



Disease patterns are evolving with changes in **climate**, **demographics**, **economics**, **technologies**, **demographics**, and urbanisation. For example, climate change causes more extreme weather events, exacerbates malnutrition and fuels the spread of diseases, such as malaria, dengue, Zika, and yellow fever. Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately **250,000** additional deaths per year from malnutrition, infectious diseases, and heat stress. Not to mention, an estimated **7 million people** die each year because of air pollution. Leaders in both the public and private sectors must work together to clean up our air and mitigate the health impacts of climate change.

Anti-microbial resistance (AMR)

up to the international community and governments to harness and manage technologies for good. Meanwhile, these developments raise challenges for monitoring and regulation that we must also tackle together.

The **Decade of Action on the SDGs**, calls on all sectors of societies to mobilize in order to meet the SDGs. The private sector has emerged as a key player in research, development, and deployment, making the greatest impact in **low and middle-income** countries. At the same time, it is the public sector's obligation to optimize these technologies as a great equalizer, and to lead the way by taking steps to strengthen health systems. To achieve our goal of ensuring health for all, all sectors of society including the public and private sectors must collaborate.

In the 20th century, smallpox claimed more than 300 million lives and is now the only human disease to have been eradicated worldwide. The eradication of smallpox in 1980 highlights what can be achieved when nations and peoples work together. Public health is ultimately a political choice. Communities, countries, and the international system must come together to realize that investing in health is key to our shared future.

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