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Women in a village in Odisha, India, now have access to safe drinking water, purified and supplied through pipes to the village, reducing the risk of infection for villagers.

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A trainer shows a nursing student in Afghanistan how to check blood pressure. Afghanistan has one of the highest maternal and child mortality rates in the world. Trained nurses will return to their home provinces to work in some of the poorest villages.

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District vaccine cold chain handlers are at the frontline of India's efforts of improving vaccination coverage for infants. The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVin) allows real-time monitoring of vaccines and improves their storage and transportation.

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Children in a class in a public school in Jakarta, Indonesia. Education is an important part of subnational government expenditures.

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A tractor carrying dried coconut leaves used as roofing material for houses in Sri Lanka. The government supports the development of the coconut sector, which is important for rural households.

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Thanks to solar-powered lighting, schools are able to keep the lights on so children can attend their lessons in Prahal village, Pursat province, Cambodia.

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A woman carrying agricultural produce across a bridge in Viet Nam. Infrastructure investments are needed to improve farmers' access to markets.

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Afghan girls studying in a school in the city of Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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A solar-powered battery-charging station for a floating fishery community on the Tonle Sap lake, Pursat province, Cambodia

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Women from the Meena Bazaar self-help group in Jharkhand, India, making bricks and concrete rings used in toilet construction to generate income and improve village sanitation.

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A cold chain handler working at a community health centre in India. The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVin) drastically improved the management of vaccine cold chains – the storage and transportation of vaccines.

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