

Health & Development

Economics

The two-way relationship between health and income.

The causal directions.

Health to income

Illness removes working days

Childhood illness reduces adult earnings

Caregiving withdraws others from work

Medical costs deplete savings and assets

Income to health

Nutrition and food security

Clean water and sanitation access

Ability to afford and reach care

Safer housing and work

Preventive interventions are usually the most cost-effective, yet are systematically underfunded relative to treatment.