Earlier this year, we created a short video to share some of the ways we help people build better lives and stronger communities, from our life-changing technologies to our partnerships with others around the world. We called the video “It All Adds Up,” which we thought captured the idea behind the work we do: Through actions big and small, Abbott people aim to make a positive impact every day.

With that in mind, we wanted to find new ways to share ongoing updates on our progress. So, we’d like to introduce our “It All Adds Up” email updates. Focusing on sustainability and social impact, we’ll share recent news, numbers and the stories behind the numbers. We’ll also highlight a few things that we’ve recently been reading from others who are advancing the broader dialogue around responsible business.

We’d like to hear from you, too. Please let us know what you think. We welcome your feedback!

TOP STORY
Ultra Rice—Abbott scientists fight malnutrition

Our nutrition scientists collaborated with PATH to help create a better fortified rice, which is now helping a half million children in India.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
Shared value in action: Rapid tests aid fight to eliminate malaria

With support from the Gates Foundation, PATH and FIND, we developed an ultra-sensitive diagnostic test that can identify malaria in asymptomatic individuals — a big advancement in eliminating the disease.

Big innovation for the littlest among us

Abbott scientists created the world’s smallest mechanical heart valve for newborns. Find out how this breakthrough valve technology transformed the life of a girl named Sadie.

Dairy program updates at the Shared Value Leadership (SVL) Summit

We shared an update on the strong results of our dairy supply chain initiative in India at the SVL Summit. Learn how we’re strengthening farming communities and our business.

Abbott named industry leader in social responsibility by Fortune

Abbott was named the most admired company in our industry sector for the fifth consecutive year, receiving top marks for social responsibility.

Cultivating an inclusive workplace

Abbott was named one of the top 50 workplaces in the U.S. by LinkedIn and one of the most diverse and inclusive companies by DiversityInc.

SPOTLIGHT
Feeding America leads the charge to end hunger in the United States, providing meals to people in need through a nationwide network of food banks while also working with other organizations that address everything from homelessness to healthcare.

For decades, Abbott has been fortunate to work side by side with Feeding America. From backpacks that provide kids with food for the weekend to product donations and employees volunteering at local food banks, we’ve partnered to address critical issues in food security. One innovative example is our effort to help food banks prepare for hurricane season. For 13 years, we’ve worked together to ensure that disaster-relief packs designed to get the right products to the right places before a hurricane or other disaster hits. To find out more about this pioneering work, click here.

WHAT WE’RE READING

Fortune: ”Why We Need ‘Don’t Be Evil’ Back as a Corporate Motto.” Alan Murray talks about the three things transforming business leadership.

The Solution Revolution by William Eggers and Paul Macmillan. This 2013 book highlights multisector approaches to addressing global challenges.

The Hill: “Over 14 million lives saved thanks to the US emergency plan for AIDS relief.” Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, M.D., opines on PEPFAR’s impact, in honor of its 15th anniversary.

WHAT’S NEXT

Abbott’s 2017 Sustainability Report

We’ll share updates on our efforts and results relating to key environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics.

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