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Poor Health, its Implications on Students' Educations and an Initiative Towards a Solution

**Abstract:** Research by several research foundations, such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has linked poor health to a number of psychosocial aspects of an individual's or community's life. One such area that has proven to be heavily impacted is education. When a community suffers from chronic illnesses and systemic diseases, all types of resources, such as monetary, labor, and capital, are diverted away from other areas that could benefit, namely the education system. Poor health also has more direct consequences of either hindering a student's ability to concentrate during school or keeping the student out of school altogether.

The intention of this research project is to investigate and design an effective initiative to accurately assess the overall status of health in the Kadod community, identify its most urgent health needs, and develop a model to confront those issues. Initial and follow-up research should be conducted to monitor certain criteria as indicators of success in improving students' educations. Global Brigades International has had almost a decade of experience working in rural villages in Honduras, implementing effective research projects to assess the specific health needs of individual communities and developing strategies specific to those needs. Working off those models and others of similar natures, a strategy will also be developed specific for the Kadod community.

Most of the future research will likely focus on the water supply that provides family's with the water they use for their everyday needs. The work of Global Brigades International revealed that providing a rural community with access to clean water dramatically improved the overall health of that community. With many families drawing water directly from unpurified sources, it would be expected that many of the systemic illnesses suffered by community members can be traced back to impurities in their water sources.