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# **FACT SHEET**

## **THE ECONOMICS OF SAFE ANAESTHESIA\***

**16.9 million**

Lives were lost from conditions needing surgical care in 2010. This is **over 4x** the number of people who died from HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria combined.

**33 million**

People face catastrophic health expenditure due to payment for surgery and anaesthesia care each year.

**\$12.3 trillion**

Will be lost from the economy of low and middle income countries by 2030 without **urgent investment in surgical and anaesthesia care.**

**Investing in anaesthesia & surgery in low and middle income countries is affordable, saves lives and promotes economic growth**



**\$3 billion**



**\$30 billion**

Is needed annually for **universal coverage of essential surgical care** in district level hospitals. This would produce a return of **\$10 for every \$1 invested** due to improved healthcare efficiencies & increased economic productivity.



**\$3 billion**



**0.05%**

\$3 billion represents just a 0.05% increase in the current **\$6.5 trillion** annual global health expenditure.

Investment in anaesthesia and surgery has fallen behind investment in other areas of health and yet safe anaesthesia is essential in improving global health. It is also cost effective, even in comparison to commonly implemented non-surgical public health measures.

**SAFE ANAESTHESIA IS ESSENTIAL FOR SAFE SURGERY.**

**SAFE ANAESTHESIA SAVES LIVES.**