**Diarrhea: Significant. Solvable.**

**The Bad**

Diarrhea is a **health crisis for children and families around the world.**

1. It’s the second leading killer disease in children less than five years old.
2. Death isn’t the only danger. Repeated bouts can lead to malnutrition, stunting, and delayed brain growth later in life.
   - It also costs families money and time, which many of them can’t afford.

**The Good**

We know that we can **solve this crisis** because:

1. Increased access to existing solutions has already decreased the number of deaths from diarrhea.
2. The solutions to prevent and treat are simple.
   - Vaccines
   - Oral rehydration solution (ORS)
   - Safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
   - Zinc
   - Nutrition/breastfeeding

**The Answer**

We **all have a role** to play. We can solve it if we:

- Talk about it
- Secure more funding and research
- Support integrated prevention and treatment approaches
- Increase access to all solutions for all families, everywhere

**Join the movement! Your voice helps: break the poo taboo.**

- Inform yourself: Track social media and news outlets about the latest challenges and opportunities.
- Inform others: Share DefeatDD resources to educate and inspire your social media networks and advocacy targets.
- Inform policymakers: Families need increased access to simple solutions, and these solutions work best when they work together across sectors.