

# #StopPneumonia



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EVERY 39 SECONDS**

*12<sup>th</sup> November  
World Pneumonia Day*



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# WHY IS THE MANNEKEN-PIS WEARING A #STOPPNEUMONIA COSTUME AND OXYGEN MASK?

To mark **World Pneumonia Day**, Brussels' most famous child has agreed to work with Save the Children.

**One child dies of pneumonia every 39 seconds.** Pneumonia – a preventable disease – kills more children than any other infection. Last year it claimed more young lives than diarrhoea, malaria and measles combined. Many people think pneumonia affects the elderly and do not realise how deadly it is for children. Pneumonia leaves young children fighting for breath. Providing **oxygen treatment** allows children with the disease to breathe, but is not always available to children in the poorest countries. The disease can also be prevented with **vaccines** and is easily treated with low-cost antibiotics.



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**Oxygen therapy** is vital to stop children with severe pneumonia from dying. Yet in many places, hospitals do not have reliable oxygen supplies. Where oxygen is available, it is often delivered through cylinders that are heavy and costly to transport. Oxygen cylinders can be out of service for long periods due to electricity outages. There is an urgent need to **make oxygen accessible** to vulnerable children and to invest in innovations that will ensure there is a safe, efficient and sustainable oxygen supply in all communities.

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# WHAT CAN THE EUROPEAN UNION DO?

The EU is a top development donor and leader in the field of global health. The EU can help stop pneumonia through research, funding and leadership. The EU can invest in programmes in partner countries affected by common illnesses, such as pneumonia. Only **3%** of current global infectious disease research spending is allocated to pneumonia, despite the disease causing 15% of deaths in children under the age of five.

We call on the European Commission to:

1. Attend our **Global Forum on Childhood Pneumonia** in January 2020 and make robust commitments to #StopPneumonia
2. Invest in **oxygen supply research** through **Horizon 2020** and the future Horizon Europe fund so that every last child with severe pneumonia has access to oxygen supplies that are safe, efficient and sustainable

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