



HEALTH

Improving healthcare in Africa Many people think of Africa as a place of poverty, isolation and rural living. It's time to take another look. Seven of the world's 10 fastest growing economies will be in Africa during the next five years. Across the continent, 65% of the population had a mobile phone in 2011 and more than half of Africa's population will live in cities by 2030. Africa is still disproportionately affected by infectious diseases that put a significant burden on struggling economies, and life expectancy in Africa is 15 years less than the global average. Malaria and other contagious, preventable diseases like HIV, tuberculosis, pneumonia and even leprosy still stand in the way of growth. In fact, 90% of global malaria deaths occur in Africa.

Non-communicable diseases like diabetes, cancer and high blood pressure are projected to overtake communicable and nutritional diseases as the most common causes of death in Africa by 2030. There's no better time than now to fight for better health in Africa. We know that innovation can be a matter of life and death. At Menelik Education, we are committed to work specialists and medical experts to improve access to healthcare in the countries we are operating in. We are also dedicated to educating the next generation of scientists, clinicians and healthcare workers in Africa, helping to ensure future research and patient care for Africa is centered in Africa. We work with scientists and clinicians in universities, hospitals, governments, other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and international organisations to build partnerships. Because by working together, we can dramatically improve healthcare. And that's worth fighting for.

Working across six countries in Africa, Menelik Education takes wide-ranging action to help **prevent and treat needless disability**, to **promote health**; and as a consequence, help **reduce poverty**.