventing both conditions requires:

- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Vaccines, including those for pneumococcal disease and rotavirus
- Safe drinking water
- Adequate nutrition
- Handwashing with soap
- Basic sanitation

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

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

**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.

**2 million children can be saved**

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